

## A Shard Of Ice Black Symphony 1 By Alivia Anders

What happens when your rescuer becomes obsessed with you? Even worse, what happens when that rescuer isn't even human... Kai's life has never been easy, and bleeding to death in the snow seems the perfect fated ending to his miserable existence. A beautiful stranger drags him back from death's door with a touch that is pure magic. Kai soon discovers that such magic lingers when Avery persists in seducing him. He starts to fall for him, but with every sliver of affection he gives Avery, his appreciation for his best friend Tristan gets stripped away to loathing, destroying every chance at love they might have had. Tristan has been in love with Kai for years, but he's too afraid to admit it for fear of what Kai's reaction might be. When the ice prince enters their lives and binds Kai to him with fae magic, it seems like there's nothing anyone can do about it. But Tristan has his own powers, and he's determined to save Kai from Avery's deadly clutches. The only problem is...Kai might not want to be rescued. This is a loose M/M retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Snow Queen." Please note that it contains emotional and physical abuse as well as knife/bloodplay. Grim and Sinister Delights is a dark romance series based on classic fairy tales and stories. You will find standalone tales of gay romance that range in darkness and kinks. If you dare to take the challenge, read them all to find yourself lost in a classic that you think you know. These stories are for adult readers and may contain morally ambiguous themes. Words can describe reality, but they are also capable of creating new purposes, behaviors, shapes, and meanings. The poems in Creative Words are a part of the author's own search for something expansive and deep in our relationship with God, the world, and one another. In many religious traditions, wisdom and words are active forces in the creation of the cosmos. These poetic reflections celebrate the connection between creation and creativity, imagination and inspiration, myth, wonder, feeling, and the strange and mysterious power of words. Here the inquisitive reader will find a mixture of moods and topics, and a sense of balance; the poems can talk about depression and anxiety but also hope and joy. These poems are neither universally optimistic nor brooding. Although deeply formed by faith, most of the poems in this collection are not overtly religious. This is poetry for religious and laypeople who enjoy creativity, poetry, and words.

### Sword of Destiny Orbit

A voice in the wind sings on . . . Shard is a gryphon entrusted with a great responsibility. A dragon of the Sunland has left her newborn kit to his care, and now Shard has difficult decisions to make about how best to keep the swiftly growing dragonet safe, while remaining true to his own destiny and the prophecy of the Summer King. He sets out to return the dragonet to his kin in the Sunland and find help for his own quest, but his hope for making wise and benevolent allies is quickly replaced with the reality of cold, mistrustful dragons who want nothing to do with gryphons, Shard, or his wars in warmer lands. In the Silver Isles, the warrior gryphon Caj sets out on a dangerous hunt for his mad wingbrother, Sverin, once the mighty Red King. The safety of the pride, and in the end, Caj's life, may depend on his success or failure. Meanwhile, Shard's wingbrother Kjorn seeks to find him and reconcile, and his quest will take him across the land that was once his birthright and into the heart of tricky alliances, enmities, and the ever-looming threat of the Voiceless, fear-mongering wyrms. The Song of the Summer King promises that one will rise higher, one will see farther, and his wing beats will part the storm . . . but as Shard learns more of the world and the tangled threads of fate, he begins to fear that no one can part the storm of growing hatred and fear--not even a Summer King.

Levi Black delivers in Black Goat Blues, the Lovecraft-inspired sequel to the dark fantasy Red Right Hand, which Jonathan Maberry calls "A perfect blend of old-school horror and modern storytelling sorcery." In Red Right Hand, Charlie Tristan Moore was thrust into a nightmarish

world of lurking Lovecraftian horrors when The Man In Black, a diabolical Elder God, chose her as his unwilling Acolyte. Discovering her own power, Charlie ultimately defied The Man In Black, but at a cost. Now armed with a magic coat made from the skin of a flayed angel, Charlie is out to destroy The Man In Black and save her boyfriend Daniel—and she doesn't care how many bloodthirsty gods and monsters get in her way...

Chronicles the life of the civil rights leader, from his childhood and early education to his work with the NAACP and beyond, becoming one of the most noted African American activists of the century.

Acclaimed author Lynn Flewelling brings her beloved Nightrunners series to a close—at least for now—with a thrilling novel of murder, mystery, and magic. The governor of the sacred island of Korous and his mistress have been killed inside a locked and guarded room. The sole witnesses to the crime—guards who broke down the doors, hearing the screams from within—have gone mad with terror, babbling about ghosts . . . and things worse than ghosts. Dispatched to Korous by the queen, master spies Alec and Seregil find all the excitement and danger they could want—and more. For an ancient evil has been awakened there, a great power that will not rest until it has escaped its otherworldly prison and taken revenge on all that lives. And only those like Alec—who have died and returned to life—can step between the worlds and confront the killer . . . even if it means a second and all too permanent death. Praise for Lynn Flewelling's *Casket of Souls* "Full of intrigue and plots upon plots."—RT Book Reviews

This title has been removed from sale by Penguin Group, USA.

Now in its first complete English translation, this masterpiece chronicles life in a Soviet gulag, based on the author's own years in a USSR prison camp. *Kolyma Stories* is a masterpiece of twentieth-century literature, an epic array of short fictional tales reflecting the fifteen years that Varlam Shalamov spent in the Soviet Gulag. This is the first of two volumes (the second to appear in 2019) that together will constitute the first complete English translation of Shalamov's stories and the only one to be based on the authorized Russian text. Shalamov spent six years as a slave in the gold mines of Kolyma before finding a less intolerable life as a paramedic in the prison camps. He began writing his account of life in Kolyma after Stalin's death in 1953. His stories are at once the biography of a rare survivor, a historical record of the Gulag, and a literary work of unparalleled creative power, insight, and conviction.

Nile Nightingale is on the run. Fleeing across the border to rural Quebec, he seeks refuge at an abandoned church when his junked-up, overstimulated mind takes in that he has just witnessed a body drop—in a bloody sack tied with Christmas ribbon. The contents, unconscious but still alive, turn out to be fifteen-year-old Céleste Jonquères, who has been beaten and slashed, like wild game, to slowly bleed out. From his hideout, as he nurses his patient back from the brink and begins to face his own life, he pieces together what he has stumbled into. Animal rights activists, Céleste and her beloved grandmother have taken on a vicious poaching ring, operating from Quebec's Laurentian Mountains and dealing in bear and other animal parts for the international market, with the collusion of corrupt rangers and police. Her grandmother has died suspiciously. And now that Nile has saved Céleste from the dead, the poachers and their accomplices in this small town have taken notice and are cautiously, but inexorably, closing in. Featuring two brilliant misfits as unlikely sleuths and by turns comic and darkly tragic, this haunting thriller is a neo-noir

tour de force, abounding in puzzles and mysteries from a missing cat to the fate of the Eastern cougar.

Through realms of oriental splendor and superhuman conflict, a beautiful woman warrior and a fierce man-god journey to challenge a being more awesome than the gods for a magical sword that holds the power of death ... and the key to enlightenment.

Mary Weber's Storm Siren Trilogy now available in one e-collection! Storm Siren "I raise my chin as the buyers stare. Yes. Look. You don't want me. Because, eventually, accidentally, I will destroy you." As a slave in the war-weary kingdom of Faelen, seventeen-year-old Nym isn't merely devoid of rights, her Elemental kind are only born male and always killed at birth—meaning, she shouldn't even exist. Siren's Fury "I thrust my hand toward the sky as my voice begs the Elemental inside me to waken and rise. But it's no use. The curse I've spent my entire life abhorring—the thing I trained so hard to control—no longer exists." Nym risked her life to save Faelen, her homeland, from a losing war, only to discover that the shapeshifter Draewulf has stolen everything she holds dear. But when the repulsive monster robs Nym of her storm-summoning abilities as well, the beautiful Elemental realizes her war is only just beginning. Siren's Song Nym and Draewulf prepare to face off in a battle destined to destroy more lives than it saves. With the loss of Tulla still fresh in mind, Rasha's fate unknown, and Lord Myles taken over by the dark ability, Nym and the few Bron soldiers rush to warn Cashlin's queen. Only to discover it may already be too late for the monarch and her eerie kingdom. As the Luminescents are sifting through Nym's past memories and the queen is reading into her future, Nym is given a choice of how to defeat Draewulf, but the cost may be more than she can bear. And even then there are no guarantees.

Discover bewitching new worlds, dangerously dark and delicious heroes, and powerful heroines in this first in series collection of four passionate paranormal romance books from New York Times best-selling romance author Felicity Heaton. There's something for everyone inside, whether you love vampires / dark elves, Greek gods, angels or shifters. You won't want to leave these richly detailed and lush worlds as you find yourself swept up in them and the heroes and heroines as they fight for their happily forever afters! Books included in the Dark and Dangerous First in Series Paranormal Romance Collection are: Kissed by a Dark Prince (Eternal Mates series) Claimed by her Cougar (Cougar Creek Mates series) Ares (Guardians of Hades series) Her Guardian Angel (Her Angel: Eternal Warriors series)

Aoife Grayson will do anything to make her way to the Deadlands and try to win back her love, Dean, who died helping her, even if that means killing Tremaine, who has vowed to keep her in the Thorn Lands, the faerie home of her mother Nerissa.

Three years ago, a mysterious storm gave ordinary humans extraordinary superpowers. They are called antihumans. Some use their power for evil, while others keep theirs a secret in fear of the super powered criminals. The problem is; there are no superheroes to combat the villains. Nobody is powerful enough to stop them, and the armed forces are barely getting by. This leaves the young detective Newton Weaver in a difficult position. He intends to stop those who use their gifts for evil, but without superpowers of his own, what chances does he have? As it would happen, a fated encounter would bring him the power to stop

this evil, but bring far more trouble than he bargained for. As the criminals of Detroit prepare to fight the new hero, a lurking villain responsible for the storm waits to strike again.

Mazael now bears the sword of a Knight Armiger, a magical weapon capable of destroying the cursed Wraithaldr and defeating the sinister Lord Razalis. But Razalis has labored for three thousand years to finish his mighty work of dark magic, and he will unleash his full power to destroy Mazael's army. Lucan Mandragon, once Mazael's mortal enemy, might be the only man able to stop Razalis. But the cost will be more than Lucan can imagine...

HIGH ADVENTURE ON THE SWORD EDGE OF DESTINY A Cavern of Black Ice is the first book in J.V. Jones's Sword of Shadow series As a newborn Ash March was abandoned--left for dead at the foot of a frozen mountain. Found and raised by the Penthero Iss, the mighty Surlord of Spire Vanis, she has always known she is different. Terrible dreams plague her and sometimes in the darkness she hears dread voices from another world. Iss watches her as she grows to womanhood, eager to discover what powers his ward might possess. As his interest quickens, he sends his living blade, Marafice Eye, to guard her night and day. Raif Sevrance, a young man of Clan Blackhail, also knows he is different, with uncanny abilities that distance him from the clan. But when he and his brother survive an ambush that plunges the entire Northern Territories into war, he yet seeks justice for his own . . . even if means he must forsake clan and kin. Ash and Raif must learn to master their powers and accept their joint fate if they are to defeat an ancient prophecy and prevent the release of the pure evil known as the End Lords. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Mad Max: Fury Road meets Frozen in this striking YA fantasy about a rig driver's journey to save her friend Twice-orphaned Sylvi has chipped out a niche for herself on Layce, an island cursed by eternal winter. Alone in her truck, she takes comfort in two things: the solitude of the roads and the favor of Winter, an icy spirit who has protected her since she was a child. Sylvi likes the road, where no one asks who her parents were or what she thinks of the rebels in the north. But when her best friend, Lenore, runs off with the rebels, Sylvi must make a haul too late in the season for a smuggler she wouldn't normally work with, the infamous Mars Dresden. Alongside his team—Hyla, a giant warrior woman and Kyn, a boy with skin like stone—Sylvi will do whatever it takes to save her friend. But when the time comes, she'll have to choose: safety, anonymity, and the favor of Winter—or the future of the island that she calls home.

The next novel in the Seraphim series following Skyborn from USA Today bestselling author, David Dalglish. Bree and Kael Skyborn have seen their island invaded, their Seraphim disbanded, and their royal family imprisoned. A rebellion grows from the ashes, demanding Bree to be their Phoenix, their symbol against Center's tyranny, and for Kael to find the doomsday prophet Johan and sway his cult to their side. Should they fail, the hope of their rebellion fails with them.

Dan can see ghosts. See them, speak to them, and sometimes help them...for a price. In his third adventure, poltergeist activity is plaguing one of London's tallest, oddest buildings, the Shard. Dan must try to fight off an enraged spirit and a very much alive fraudulent medium, while saving a little girl, working out what his ghostly sidekick is hiding from him and not plummeting to his death. Some of those things will be easier than others. An exciting, funny urban fantasy with a dark gothic twist.

Tales of fantasy, romance and forbidden loveÉ Six magical short works of fantasy, romance and forbidden love from New York TimesÕ Bestselling Author Claire Delacroix (also writing as Deborah Cooke) gathered into a single volume for the first time. Included are An Elegy for Melusine, Amor Vincit Omnia, The Leaves, The Kiss of the Snow Queen, Coven of Mercy and The Ballad of Rosamunde.

8,994 P.E.--The elven city of Elvorum has become corrupted to the core by politics. With his father dead and the Royal Schism at his back, Prince Hairem ascends the throne as king of the elven world on Sevrigel. Young and bold, Hairem is determined to undo the council's power, but the brutal murders by an assassin loosed within the city threaten to undermine the king's ambitions. As corruption and death threaten to tear Elvorum apart from within, the warlord Saebellus threatens the city from without, laying siege to Sevrigel's eastern capital. With the elven world crumbling around him, Hairem finds himself in a dangerous political balance between peace and all out war.

'Reminded me of the very best of the Harry Potter books' Piers Torday, author of The Last Wild 'A thrillingly wild adventure - bold, breathless and beautifully told' Jonathan Stroud 'No one does edge-of-seat action like Abi Elphinstone' Emma Carroll, author of The Girl Who Walked on Air 'Famous Five or, rather, four, but with messier clothes and fewer home-baked treats for tea' The Times, Children's Book of the Week Moll Pecksniff and her friends are living as outlaws in a secret cave by the sea, desperate to stay hidden from the Shadowmasks. But further along the coast lies the Amulet of Truth, the only thing powerful enough to force the Shadowmasks back and contain their dark magic. So, together with Gryff, the wildcat that's always by her side, and her best friends Alfie and Sid, Moll must sneak past smugglers, outwit mer creatures and crack secret codes to save the Old Magic. With more at stake than ever before and the dark magic rising fast, can Moll and her friends stop the Shadowmasks before it's too late? Perfect for fans of J.K Rowling, Piers Torday and Michelle Paver.

Amanda Ellis, The West Australian

The searing conclusion of the thrilling epic fantasy trilogy that saw a young girl trained by an arcane order of nuns grow into the fiercest of warriors... They came against her as a child. Now they face the woman. The ice is advancing, the Corridor narrowing, and the empire is under siege from the Scithrowl in the east and the Durns in the west. Everywhere, the emperor's armies are in

retreat. Nona Grey faces the final challenges that must be overcome if she is to become a full sister in the order of her choice. But it seems unlikely that she and her friends will have time to earn a nun's habit before war is on their doorstep. Even a warrior like Nona cannot hope to turn the tide of war. The shiphearts offer strength that she might use to protect those she loves, but it's a power that corrupts. A final battle is coming in which she will be torn between friends, unable to save them all. A battle in which her own demons will try to unmake her. A battle in which hearts will be broken, lovers lost, thrones burned.

New York Times bestselling author Susan Krinard continues the thrilling urban fantasy series that began with *Mist in Black Ice*. Centuries ago, all was lost in the Last Battle when the Norse gods and goddesses went to war. The elves, the giants, and the gods and goddesses themselves were all destroyed, leaving the Valkyrie known as Mist one of the only survivors. Or so she thought. The trickster god Loki has reappeared in San Francisco, and he has big plans for modern-day Earth. With few allies and fewer resources—but the eyes of the gods and goddesses of an old world upon her—it's up to Mist to stop him before history repeats itself. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

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An assassin with no rival meets a magic he cannot defeat. The Chain Breaker Series begins. Trained to kill from a young age, Gavin Lorren finally escaped that life. No more killing innocents. No more working alone. The jobs are still dangerous, but at least he can choose. Now an old friend has invited him to the city of Yoran where the work is plentiful. The Roasted Dragon tavern is rough but cozy. The regulars are seedy but welcoming. The owner Jessica is fond of him. It's almost too good to be true. His good fortune is fleeting. Gavin finds himself facing a new enemy, fast and deadly El'aras warriors—an ancient race with innate magical talent. By the time he learns sorcery is involved, he's in too deep. To succeed, he'll have to uncover parts of his past that he'd hoped to forget. It will take an assassin without equal to survive. It will take the Chain Breaker.

Everyone knew Len Dreyer, a handyman for hire in the Park near Niniltna, Alaska, but no one knew anything else about him. Even Kate Shugak hired him to thin the trees on her 160-acre homestead and was planning to ask him to help build a small second cabin on her property for Johnny Morgan, a teenaged boy in her care. But she, the Park's unofficial p.i., seems to have known less

about him than anyone. Alaska is a place where anybody can bury his history and start fresh, and for any reason, but this particular mystery comes to light when Len Dreyer turns up murdered. His body is discovered, frozen solid, in the path of a receding glacier with the hole from a shotgun blast in his chest. No one even knew he was missing, but it turns out he's been missing for months. Alaska State Trooper Jim Chopin asks Kate to help him dig into Dreyer's background, in the hope of finding some reason for his murder. She takes the case, mindful of the need for gainful employment as she copes with her responsibility for Johnny, a constant reminder of his father, her dead lover. Little does she imagine that by trying to provide for him she just might put him right in the path of danger. A talented writer at the prime of her abilities, Stabenow delivers a masterful crime novel in *A Grave Denied* that turns out to be as much about living as it is about dying.

As surely as the Sun rises in the east and maple leaves turn color in autumn, *The Old Farmer's Almanac* is back—and it's better than ever! Recognized for generations by its familiar yellow cover, America's best-loved annual and oldest continuously published periodical (now in its 224th year!) promises to be "useful, with a pleasant degree of humor," once again fulfilling both the mission set forth by its founder, Robert B. Thomas, and readers' expectations. This edition is packed with wit, wisdom, tips, advice, facts, fun, and recipes, including:

- traditionally 80 percent-accurate weather forecasts
- how to make sausages at home
- "creatures from hell"
- grow your own beer (ingredients)
- time- and money-saving tips
- unmasked mysteries of plant seed dispersal
- bale, key, and concrete block gardens
- quirky origins of American horse breeds
- history, lore, and more about birthstones

Plus, Moon phases and other celestial sightings, tides, gardening tables, best days to do things, and more. Added value this year:

- 96 full-color pages
- full-color winter and summer weather maps
- updated Reference section

Often imitated, but never equaled. Accept no substitutes!

For centuries, the kingdom of Aenor had been plagued with brutal raids from the dark elves. But only once was a prisoner ever taken—his name was Asten. As the lone witness to his best friend's abduction, a gifted young hunter by the name of Erluc takes it upon himself to rescue him. Racing to save his friend, he stumbles upon a fragment of the prophecy that had cemented his destiny a thousand years before his birth, realizing that the world he lives in faces grave danger and that without Asten, he has no hope of standing against it. With newfound allies by his side, Erluc pledges his life in order to prevent the Mortal Realms from tearing themselves apart, facing down the deadly servants of a dark god. And as new terrors arise, Erluc begins to understand the true meaning of his promise, the price of keeping it, and the consequences if he fails to honor it.

Cursed by a Demigod, the Mortals of Duronyk are now Faeries. Eirian, the only Faery child not forced into the void, is their only salvation. Twenty seasons after the curse, this reluctant heroine must make her way through daunting odds and harsh lessons to break the spell. Warlord Broan has neither the time nor inclination to listen to Eirian, who he views as an irritant and burden. But together they must overcome dark magic and fierce battles, as well as obstacles they unwittingly create for themselves. Only if their two races, Faery and Mortal, join together will they have any hope to win the battle long foretold....

Ancient magic lurks in the shadows. The Black Bloods' home is more magnificent than Ena imagined, and more perilous than the

life she fled. The time has come for the Black Bloods to unite against the Guilds, but loyalties born in blood will be tested by fire. And not everyone she loves will survive the flames. As murder and malice surround her, Ena must prove her innocence or risk a fate worse than death. Facing her enemies will test every friendship she has and risk the heart she has won. There is no love strong enough to protect her from the path ahead...and the darkest night has yet to come.

Julius Caesar is dead, assassinated on the senate floor, and the glory that is Rome has been torn in two. Octavian, Caesar's ambitious great-nephew and adopted son, vies with Marc Antony and Cleopatra for control of Caesar's legacy. As civil war rages from Rome to Alexandria, and vast armies and navies battle for supremacy, a secret conflict may shape the course of history. Juba, Numidian prince and adopted brother of Octavian, has embarked on a ruthless quest for the Shards of Heaven, lost treasures said to possess the very power of the gods-or the one God. Driven by vengeance, Juba has already attained the fabled Trident of Poseidon, which may also be the staff once wielded by Moses. Now he will stop at nothing to obtain the other Shards, even if it means burning the entire world to the ground. Caught up in these cataclysmic events, and the hunt for the Shards, are a pair of exiled Roman legionnaires, a Greek librarian of uncertain loyalties, assassins, spies, slaves . . . and the ten-year-old daughter of Cleopatra herself. Michael Livingston's *The Shards of Heaven* reveals the hidden magic behind the history we know, and commences a war greater than any mere mortal battle. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Essays that fuse literary scholarship and personal travelogue to explore American identity

From her mischievous and magical childhood in India, to her dedicated and remarkable years as a physician and mother of six children, Dr. Gladys has lived boldly and energetically, with contagious love of life and a sanity-saving sense of humor. Many know Gladys Taylor McGarey, M.D., M.D. (H), as the "mother of holistic medicine" because of her pioneering work in holistic medicine and natural childbirth. Patients, friends, and acquaintances alike call her Dr. Gladys, but Analea McGarey just calls her Mom. This moving biography, written by Analea, tells the fascinating and often humorous story of Gladys' life.

Geralt the Witcher battles monsters, demons and prejudices alike in *Sword of Destiny*, the second collection of adventures in Andrzej Sapkowski's groundbreaking epic fantasy series that inspired the Netflix show and the hit video games. Geralt is a Witcher, a man whose magic powers, enhanced by long training and a mysterious elixir, have made him a brilliant fighter and a merciless hunter. Yet he is no ordinary killer: his targets are the multifarious monsters and vile fiends that ravage the land and attack the innocent. *Sword of Destiny* is the follow up to *The Last Wish*, and together they are the perfect introduction to a one of a kind fantasy world. Witcher collections *The Last Wish* *Sword of Destiny* Witcher novels *Blood of Elves* *The Time of Contempt* *Baptism of Fire* *The Tower of Swallows* *Lady of the Lake* *Season of Storms* *Hussite Trilogy* *The Tower of Fools* *Warriors of God*  
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