

Beauty Sleep A Glamorous Mother A Woman From Her Past And Her Mysterious Death St Martins True Crime Library

On her deathbed Lady Margaret Marsh reveals that there is no family money left to support her daughter, the stunningly beautiful Josina. They were cut off without a penny by their relations long ago when she eloped with Josina's father, the inveterate but often successful gambler, Captain D'Arcy Marsh, who was later killed in a duel by a man he had won from at cards. Her mother believes that there is no alternative but for Josina to throw herself on the mercy of her relative, the dashing and handsome Duke of Nevondale. But arriving at his stately home she finds that he is a rake who is having an affair with the wife of the French Embassy Attaché, a liaison that could bring scandal and death close to his door. When, on accidentally discovering a fiendish plot, Josina rushes to the Duke's rescue, only to find him in compromising circumstances, she is deeply shocked and horrified. Yet disturbingly she finds herself falling in love. For no other apparent reason than to save hers and incidentally his reputation the Duke decides that he wants to marry Josina. But as much as she yearns for him, how can she possibly marry a man who does not love her after her mother and father had been so sublimely in love with each other that for them the world was lost for love?

My South Seas Sleeping Beauty is a captivating coming-of-age tale set in the magical jungles of Borneo. Told through the vivid recollections of a Chinese-Malay youth, the novel recounts the life of Su Qi, a troubled, sensitive son of a wealthy family, and exemplifies the imaginative range of one of Taiwan's most innovative writers. "There were all sorts of stories about how my younger sister died," Su Qi begins, hinting at the power of memory to bend and refract truth. Yet whichever the real story may be, the fact is that the death of Su Qi's sister created an irrevocable rift in Su Qi's family, driving his father into the arms of aboriginal women and his mother into a world of her own invention. In an effort to escape the oppression of home, Su Qi loses himself in the surrounding jungle, full of Communist guerillas and strange tropical fauna. The jungle further blurs the line between fantasy and reality for Su Qi, until he meets Chunxi, the beautiful, frail daughter of his father's best friend. Chunxi is an oasis of kindness and honesty in an otherwise cruel and evasive world, but after a bizarre accident, Chunxi falls into a deep coma, and Su Qui flees to Taiwan. In college Su Qi meets Keyi, a vivacious siren who helps Su Qi forget not only his violent past but also the colorful tales of his youth. When a family member dies, however, Su Qi is pulled back to the jungles of Borneo where he begins to unravel the secrets of his family's past—a story stranger than any fairy tale—and learns that his cherished dream of awakening his beloved Chunxi may be more than just a fantasy. Influenced by the lyricism of William Faulkner and the magical realism of Gabriel Garcia Marquez, My South Seas Sleeping Beauty is a deeply evocative exploration of sexuality and identity and a masterful reworking of Chinese and Western myth. Valerie Jaffee's careful translation retains all the tone and detail of the original work and provides rare access to a new and exciting generation of Chinese writers born in Southeast Asia.

Named a Best Book of the Year by The Washington Post, Time, NPR, Amazon, Vice, Bustle, The New York Times, The Guardian, Kirkus Reviews, Entertainment Weekly, The AV Club, & Audible A New York Times Bestseller "One of the most compelling protagonists modern fiction has offered in years: a loopy, quietly furious pillhead whose Ambien ramblings and Xanax b*tcherries somehow wend their way through sad and funny and strange toward something genuinely profound." — Entertainment Weekly "Darkly hilarious . . . [Moshfegh's] the kind of provocateur who makes you laugh out loud while drawing blood." —Vogue From one of our boldest, most celebrated new literary

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voices, a novel about a young woman's efforts to duck the ills of the world by embarking on an extended hibernation with the help of one of the worst psychiatrists in the annals of literature and the battery of medicines she prescribes. Our narrator should be happy, shouldn't she? She's young, thin, pretty, a recent Columbia graduate, works an easy job at a hip art gallery, lives in an apartment on the Upper East Side of Manhattan paid for, like the rest of her needs, by her inheritance. But there is a dark and vacuous hole in her heart, and it isn't just the loss of her parents, or the way her Wall Street boyfriend treats her, or her sadomasochistic relationship with her best friend, Reva. It's the year 2000 in a city aglitter with wealth and possibility; what could be so terribly wrong? *My Year of Rest and Relaxation* is a powerful answer to that question. Through the story of a year spent under the influence of a truly mad combination of drugs designed to heal our heroine from her alienation from this world, Moshfegh shows us how reasonable, even necessary, alienation can be. Both tender and blackly funny, merciless and compassionate, it is a showcase for the gifts of one of our major writers working at the height of her powers.

Reproduction of the original: *Mother Carey's Chickens* by Kate Douglas Wiggin

Stories have the power to change lives. These compelling tales of seven women and one man are a revealing look at the complexity of eating disorders, the process of psychotherapy, and the healing power of the relationship between therapist and client. Sufferers, their loved ones, and caregivers will benefit from the insights provided by this beautifully written collection.

The new novel from the best-selling author of *I Don't Know How She Does It* takes us on an unforgettable journey into first love, and—with the emotional intensity and penetrating wit that have made her beloved among readers all over the world—reminds us of how the ardor of our youth can ignite our adult lives. *Wales, 1974*. Petra and Sharon, two thirteen-year-old girls, are obsessed with David Cassidy. His fan magazine is their Bible, and some days his letters are the only things that keep them going as they struggle through the humiliating daily rituals of adolescence—confronting their bewildering new bodies, fighting with mothers who don't understand them at all. Together they tackle the Ultimate David Cassidy Quiz, a contest whose winners will be flown to America to meet Cassidy in person. *London, 1998*. Petra is pushing forty, on the brink of divorce, and fighting with her own thirteen-year-old daughter when she discovers a dusty letter in her mother's closet declaring her the winner of the contest she and Sharon had labored over with such hope and determination. More than twenty years later, twenty pounds heavier, bruised by grief and the disappointments of middle age, Petra reunites with Sharon for an all-expenses-paid trip to Las Vegas to meet their teen idol at last, and finds her life utterly transformed. Funny, moving, full of beautiful observations about the awakenings of both youth and middle age, Allison Pearson's long-awaited new novel will speak across generations to mothers and daughters and women of all ages.

Surveying the stereotyped role models of women presented in literature, Kolbenschlag offers a sophisticated synthesis of literary, psychological, and theological insights, challenging women to grow to their full potential as Christians

When school psychologist Skye Denison investigates the death of a popular teenager who was cast as *Sleeping Beauty* in the school play, she uncovers some shocking revelations about prominent Scumble River citizens. And even ever-optimistic Skye knows that in this case, finding the killer won't end this tale happily-end-after...

At fifteen, Linda Darnell left her Texas home and normal adolescence to live the Hollywood dream promoted by fan magazine and studio publicity offices. She appeared in dozens of films and won international acclaim for *Blood and Sand* (playing opposite Tyrone Power), *Forever Amber*, *A Letter to Three Wives*, and the original version of *Unfaithfully Yours*.

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Driven by a stage mother to become rich and Famous, but unable to cope with the career she had longed for as a child, Darnell soon was caught in a downward spiral of drinking, failed marriages, and exploitive relationships. By her early twenties she was an alcoholic, hardened by a life in which beautiful women were chattel, and by the time of her death at age forty- one, she was struggling for recognition in the industry that once had called her its "glory girl." Hollywood Beauty begins in the Southwest during the Depression, when Pearl Darnell became obsessed by the glitter of the movie world that would dominate her children's lives. We follow Linda's path from her Texas childhood and first public success—during the state centennial, in 1936—through her contract work with Twentieth Century-Fox in the heyday of the big-studio system. Film historian Ronald L. Davis documents Darnell's discovery and marriages, the adoption of her daughter, the marking of many well-known films, and her emotional difficulties, leading up to her tragic death by fire. This is the story of a native teenager from a dysfunctional middle-class family thrust into the golden age of Hollywood. Hollywood Beauty examines America's public worship of movie stars and superficial success—its motives and consequences—and the addiction to escapism that this worship represents.

"Tonight, I will master every inch of you. And you will probably feel the urge to beg me to stop, but you won't, will you?" I was raised a princess, but a witch's curse would seal my fate. Only one man dared to marry me—the future king of the fae. I'm a long way from home. In this palace, there is no freedom, no solitude. I am his possession. Corseted and gilded, or stripped and bound—either way, I'm his to claim. Anytime. Anywhere. It is the role of the king to dominate his bride, publicly and often. I am the living symbol of his strength. But there is no denying his charm and the power he holds to make me crave him. Even as it leads me to the most dreadful event of all—the day I must submit to him before the eyes of the entire court. However, he has a secret of his own. A secret that will lead me into the arms not just one man, but two at once—my beloved King Augustus and our loyal guard, Count Axel. A forbidden love none of us can turn away from. The witch who cursed me lurks in the shadows, ready to destroy us all. The Surrender of Sleeping Beauty was inspired by the life of Marie Antoinette and my love of fairy tales with a sensual twist. It contains intense sexual scenes and some darker themes, along with much decadence, gardens and gowns, and a happily ever after that is both bitter and sweet. This series was originally published as the Queen of the Sun Palace and collects the following three books: BOOK ONE: PRISONER OF SILK BOOK TWO: PRISONER OF MIRRORS BOOK THREE: PRISONER OF DREAMS

The internationally bestselling author of Sparkles is back with an irresistibly juicy novel about three powerful women - once best friends, now deadly rivals Texan honey Sally Lassiter, English rose Jane Morgan, and exotic Jordanian beauty Helen Yanna meet at an exclusive girls' school in L.A. and vow that nothing will ever tear them apart. But when catastrophe strikes, two of the young women find themselves grieving and penniless, and the third will be forced into a

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fate she could never have foreseen. In their struggle to rebuild their lives, Helen, Sally, and Jane come together to create a high-end department store called Glamour. But as money and recognition rocket them into the spotlight, they quickly discover what happens to promises when money is no object, lust has no bounds, and glamour is worth everything in this seductive rags-to-riches saga.

Looking for entertaining stories of drama, glamour and passion featuring sophisticated and sensual African—American and multicultural heroes and heroines? Harlequin® Kimani Romance brings you all this and more with these four new full—length books for one great price! **SILKEN EMBRACE** (The Drakes of California) Zuri Day Billionaire businessman Terrell Drake tries to make a difference by mentoring fatherless young boys. However, passion of a different kind ignites when he meets single mother Ashley Robinson. The up—from—the—streets nurse can't afford to trust the charismatic playboy, who is already winning over her son. But for Terrell, the promise of forever is too precious to give up without a fight! **THE MAGIC OF MISTLETOE** (Kimani Hotties: Forever My Lady) Carolyn Hector Ever since he accidentally outed Santa as a fraud, news anchor Duke Rodriguez is getting bad press. Worse, the former baseball star is striking out with sexy decorator Macy Cuomo. Macy makes Duke want to leave the limelight behind and focus on making her sensual fantasies come true. Opposites definitely attract, but when celebrity drama ensues, will their budding love survive the holiday season? **HEATED MOMENTS** (Espresso Empire) Phyllis Bourne When she's dumped as the face of Espresso Cosmetics, Lola Gray hits the road. When a speeding ticket lands her in a small—town jail cell, the only bright spot is the hunky sheriff. Dylan Cooper relishes the peace and quiet of Coopersburg. Now the stunning beauty he has in lockup is charming his hometown and seducing him. Will their sizzling affair become a lifetime of love? **A YULETIDE AFFAIR** (The Talbots of Harbour Island) Monica Richardson Alyson Talbot has returned to her exotic Caribbean home to plan her sister's spectacular Christmas wedding—and win some lucrative real estate deals. Samson Steel is an unexpected distraction. False accusations derailed Samson's political plans, so he's hoping an extended vacation will help him figure out his next move. Alyson intrigues him. Can the gifts of acceptance and trust turn a sizzling yuletide fling into a new beginning?

Thong panties, padded bras, and risqué Halloween costumes for young girls. T-shirts that boast "Chick Magnet" for toddler boys. Sexy content on almost every television channel, as well as in books, movies, video games, and even cartoons. Hot young female pop stars wearing provocative clothing and dancing suggestively while singing songs with sexual and sometimes violent lyrics. These products are marketed aggressively to our children; these stars are held up for our young daughters to emulate—and for our sons to see as objects of desire. Popular culture and technology inundate our children with an onslaught of mixed messages at earlier ages than ever before. Corporations capitalize on this

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disturbing trend, and without the emotional sophistication to understand what they are doing and seeing, kids are getting into increasing trouble emotionally and socially; some may even to engage in precocious sexual behavior. Parents are left shaking their heads, wondering: How did this happen? What can we do? So *Sexy So Soon* is an invaluable and practical guide for parents who are fed up, confused, and even scared by what their kids—or their kids' friends—do and say. Diane E. Levin, Ph.D., and Jean Kilbourne, Ed.D., internationally recognized experts in early childhood development and the impact of the media on children and teens, understand that saying no to commercial culture—TV, movies, toys, Internet access, and video games—isn't a realistic or viable option for most families. Instead, they offer parents essential, age-appropriate strategies to counter the assault. For instance:

- Help your children expand their imaginations by suggesting new ways for them to play with toys—for example, instead of “playing house” with dolls, they might send their toys on a backyard archeological adventure.
- Counteract the narrow gender stereotypes in today's media: ask your son to help you cook; get your daughter outside to play ball.
- Share your values and concerns with other adults—relatives, parents of your children's friends—and agree on how you'll deal with TV and other media when your children are at one another's houses.

Filled with savvy suggestions, helpful sample dialogues, and poignant true stories from families dealing with these issues, *So Sexy So Soon* provides parents with the information, skills, and confidence they need to discuss sensitive topics openly and effectively so their kids can just be kids.

*Named a Best Book of Fall by *Cosmopolitan*, *SheReads*, *SheKnows*, and more! *2021 Firebird Award Winner in Young Adult Fiction

The Breakfast Club meets *Alive* in this gripping tale of survival, impossible choices, and the harrowing balance between life and death. Six teens, one dog, a ski trip gone wrong . . . Sam is dreading senior ski weekend and having to watch after her brother and his best friend, Gavin, to make sure they don't do anything stupid. Again. Gavin may be gorgeous, but he and Sam have never gotten along. Now they're crammed into an SUV with three other classmates and Gavin's dog, heading on a road trip that can't go by fast enough. Then their SUV crashes into a snowbank, and Sam and her friends find themselves stranded in the mountains with cell phone coverage long gone and temperatures dropping. When the group gets sick of waiting for rescue, they venture outside to find help—only to have a wilderness accident leave Sam's brother with a smashed leg and, soon, a raging fever. While the hours turn to days, Sam's brother gets sicker and sicker, and their food and supplies dwindle until there isn't enough for everyone. As the winter elements begin to claim members of the group one by one, Sam vows to keep her brother alive. No matter what. Filled with twists, secrets, and life-changing moments, *Ski Weekend* is a snow-packed survival thriller featuring a diverse cast of teens that will appeal to fans of *One of Us is Lying* and *I Am Still Alive*.

This book sets out to explore the structure and meanings within the most popular of all literary genres - the adventure

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story. Deconstructing the Hero offers analytical readings of some of the most widely read adventure stories such as Treasure Island , the James Bond stories and Star Wars. The book describes how adventure stories are influential in shaping children's perception and establishing values. When many of these stories define non-white, non-European people as inferior, and women as marginal or incapable, we should be worried about what they are teaching our children to think. Margery Hourihan shows how teaching children to read books critically can help to prevent the establishment of negative attitudes, discourage aggression and promote values of emotion and creativity.

As you prepare to become a mother, you face an experience unlike any other in your life. Having a baby will redirect your preferences and pleasures and, most likely, will realign some of your values. As you undergo this unique psychological transformation, you will be guided by new hopes, fears, and priorities. In a most startling way, having a child will influence all of your closest relationships and redefine your role in your family's history. The charting of this remarkable, new realm is the subject of this compelling book. Renowned psychiatrist Daniel N. Stern has joined forces with pediatrician and child psychiatrist Nadia Bruschiweiler-Stern and journalist Alison Freeland to paint a wonderfully evocative picture of the psychology of motherhood. At the heart of *The Birth of a Mother* is an arresting premise: Just as a baby develops physically in utero and after birth, so a mother is born psychologically in the many months that precede and follow the birth of her baby. The recognition of this inner transformation emerges from hundreds of interviews with new mothers and decades of clinical experience. Filled with revealing case studies and personal comments from women who have shared this experience, this book will serve as an invaluable sourcebook for new mothers, validating the often confusing emotions that accompany the development of this new identity. In addition to providing insight into the unique state of motherhood, the authors touch on related topics such as going back to work, fatherhood, adoption, and premature birth. During pregnancy, mothers-to-be talk about morning sickness and their changing bodies, and new mothers talk about their exhaustion, the benefits of nursing or bottle-feeding, and the dilemma of whether or when they should return to work. And yet, they can be strangely mute about the dramatic and often overwhelming changes going on in their inner lives. Finally, with *The Birth of a Mother*, these powerful feelings are eloquently put into words.

Determined to give his son the perfect small-town Christmas, Luck McClure gets some much-needed help from shy music teacher Eve Rowland who gives him the best gift of all, her love. Original.

Dementia has taken hold of Lucy Kellogg's favorite grandmother. She's also on the brink of losing her best friend Sukie, who just became a cheerleader. It takes a crisis with her ailing grandmother for Lucy to see past her grief and pain and find her own way in an ever-changing world.

Glamour Girl: How To Get The Ultimate Makeover takes a fresh look at a woman's need to feel and look beautiful not

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only in the sight of man but most importantly in the sight of God. Beauty was created by God, therefore, in the midst of all the cosmetics and beauty rituals are biblical principles. The Glamour Girl book teaches women how to recognize the beauty that God has given them and how to utilize this special gift. This book also takes beauty rituals to another level by teaching women the spiritual and practical applications of makeup. Glamour Girl: How To Get The Ultimate Makeover explores and explains the biblical book of Esther. Before becoming queen, Esther, had to undergo a very rigorous beauty treatment that lasted 365 days! Readers will quickly recognize why Esther's portrayal of beauty, strength and courage make her a True Glamour Girl and the perfect example for women to follow. By the end of this book, the reader will acknowledge the need to look deeper and dig deeper to find purpose in their beauty and beauty treatments, just as Queen Esther did. Glamour Girl: How To Get The Ultimate Makeover explores and explains the biblical book of Esther. Before becoming queen, Esther, had to undergo a very rigorous beauty treatment that lasted 365 days! Readers will quickly recognize why Esther's portrayal of beauty, strength and courage make her a True Glamour Girl and the perfect example for women to follow. By the end of this book, the reader will acknowledge the need to look deeper and dig deeper to find purpose in their beauty and beauty treatments, just as Queen Esther did. As the most unique book on its subject, Glamour Girl: How To Get The Ultimate Makeover features practical beauty tips that are woven throughout the book and includes a Self Discovery B.E.A.U.T.Y. Guide at the end of the book for personal reflection. Writing is therapeutic and by indulging in the Self Discovery B.E.A.U.T.Y. Guide, readers will be one step closer to discovering their purpose and walking boldly in their purpose like a true Glamour Girl! Glamour Girl: How To Get The Ultimate Makeover is a "must read" for any woman seeking true beauty – both inner and outer. Every woman who reads this book will discover the BIGGEST beauty secret ever and she will know exactly how to get the ultimate makeover!

Brings glamour within every woman's reach. Includes reducing, diet, exercises and fashion guidance.

Disney continues to be one of the dominant forces of popular culture, not only in America, but worldwide. The company's various films have drawn a mix of admiration and disdain. This collection of essays consider how films produced by Disney represent the best and worst the studio has offered over its nine decade history.

The Fault at the Center is a candid, lyrical coming-of-age novel that tells the story of Sandy Fischer, an American girl growing up in the beautiful yet violence-ridden Guatemala of the 1960s and '70s. Sandy, a resilient and very observant girl, must face the many dilemmas emerging from the disintegration of her Jewish-Catholic home. Suddenly abandoned by their father and left to fend for themselves, the four Fischer girls and their mother no longer have a safe and clear place in their adopted homeland. While still perceived as expatriates, as gringas, the Fischers must do their best to find their way in local society. Little by little, Sandy finds herself adapting to the prim, Catholic, seemingly safe world of señoritas. But what is the price, particularly for a girl growing into

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womanhood, of belonging in such a rigid and fearful world--of forcing oneself not to fully register the violence that is steadily intensifying in the country? And given a choice, will Sandy leave her adopted homeland or stay? The Fault at the Center is, at the same time, an invention and a memoir, a reflection upon the narrator's own distant/near relationship with her Guatemalan past. Once upon a time you were the princess of your own fairy tale; you lived in your own imaginary world. But then, as you grew older, you became more aware of the reality around you--the fact that the world continuously states that there are no such things as happily ever afters and that no man is a prince. The little princess dies inside of you. Throughout this book you will rediscover that every desire you have as a woman fits into a fairy tale. All you need is a prince to fight for you to awaken your princess heart again--because being a princess is the preparation for becoming a queen, his queen. This book will touch various aspects of your feminine heart, from how to unlock your husband's love to being a lady-in-waiting and rediscovering who God really is in your life. The created will go to the Creator, and only there she will find her true identity.

On April 10, 2001, Sandra Baker, a recently separated, forty-five-year-old mother of two, went for a facelift—and a new lease on life. But the nurse anesthetist was a woman from her past. And Sandra's future was in jeopardy... Decades before, in a world of high school cliques and competition, Sally Jordan Hill had a crush on a guy whose attentions turned toward Sandra. Little did Sandra know how jealous Sally might have been... Once Nurse Sally had Sandra in her care, she administered a lethal dose of the painkiller Fentanyl. Within hours, Sandra was brain dead—and her death was ruled a medical mistake. But earlier, Sally's coworkers heard her say this: That's the woman who stole my boyfriend in high school. And soon, a determined detective would find new clues to convince a judge that Sandra's death was no accident. ... Beauty Sleep is the true story of glamor, jealousy ... and cold-blooded murder.

The go-to guide to getting infants and toddlers to fall and stay asleep, completely revised and updated Kim West, LCSW-C, known to her clients as The Sleep Lady®, has developed an alternative and effective approach to helping children learn to gently put themselves to sleep without letting them "cry it out" -- an option that is not comfortable for many parents. Essential reading for any tired parent, or any expectant parent who wants to avoid the pitfalls of sleeplessness, Good Night, Sleep Tight offers a practical, easy-to-follow remedy that will work for all families in need of nights of peaceful slumber! New material and updates include: New yoga recommendations Updated information for parents of young infants Expanded information on nighttime potty training Ending co-sleeping Sleep training for twins and multiples

An essential tool for all reading groups! In this comprehensive book club companion, Kathryn Cope guides readers through Elizabeth Strout's acclaimed novel, Olive, Again. Designed to make your reading experience more rewarding and enjoyable, this study guide encompasses a wealth of information. Inside this guide you will find a plot summary; literary context; character analysis; a breakdown of themes & imagery; thought-provoking discussion questions, and even a quick quiz. Study Guides for Book Clubs are designed to help you get the absolute best from your book club meetings. They enable reading group members to appreciate their chosen book in greater depth than ever before. Please be aware that this is a companion guide and does not

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contain the full text of the novel.

Reflections on how physical appearance, and beliefs about it, affect women's lives from a #1 bestselling author who's "enormously fun to read" (The New York Times). Beauty and appearance play a pervasive role in our culture. Here, the #1 New York Times-bestselling author of the groundbreaking, controversial bestseller *My Secret Garden* delves into beauty's influence on popular media and the psyche of modern women. Combining in-depth cultural analysis with personal anecdotes, sexology, and individual case studies, Nancy Friday explores the dissatisfaction women feel about their bodies—and how it affects their sexual freedom. Her analysis is broad-reaching, examining how popular culture, advertising, stereotypes of women in the workplace, the sexual liberation of the 1960s, and the dynamics of family relationships put pressure on women to live up to an impossible feminine ideal. Also published under the title *Our Looks, Our Lives*

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The magazine that helps career moms balance their personal and professional lives.

Drawn from her blog of the same name, this entertaining guide, which is part memoir, part-commiseration, and part how-to, shows new moms how to care for themselves post-partum to feel a little more like their glam former selves, while still being the best mommy they can be. Original.

Opposites attract...and ignite!

Meet the Days, Howards, Madison, and Lees. Four wealthy couples obsessed with keeping up appearances. Pearson, Vonita, Nadalia and Ryan want the world to believe that they live flawlessly prosperous lives but behind the custom made doors of their elaborate mansions, lay salacious secrets that are becoming harder to hide. Pearson may be forced to choose between her husband and vodka. Vonita could be at risk of losing her lavish fairytale lifestyle but only finds out when it's too late to do anything about it. Nadalia's picture perfect life seems to be slowly falling apart at the seams until an ugly truth finally shatters her world. And for Ryan, living under the thumb of an A-list husband isn't all that it is cracked up to be—especially since she doesn't seem to know where he is half the time. Saving face may be a priority for these wives but scandal, addiction, financial ruin, and infidelity threaten to reveal their truths to the world—and worst of all, each other.

The lure of Richmond, VA's streets is too strong for Bambi, a good girl from the right side of the tracks, who fell in love with, Reggie, a young hustler. Her thug love not only corrupted her but blinded her with the bling and cash that come with living the glamorous life of a gangsta's girl—until Reggie hit her with a low blow, crumbling her heart. From that day forward, Bambi vowed that whoever crossed her or anyone she loved would pay—usually in large bills. With the street knowledge she gleaned from her ex as well as her own business savvy, Bambi builds a multimillion-dollar party planning empire. Along the way she runs across all kinds of dudes who try to run massive amounts of game, and ultimately she becomes a first-rate swindler and top-notch gamestress in her own right. Then she crosses paths with Lynx, a young drug dealer who sees more in Bambi than the gold digger she is rumored to be. He methodically penetrates her shield layer by layer until he captures her heart. But is she just setting

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herself up to be played once again? The #1 bestselling author of *A Hustler's Wife* and *A Project Chick*, Nikki Turner gives up the game that could never be sold, only told.

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