

## After The Rain 2

"Follows Saffron Anders as she leaves the clutches of the umbrella lady and reunites with her family--but this reunion may not be as happy as it seems"--

As I stare at the sky and wonder why am I here? Why is the world spinning and I feel left out? I have gone through so much losing loved ones, wearing a fake smile to cover up the pain, and as I take one step forward I slip back two . I have gotten up and dusted the dirt off my shoulders and decided I am going to make it. I am determined to see the sunshine. I am on a journey. I am reminded after the rain has washed away my tears that there is always sunshine after the rain

Daniel Nash struggles to reconcile his feelings of betrayal with his desire to understand his life. His hopes of uncovering the secrets revealed in his father's journals are quickly dashed, and he works with a private investigator to discover the truth. Worry about his wife, Sarah, combines with his efforts to cope with his childhood trauma, an unexpected death, and the recent revelations. His obsession with the past threatens to destroy his stable life. Meanwhile, Sarah and her father, Tristan, continue to combat the lingering discord that developed between them years before but refuse to take their main focus from Daniel. As he reviews his biological father's efforts to be a good man, Daniel searches for a way to comprehend shocking disclosures. He questions his own goodness as he fights not to emotionally withdraw from those around him, especially the two people he knows will always love him, Sarah and Tristan.

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Phil Broker's latest adventure hits close to home, when he finds his estranged wife and daughter caught in a web of deception that may conceal a terrorist plot to bomb Minneapolis's nuclear power plant. When Phil Broker's estranged wife, Nina, and his daughter, Kit, disappeared months ago, he wasn't surprised. Nina has a mysterious and dangerous job working for the government, and her work has taken her in harm's way before. Broker sets out on a mission to find Nina and force her to choose between life as a soldier or a mother, and take Kit out of danger once and for all. At the end of Vapor Trail, Broker learns that Kit has been abandoned by Nina at a motel in Langdon, North Dakota. But when he arrives, the situation is far more complicated than he imagined. Kit is, bizarrely, accompanied by a "babysitter" named Jane, who claims to be Nina's estranged girlfriend. Buddy Yelton, a local legend and hopeless womanizer, has apparently taken up with Nina. But Buddy Yelton is no harmless local—he has hidden connections to the Aryan Nation, and possibly Middle Eastern terrorists as well. And two motel guests are equally mysterious—Broker can't help thinking he remembers them as former GIs he knew back in Laos in '72. Obviously, all is not as it appears—and more than Kit's life is in danger—the fate of the entire Minneapolis-St. Paul Metro area is in Broker's hands.

Three months after the killer rain first fell, Ruby is beginning to realize her father might be dead, and that she cannot survive alone. When a chance encounter lands her back in the army camp, Ruby thinks she is safe - at a price. Being forced to li

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A postapocalyptic novel with a cinematic twist from New York Times bestseller Barry Lyga, actor Peter Facinelli, and producer Robert DeFranco. On the ruined planet Earth, where 50 billion people are confined to megacities and resources are scarce, Deedra has been handed a bleak and mundane existence by the Magistrate she works so hard for. But one day she comes across a beautiful boy named Rose struggling to cross the river--a boy with a secretive past and special abilities, who is somehow able to find comfort and life from their dying planet. But just as the two form a bond, it is quickly torn apart after the Magistrate's son is murdered and Rose becomes the prime suspect. Little do Deedra and Rose know how much their relationship will affect the fate of everyone who lives on the planet.

In *After the Rain*, celebrated self-care storyteller Alexandra Elle delivers 15 lessons on how to overcome obstacles, build confidence, and cultivate abundance. Part memoir and part guide, Elle shares stirring stories from her own remarkable journey from self-doubt to self-love. This soulful collection is filled with illuminating reflections on loss, fear, bravery, healing, love, acceptance, and more. • Readers follow along her journey as she transforms challenging experiences—a difficult childhood, painful romantic relationships, and single parenting as a young mom—into fuel for her career as a successful entrepreneur and author driven by purpose and passion • Filled with Elle's signature candor and warmth • Includes empowering affirmations and meditations for readers to practice in their own lives *After the Rain* is a soulful guide to help you embrace all the

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beauty, love, and opportunity life has to offer. •

Presented in luminous package with a foil case and gold accents • A beautiful gift for anyone on the path to self-discovery, and an uplifting reminder that there is always sunshine after the rain • Perfect for the friend who loves meditating, self-care, journaling, or seeking personal transformation and empowerment • Great for those who loved Present Over Perfect by Shauna Niequist, 100 Days to Brave by Annie F. Downs, and anything written by Brené Brown, Rupi Kaur, Rachel Hollis, and Elizabeth Gilbert

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During a furious storm a young woman's destiny is revealed . . . and her life is changed forever After the Rain is a graphic novel adaptation of Nnedi Okorafor's short story "On the Road." The drama takes place in a small Nigerian town during a violent and unexpected storm. A Nigerian-American woman named Chioma answers a knock at her door and is horrified to see a boy with a severe head wound standing at her doorstep. He reaches for her, and his touch burns like fire. Something is very wrong. Haunted and hunted, Chioma must embrace her heritage in order to survive. John Jennings and David Brame's graphic novel collaboration uses bold art and colors to powerfully tell this tale of identity and destiny.

Ride the hilarious roller coaster with Glen Stanford as he follows Steve Scott's plan in "How to Write a Nonfiction e-Book in 21 Days " Not one to let the writing process cramp his style, this ukulele-playing bluegrass-singing YouTube sensation (32 views and counting) juggles his

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new-found fame with astonishing persistence to produce not one, but two works of genius. This is the true story. The (secret) recipe for success: Writer's buzz - 1oz Sleepless nights - 2oz Tenacity (and beer) - 7 (units left deliberately vague) Irreverence and political incorrectness - to taste Espresso - administered intravenously - 55 gal Pizza (1/2 pepperoni, 1/2 mushroom) - 37 slices Humility - a whole bunch Blend and enjoy.

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From the USA TODAY bestselling author of Sweet Thing and Nowhere But Here comes a deeply emotional contemporary romance about the second chances waiting beyond the shattered dreams of youth. When eighteen-year-old Avelina Belo meets a charismatic cowboy the summer before her senior year of high

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school, she doesn't know that accepting his invitation to dinner will lead to a whirlwind marriage three months later and an exciting new life on a Montana ranch. She also doesn't know that, in a few short years, fate will send everything crashing down around her. A thousand miles away and fresh out of medical school, Nate Meyers is poised to become UCLA's next superstar heart surgeon. His laser focus is the key to his success, but it's also his greatest liability. When a routine surgery ends in disaster, derailing his career, he's confronted with the hard truth: there's no one waiting for him at home, no one to help him pick up the pieces. Regrouping on his uncle's Montana ranch, Nate meets Avelina, a beautiful but mysterious young woman who keeps to herself and barely speaks a word. As he discovers the details of her devastating past, Avelina teaches him more about matters of the heart than he ever knew before. But can they trust each other enough to put everything on the line?

Basis of the popular anime series, *After the Rain* is a story about friendship and rediscovering your passion. Selected as one of "The Best Manga of 2018" by Comics Beat. Kondo starts to feel a slight something towards Akira, but his expression turns stern and pained. Akira is perplexed by this change in him. Meanwhile, Yui works up the courage to tell Yoshizawa how she feels... A poignant story of two estranged sisters from the New York Times bestselling author of the Tradd Street novels. At twenty Cassie Madison left her hometown of Walton, Georgia, for New York City, where she has reinvented herself—from losing herself in her career to squashing her

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accent. But one night a single phone call brings back everything she's tried to forget. She hasn't spoken to her sister since Harriet stole Cassie's fiancé and married him. But now Harriet's on the line with news that their father is dying. As she makes the trip back, the only thing that frightens Cassie more than losing her father is seeing Harriet and the family that should have been hers. But she can't help loving her nephews and nieces any more than she can help feeling at home again in Walton. As she fights a surprising reaction to a forgotten friend, and faces an unexpected threat to the family she'd once left behind, Cassie comes to realize that moving on doesn't always mean moving away from who you are.

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17-year-old high school student Akira Tachibana is a girl who barely expresses herself. She harbors a secret crush on Masami Kondo, a 45-year-old manager of the restaurant she works at part-time. "Tachibana... What are you doing here?" The blunt question, even though it was asked innocently, shakes Akira's heart. As Christmas draws closer, Akira resolves to do a certain something for Kondo, and Yui, Yoshizawa and Kase grapple with

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Moses' parents, Timothy and Phillipa, are both HIV-positive. The father still looks healthy but the mother is quite ill. This should have served as a warning to Moses against risky behaviour. Pressure from his friends to behave the way they do is, however, too strong. Fortunately, he comes to his senses before it is too late.

Tessa Keswick first travelled to China in 1982 and immediately fell in love with its history, culture and landscape. Over the next thirty years, she travelled extensively in China, visiting its temples and landmarks, the sites of its most famous battles, and the birthplaces of its best-known poets and philosophers. She also witnessed China's transformation, as hundreds of millions were lifted out of poverty and the country emerged as an economic superpower in waiting. Keswick's observations of life in China are perceptive and full of insight. Her narrative is rich in microhistories of



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people encountered and places visited. By presenting a colourfully woven tapestry of contrasting experiences and localities, she allows the reader to glimpse the sheer diversity of China and its vast population. A multi-textured and revealing survey of the world's largest country, as seen through one woman's eyes, *The Colour of the Sky After Rain* offers a compelling portrait of China in an age of radical change, and charts the key staging posts in its recent, remarkable history. Amnaj Boonngamanong, owner of a Florida gulf coast bar, En La Playa, is forced to decide whether to sell his niece to pay gambling debts to a gangster known for his brutality to women or to risk his own life by refusing. He sells his niece. His decision sets off a chain of deadly events-as unstoppable as the hurricane that is battering the coastline-that alters the lives of his family, the undocumented immigrants in his bar, a prizefighter with no hands, a veteran of the Afghanistan war, and a toddler lost at sea. Told from multiple points of view, *The Sky After Rain* charts the depths the characters will go to endure the storms in their lives and to find salvation in the bonds they form with each other. *The Sky After Rain* might remind readers of John Hawkes's *The Lime Twig* for its darkness and plot obscurity, of William Gass's novella "The Pedersen Kid" in its repetitive themes, and of William Faulkner's use of multiple narrators in *As I Lay Dying*. If anything makes it

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unique, it's the use of various languages--Thai script, Spanish, English--in the telling of the story. Less unique, but also not so common, is a portrait of a non-detective, non-Bangkok setting for Thai people. The poems in this collection concatenate myriad of happenings in life which, though may take a similar course, do not leave us to grin and grimace at the same time. The turn of events in life, like rain, offers mixed feelings which may be pleasant or otherwise. Though rain comes with peaceful breeze and great equanimity, sometimes it does not usually come with that "expected" gift of grace. Occasionally, we may have to rejoice and sometimes count our losses. As heavens may pour down its torrent of grace, it may as well drizzle down its tears of terror. Thus, its arrival and departure do not always leave us with a soothing countenance as we all anticipate. With the ease of rainfall, the poems flow with the truths of the common life of the postcolonial subjects in a world of their own.

'[A] phenomenal novel... Startling, well written... it's a book that will stay with you long after it's finished.' Independent 'We're alive. So let's start living.' Two strangers Jack was sporty and outgoing. Alice was bookish and introverted. Their lives were on completely different paths.

Say it again. Repeat after me. I'll bury you on a day it's raining. Lily is a first-generation immigrant in a family of unapologetic women. Throughout the story,

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Lily and her family must come face-to-face with their own truths, which begin as fragmented pieces that are slowly assembled over the course of their lifetimes. The characters in *After the Rain* are terrible, angry, feminine, tender—they demand to be seen and heard. And as Lily learns the story of her family and watches her Amah die, she comes closer to understanding how her family wants and needs to be loved. In *After the Rain*, readers will join author Angeline Truong as she explores grief, cultural barriers, and her Vietnamese-American identity. Truong strings together her own experiences, her people's experiences, and her dreams in order to excavate and understand her family's history, as well as her own identity.

Corruption. Secrets. Betrayal. Knowing the number of people I can trust is limited. Not uncommon for an heir to the key of Enclave. I should understand it. Be used to it. Expect it. But somehow I'm still blindsided when I find I've dedicated my life to a lie. To what extent is the proof of our sins buried? I'm not sure. Only as more time passes, I'm worried I'll never learn fact from fiction. It's why I'm taking my place within our brotherhood. Not out of obligation, but as a cover to get what I desperately need. The truth. The only thing standing in my way? A six-foot asshole in Armani with sapphire eyes and a heart of ice and stone. He despises me on principle alone. He's a distraction I crave but can't afford. Yet I doubt the

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hatred he carries is actually for me. Which makes me want to melt his cold, callous demeanor more. And when I catch a glimpse beneath the surface, I find I'm not the only one searching for answers to unspoken questions. Or keeping secrets. \*\*These Vile Secrets is an enemies-to-lovers MM romance and is the first book of five in the Enclave series. This is a true series and must be read in order. This is Roman's story. This is diving into dark romance and there will be triggering content.

There is a place in Costa Rica where people from all over the world work to advance our scientific knowledge. This place, the La Selva Biological Station, is known around the world for its scientific productivity and fantastic rainforest. However, this is also a place where occasionally you will hear things like... "What kind of soup is it?" - "Chlorophyll." "I'm pregnant!...with a botfly." "Something behind Casa 4 smelled like a dead animal." - "Oh, that was probably our field clothes." "...and this part of it is inedible." - "Oh, I think I ate that already." "Your project just ate my project!" Come in for a behind-the-scenes, always hilarious, sometimes gross, and occasionally even inspiring journey into the lives of field biologists in the tropical rainforest. Carissa Ganong's collection of quotes (hundreds of them over the last few years) will give you an insight into the lives of thousands of students, researchers and visitors to this most wonderful place on Earth.

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Drip, Drop, Plink. The rain stops, and Levi runs outside to play in a stream of rain water. But Polly puts an end to his fun when she doesn't want to share. It's a puddle fight! Until they see that the water is disappearing fast. Truce! They find a way to save the water and discover that it is more fun to play together. After the Rain puts a new twist on the rainy-day picture book about sharing and learning to work together.

.27 is a number Ruby hates. It's a number that marks the percentage of the population that has survived. It's a number that means she's one of the "lucky" few still standing. And it's a number that says her father is probably dead. Against all

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odds, Ruby has survived the catastrophic onset of the killer rain. Two weeks after the radio started broadcasting the warning, "It's in the rain. It's fatal and there's no cure," the drinkable water is running out. Ruby's left with two options: persevere on her own, or embark on a treacherous journey across the country to find her father-if he's even still alive. Forced to leave the girls' school where she has spent the past six years as an orphan, Christelle Clement tries to find honest work in Paris. When her mother's reputation as a high-paid courtesan precedes her, Christelle decides to go to England in search of the father she has never met. A humble gentleman, Dr. Seamus Craig is in search of a wife who can provide him with the family he longs for. He moves his practice to London, but finds the long hours and constraints of Polite Society make it difficult to meet ladies. An accident brings Christelle and Seamus together, but will their romance withstand the reality of her father 's identity? Will his family accept her?

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DISABILITIES, TEASING AND BULLYING: 'After the Rain, A New Day Dawns for Kids with Disabilities', is the story of two children who are learning to accept their own disabilities and not allow them to define who they are or limit what they can achieve. Children can be mean and insensitive, and not make a heartfelt effort to see the real person. This has compelled us to tell the story of John and Sofia to you and your children. Dedicated to single mothers. Dear sister, I dedicate this book to you because I am familiar with all your hardships and

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difficulties for the simple reason that I also had to raise my child all alone. I hope that the story of this girl will inspire and help you not to lose heart when life storms come your way and when there is nobody to rely on, but God and yourself, and that you are able to enjoy your life the way it is. Enjoy your reading!

The co-author of the New York Times bestselling House of Night series returns with the mesmerizing second book in The Escaped series. In Amber Smoke, Kristin Cast introduced her legions of readers to Alek and Eva. Alek, immortal son of the Furies, has been charged to save his home and recapture the souls of the damned, evil creatures who escaped Tartarus into the Mortal Realm. He can't, however, do it alone... Eva has discovered that she has been both blessed and cursed with powers beyond her comprehension. With a destiny to fulfill, she cannot escape the beings who will stop at nothing to destroy her. Now, in Scarlet Rain, the Nosoi—spirits of plague—have been unleashed on the Mortal Realm, releasing a pandemic as clever and adaptable as it is insidious. Alek and Eva must capture and banish the Nosoi back to their Underworld prison—but Eva has yet to harness the abilities needed to defeat such a powerful enemy, and Alek sustains catastrophic wounds in the attempt. They must rely on detective James Graham, and Eva's best friend Bridget, if they are to even slow down the plague. But can mere mortals come through in the face of such overwhelming peril? Praise for SCARLET RAIN: "One of the greatest paranormal books in a while, Scarlet Rain's characters are incredibly well developed and its plot is explosive. You'll be up all night reading this thrilling story."—RT Book Reviews Praise for AMBER SMOKE: "With a unique twist on Greek mythology and heart-stopping action, AMBER SMOKE keeps you riveted to the very last page." —#1 NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author Jennifer L. Armentrout "With the perfect mix of thrills

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and chills, along with characters who pop off the page and a gripping plot, this explosive new series is perfect for any Hunger Games and Divergent fans.” —RT BOOK REVIEWS  
“AMBER SMOKE is thrilling and funny with just the right amount of magic. Brilliant!” —Kresley Cole, #1 NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author  
“In AMBER SMOKE, Cast’s wit, creativity and talent shine! I turned the pages at lightning speed, ready for more! What a tasty treat!” —Gena Showalter, NEW YORK TIMES & USA TODAY bestselling author

Follow the River is a full-length, mature, new adult bully/enemies-to-lovers MM (male/male) romance with dark themes. There will be triggering content for some readers. Specific triggers WILL NOT be listed at the beginning of the book as they will be spoilers, so please be advised that if you have triggers, any at all, this book might not be for you. I've never been one to back down from a challenge. Rather than shy away, I grit my teeth and use it as an opportunity to prove myself. Not just in football, but also in life. Even when I was thrown through a loop in discovering I was bisexual, I embraced it. Owning it so no one can use it as ammunition against me. But when Ciaráin Grady comes barreling into my life with his venomous tongue and amber eyes brimming with disdain, I realize every test of my character and strength could never have prepared me for the trial he holds. One that toes the line of love and hate. It's all-consuming and toxic. Yet under the layers of revulsion he masks his face with, I see it. A glimmer of lust from deep within his secretive, broken soul. And when we're thrown together under heinous circumstances, the distinction between enemy and lover begins to blur. So...what is Ciaráin Grady to me? I'm only certain that he is the greatest challenge of my life.

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It's 1888. Can Belle Carson reinvent her life by moving next door to Thomas Edison's winter estate? From New York Times bestselling author Jane Lorenzini comes a story of heartbreak and healing set against the backdrop of exotic southwest Florida. It's January 1888. The small town of Fort Myers is buzzing about a possible visit from famous winter residents Mina and Thomas Edison. When the local newspaper reports that the couple needs a gardener for their riverside estate, nearly everyone lines up to apply. For twenty-five-year-old Belle Carson, a painful childhood secret has kept her world -- and her hopes for the future -- small. But with lush gardens already sprouting in her imagination, Belle decides to fight for the job and the opportunity to move from a cramped storage room to a charming cottage next door to the Edison homes and laboratory. Yet, when her dark past threatens to destroy everything she has so carefully cultivated, she must battle harder than ever for her best life -- and the chance to live it. *After the Rain* features both a historical setting and timeless issues of yearning, forgiveness, and personal growth.

To the most part, the beautiful Lexianna Bullock is pleased with her life. Her online business is wildly

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successful and she has friends and family who love her. The Lord has put it on Lexi's heart, that she'd know her Mr. Right as soon as she meets him. When she's introduced to Detective Alonzo Kirby, she does indeed recognize him as her soulmate. But just because she knows that Alonzo's the man who completes her, God never promised her that she and her Mr. Right would make it to a happily-ever-after. It's up to her and Alonzo to make their budding relationship work. But after losing his first wife to cancer, Alonzo's faith in God has wavered. In fact, he's convinced himself that there's not really a God at all. Lexi knows she could never be with a man who's rejected the Lord. Will they somehow, some way be blessed to have the blissful marital union that they're both really yearning in their hearts for?

After the success of *The Blue Notebook*, Juillard is back with a loosely linked story. After an opening of an exhibition of Victor's photography, a stranger named Abel asks him urgently about one of his photos, a picture of a long-lost friend named Tristan with a beautiful woman on his arm - a woman that Abel and Tristan had both had feelings for. Sensing that his friend might be in danger, and armed only with information about where the picture was taken, Abel drops everything to go find him, and is soon thrust into a dangerous web of intrigue. In full-colour throughout.

Rose Howard is obsessed with homonyms. She's

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thrilled that her own name is a homonym, and she purposely gave her dog Rain a name with two homonyms (Reign, Rein), which, according to Rose's rules of homonyms, is very special. Not everyone understands Rose's obsessions, her rules, and the other things that make her different – not her teachers, not other kids, and not her single father. When a storm hits their rural town, rivers overflow, the roads are flooded, and Rain goes missing. Rose's father shouldn't have let Rain out. Now Rose has to find her dog, even if it means leaving her routines and safe places to search. Hearts will break and spirits will soar for this powerful story, brilliantly told from Rose's point of view.

Here is a new collection of twelve absorbing, deeply compassionate tales that reveal the subtle revenges of love and indifference, the deep wells of affection, and the strange, breathtaking tricks of chance that make up the texture of our lives. In the rain-washed Italian hills, a forgotten artist's Annunciation brings light to a heartbroken woman; insidiously, in her struggle for love, the second wife of a blind piano tuner distorts his memories of the first; two children, survivors of divorce, mimic their parents' dramas and passions; a mother, tied through love and fear to her son, watches with helpless dread as she realizes the monster he has become.

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