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Prince FitzChivalry Farseer's daughter Bee was violently abducted from Withywoods by Servants of the Four in their search for the Unexpected Son, foretold to wield great power. With Fitz in pursuit, the Servants fled through a Skill-pillar, leaving no trace. It seems certain that they and their young hostage have perished in the Skill-river. Clerres, where White Prophets were trained by the Servants to set the world on a better path, has been corrupted by greed. Fitz is determined to reach the city and take vengeance on the Four, not only for the loss of Bee but also for their torture of the Fool. Accompanied by FitzVigilant, son of the assassin Chade, Chade's protégé Spark and the stableboy Perseverance, Bee's only friend, their journey will take them from the Elderling city of Kelsingra, down the perilous Rain Wild River, and on to the Pirate Isles. Their mission for revenge will become a voyage of discovery, as well as of reunions, transformations and heartrending shocks. Startling answers to old mysteries are revealed. What became of the liveships Paragon and Vivacia and their crews? What is the origin of the Others and their eerie beach? How are liveships and dragons connected? But Fitz and his followers are not the only ones with a deadly grudge against the Four. An ancient wrong will bring them unlikely and

dangerous allies in their quest. And if the corrupt society of Clerres is to be brought down, Fitz and the Fool will have to make a series of profound and fateful sacrifices.

The dragon keepers and the fledgling dragons are forging a passage up the treacherous Rain Wild River. They are in search of the mythical Elderling city of Kelsingra, and are accompanied by the liveship Tarman, its captain, Leftrin, and a group of hunters who must search the forests for game with which to keep the dragons fed.

“A truly extraordinary saga . . . The characterizations are consistently superb, and [Hobb] animates everything with love for and knowledge of the sea.”—Booklist As Bingtown slides toward disaster, clan matriarch Ronica Vestrit, branded a traitor, searches for a way to bring the city’s inhabitants together against a momentous threat. Meanwhile, Althea Vestrit, unaware of what has befallen Bingtown and her family, continues her perilous quest to track down and recover her liveship, the Vivacia, from the ruthless pirate Kennit. Bold though it is, Althea’s scheme may be in vain. For her beloved Vivacia will face the most terrible confrontation of all as the secret of the liveships is revealed. It is a truth so shattering, it may destroy the Vivacia and all who love her, including Althea’s nephew, whose life already hangs in the balance. Praise for Robin Hobb and the

Liveship Traders Trilogy “Fantasy as it ought to be written . . . Robin Hobb’s books are diamonds in a sea of zircons.”—George R. R. Martin “A major work of high fantasy, reading like a cross between Tolkien and Patrick O’Brian . . . one of the finest fantasy sagas to bridge the millennium.”—Publishers Weekly “Rich, complex . . . [Hobb’s] plotting is complex but tightly controlled, and her descriptive powers match her excellent visual imagination. But her chief virtue is that she delineates character extremely well.”—Interzone

Expecting to inherit her family's liveship, the Vivacia, Althea Vestrit now must defend this animate, intelligent treasure from both her scheming brother-in-law, who plans to use it as a slave ship, and a nation of ruthless pirates, led by Captain Kennit. Reprint. AB.

From the bestselling author of the Guardian Trilogy comes a new romantic suspense... On an ordinary day in early September, Kennedy Shaw leaves for school unaware that within a few minutes the world she knows will be gone - succumbed to an outbreak of epidemic proportions. After finding a safe haven inside the security of her enclosed high school, she learns that four others have survived, one being a bold, mysterious transfer student from Texas whose unruffled demeanor harbors more than a cool interest in her. As they struggle to survive the dead fighting their way inside, will Kennedy discover there is more to

life than survival? And will she and the others find a way to live in this terrifying new world?

Life is hard for Gary. He has a dead-end job, a grouchy boss, and a beat-up car-and he's only in eighth grade! Things go from bad to worse when a wave of bank robberies hits the city and Gary becomes the prime suspect. With time running out to clear his name and nail the real crooks, this teenage tough-guy must rely on cunning, stealth, and good, old-fashioned, two-fisted justice! It's all in a day's work in a city that doesn't exist.

Many fear the Komodo dragon; it has more than just the ability to attack its prey with its sharp-like teeth. Despite having the appearance of a slow and giant lizard, a Komodo Dragons can in fact run and chase its prey. It can detect prey and carcasses from miles away and even camouflage itself for a stealth kill. In this book you will also learn about the basic facts and discoveries about the Komodo Dragons: Appearance Behavior Habitat Mating and Growth Hunting Abilities History ...and more! Much is not yet known by people about the Komodo dragon. Let this book be your guide to this fascinating creature. Learn about how the Komodo Dragon kills its prey, how it manages to survive in volcanic islands and more fun facts you never would have guessed. Both children and adults will be able to learn about all that has been discovered about the Komodo Dragon.

The book describes educational information about the magnificent animal in easy to understand phrases for your child.

Reproduction of the original: Kings in Exile by Charles G.D. Roberts

Nevare Burvelle, wrongfully convicted of murder, surrenders himself to the Speck magic with which he has been cursed, a decision that renders him subject to a violent alter ego.

Daegonlot: a floating island separated from the mainland of Darkenfel, and home to the last of the dragonriders. They have settled in the city of Goldspine and allowed the rest of the world to forget them.

Lord Branin of the dragshi, is more than just a man, but two beings—one a dragon, the other a human. The pair share one body in space in time and are able to change forms with the other at will. From the time Branin's twinned soul, Llewlyn, awoke, Branin knew the freedom of flight. However, being a shifter comes with a price. Branin and Llewlyn are the only two of their kind who have not found their intended mates, despite millennia of waiting... and searching. The red-haired firebrand, Broch of Ky'Port plans to fill that position in Branin's life—with or without his cooperation. For eons, he fears he would never find a woman with her own dragon soul partner—until one day another's mind touched his.

Paul Jonas leader of the "Blackout Gang" is released early from prison, only doing 10 of his 50 year sentence. Tension rises as Jonas realizes that his sister is a wild card and still pulling rank on his gang, even though he has return home. Even worse, his early release was not without a price, a sexy undercover DEA agent is sent to intercept Jonas and gets entangled into his web and finds herself in over her head having equivocal feelings. The streets of

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Chicago are painted red, as Blackout Gang place a stranglehold on the city and monopolizes on their territory by creating an active war zone. Things go from bad to worst as rival gang "Bogus Boyz" fights for control and the body count in Chicago reach epic proportions. Will the DEA be successful in their pursuit of taking down Blackout Gang ? Will Blackout Gang pull off the impossible by being the first gang in the history of Chicago to take dominance of the entire city? --Editor, Robert Kauffman "Blackout Gang at the core is fictional retelling of gang life on the streets of Chicago and Chris grabs you with his writing from the beginning to end. He keeps you guessing. The story brings awareness of what is really taking place on the streets of Chicago, and gives insight into gang life in the third most populous city in America."

He a young man coming into his own. He's also a werewolf whose alpha nature is rising. She an older woman coming to terms with a major life change. She knows she has to deal with him, and she knows she shouldn't, but she finds herself falling for the guy. It's never easy.

Trader's wife Alise and 16-year-old Thymara must join the caravan traveling up the toxic and inhospitable Rain Wild River, with the aim of relocating weakened dragons from outside their home town of Cassarick to the long-lost city of Kelsingra. 75,000 first printing.

Dragons will fly over Kelsingra once more. The Tarman expedition has at last found Kelsingra, a city filled with ancient treasures. Here, the dragons and their Elderling keepers may discover their full potential, but only if the magic of Kelsingra can be unlocked. Already rumours of the city have floated down the Rain Wild River. Adventurers, pirates and fortune hunters will soon be coming to pillage what they can. Meanwhile, Selden Vestrit finds himself a prisoner of the ailing Duke of Chalced, who believes him to be a dragon-man whose flesh and blood may work miracle cures.

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THE KING'S LION IS BACK IN A SWASHBUCKLING ADVENTURE After years of fighting, peace reigns over the Eagle Empire. General Leandros is enjoying a romantic vacation with his wife at sea when a mysterious sea captain, the Mask, abducts them, asking for their help to free his fellow islanders from slavery. Leandros and Helena start training the islanders, conducting daring raids on land and sea to free the slaves. Their only allies are a powerful sea-witch and a savage crew of ex-pirates. Breathtaking duels and fierce battles turn the tide in favour of the islanders until the enemy monarch sends his Grand Fleet to subdue them. With only two ships and a handful of men, the King's Lion faces a terrifying challenge. The future of an entire nation lies in his hands.

Hidden in the forgotten tunnels beneath the castle of Thorilleia lies an ancient book written by a powerful wizard. Two young men set out to find the book, which is said to contain a mysterious secret. Their journey takes them across rugged mountains and through dense forests where they encounter dangerous creatures and strange cultures. When they reach Thorilleia, they find themselves thrust into a pivotal role in a war between great kingdoms. Loaded with action and unexpected twists, Dragon's Dust is not just a quest for riches and power; it's an adventure story where integrity, determination, and courage prevail in dire circumstances.

Blood of Dragons Volume Four of the Rain Wilds Chronicles Harper Collins

The final instalment of Robin Hobb's Sunday Times best-selling series The Rain Wild Chronicles. Dragons will fly over Kelsingra once more. The Tarman expedition has at last found Kelsingra, a city filled with ancient treasures. Here, the dragons and their Elderling keepers may discover their full potential, but only if the magic of Kelsingra can be unlocked. Already rumours of the city have floated down the Rain Wild River. Adventurers, pirates and

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fortune hunters will soon be coming to pillage what they can. Among them, Hest Finbok, determined to claim back his errant wife, Alise. Meanwhile, Selden Vestrit finds himself a prisoner of the ailing Duke of Chalced, who believes him to be some sort of dragon-man whose flesh and blood may work miracle cures. Soon Tintaglia's singer will be sacrificed to keep this vile old tyrant alive. Where is Tintaglia, the greatest of all dragons, when there is such need of her? Attacked, dying of a poisoned wound, can she survive? She holds the memories that will unlock the mysteries of Kelsingra, and the power to defend it, and her own. Without her, all may be lost.

NALI By Esther Henry In an era of darkness, mystery, tropical jungles and cannibalism, Nali tries to buck the ancient traditions, only to find herself deeply entrenched in them. As a young girl full of dreams, she is given to a tribal elder in marriage and quickly learns that her girlhood dreams could be shattered overnight. The rain forest held a secret refuge that only Nali knew, where she took her dreams and her delusions. Will she be forced to succumb to a subservient role the rest of her life, or can she overcome the hopelessness that comes with isolation, ignorance and tradition? Deep in the heart of New Guinea lies the village of Mendoka, beautifully camouflaged from the rest of the world. Although the village has yet to be discovered, the outside world would soon have an influence on their lives. An interruption to their peaceful simplicity would both terrify them and cause them to search for answers. Readers will be able to follow the lives of those who lived in a much simpler time and become immersed in the culture that controlled their everyday existence.

Fenicus Flint, a young dragon, lives with the last of his fading species in a secluded mountain sanctuary known as Berathor Valley. When he awakens from an accident that leaves him

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injured and temporarily unable to fly, Fenicus discovers that the peace and tranquility of his homeland has been shattered; Berathor is in ruins and his loved ones abducted. With few clues to guide him, the young dragon embarks on a dangerous quest beyond the sheltering walls of his homeland to find his loved ones before their flame is extinguished forever. The final volume in Robin Hobb's popular Rain Wilds fantasy series, *Blood of Dragons* completes the story of the dragons, their keepers, and their quest to find the lost city of Kelsingra—and the mythical silver wells that the dragons need to survive. Can Tintaglia and the Elderlings unlock the secrets of the ancient city? Or are they doomed to extinction? The world of Robin Hobb's Rain Wilds series has been praised by Booklist as "one of the most gripping settings in modern fantasy," and Publishers Weekly called the Rain Wilds books "a meticulously realized fantasy tale" and "a welcome addition to contemporary dragon lore." Oh no! The big bad wolf is in London! But he is no match for these three little pigs! Staring a silly big bad Siberian Husky, the cleverest Guinea Pig this side of a hard hat, and famous London city landmarks, this version of the Three Little Pigs turns the classic children's story into a hilarious tale of London pride! Includes a write your own story activity especially for children ages 3-8 who are planning to visit, or who have recently visited, the great city of London! Looking for a different city? Search Dr. Silly Goose for more city-specific versions of The Three Little Pigs. Also available: Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, Philadelphia, San Antonio, San Diego, Dallas, New York City, Jacksonville, San Francisco, Austin, Seattle, Denver, Washington DC, and Boston.

"He Walks with Dragons" takes place when what was, what is, and what shall be were one in the same. Draig, a boy on the verge of his manhood, is summoned to the majestic mountain by

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the Great Ones. There he finds out he is about to transcend the ages and risk his life to prevent the destruction of mankind. Born into the naïve innocence of ancient man, Draig lives a simple pastoral existence in a quiet, small village. But one day he is flung on a magical journey into a forbidden new world. There, Draconos, a dragon, befriends the boy, training him in the art of warfare. From this day forward, the young boy finds himself in awe at the wonders the world holds for him. Not only has Draig become a man, but he is living like a dragon and learning their mystical powers. “From the time Man first crawled upon this earth...we found him worthy to take his rightful place among the creatures that walk upon the earth. While hiding in the shadows, we have protected him. We have nurtured him all these many ages. But now man grows in great numbers and makes war on everything he sees.” And when the time comes, will Draig be willing to lay down his life for the sake of saving the dragons? And when the dragons are gone, where will he go? He is no longer just a man.

For a limited time, experience the beginning of the Rain Wilds Chronicles series at a special price, including bonus excerpts from other books in the series. In *Dragon Keeper*, too much time has passed since the powerful dragon Tintaglia helped the people of the Trader cities stave off an invasion of their enemies. The Traders have forgotten their promises, weary of the labor and expense of tending earthbound dragons who were hatched weak and deformed by a river turned toxic. If neglected, the creatures will rampage—or die—so it is decreed that they must move farther upriver toward Kelsingra, the mythical homeland whose location is locked deep within the dragons' uncertain ancestral memories. Thymara, an unschooled forest girl, and Alise, wife of an unloving and wealthy Trader, are among the disparate group entrusted with escorting the dragons to their new home. And on an extraordinary odyssey with no

promise of return, many lessons will be learned—as dragons and tenders alike experience hardships, betrayals . . . and joys beyond their wildest imaginings.

FANTASY. Return to the world of the Liveships Traders and journey along the Rain Wild River in this standalone adventure from the author of the internationally acclaimed Farseer trilogy. Guided by the great blue dragon Tintaglia, they came from the sea: a Tangle of serpents fighting their way up the Rain Wilds River, the first to make the perilous journey to the cocooning grounds in generations. Many have died along the way. With its acid waters and impenetrable forest, it is a hard place for any to survive. People are changed by the Rain Wilds, subtly or otherwise. One such is Thymara. Born with black claws and other aberrations, she should have been exposed at birth. But her father saved her and her mother has never forgiven him. Like everyone else, Thymara is fascinated by the return of dragons: it is as if they symbolise the return of hope to their war-torn world.

'You have only one part of the Summoning Ring, ' said the dragon to Fianna. 'And neither the knowledge nor the strength to use it even if it were complete.' Fianna is the only child of King Stannard and Queen Fiona, and has always expected to become the next Keeper of the Dragon Throne. She exiles herself from court when her father decides to take a second wife. Recalled to Secundus castle after Stannard's death, she has to contend with the split loyalties among the royal knights. In desperation, she agrees to summon the dragons to support her claim to the throne. Their challenge sends her to meet them in their Sacred Mountains. In the woods of the unicorn herd, the Prancer loses his milk-brother to an attack by a dragon. He travels across the human kingdoms to seek the killer, discovering the complexities of human relationships and the delights of ale along the way. They meet at the Sacred Mountains. And

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so begins a story of love, friendship--and betrayal.

After escaping the claws of Corrigan, the Lord Alpha of the Brethren, Mack is trying to lead a quiet lonely life in Inverness in rural Scotland, away from anyone who might happen to be a shapeshifter. However, when she lands a job at an old bookstore owned by a mysterious elderly woman who not only has a familiar passion for herbal lore but also seems to know more than she should, Mack ends up caught in a maelstrom between the Ministry of Mages, the Fae and the Brethren. Now she has to decide between staying hidden and facing the music, as well as confronting her real feelings for the green eyed power of Corrigan himself. This is the second book in the popular urban fantasy series, Blood Destiny.

Emma Alexander has been living in San Diego the past eight years building her career. She's only been home once during that time. When she rushes home to deal with a family tragedy, she discovers small towns have long memories. Circumstances force her to deal with the reason she stayed away so long. Now she must decide between the life she left behind and the one she's secretly yearned for. Jack McElroy has been in love with Emma since they met their freshman year of college. The last four years of living in San Francisco have been torturous for him, being away from her. When her promotion moves her north, fear of ruining their friendship tempers his desire to show her how he truly feels. Will he be able to profess his love for her or will her ex-fiancé beat him to the punch?

'Fantasy fans of all ages who love meaty chunks of layered mythology and a strict light versus dark dynamic should enjoy this series' opening volume' Kirkus ReviewsA world exists that is dominated by the forces of Light and Dark magic. A world where The Sands of Time comes to life, a unique and compelling epic fantasy. Xerxes discovers an ancient golden lamp in a shop

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of magical artifacts and his simple life is immediately altered, propelling him into a brand-new world inhabited by powerful alien races. On this strange and distant planet, a world so unlike Earth, Xerxes soon discovers his new identity, one that names him Dragonheart. Presented with an ancient dragon of more than five thousand years old, a dragon with indescribable magical abilities, he is compelled to accept his destiny as Dragon Rider. A destiny that drives him into the heart of threats shadowed over by the evil Naga race. Can Xerxes shoulder the responsibilities of a true Dragonheart? When the significance of the lamp comes to the fore, it becomes evident that the survival of the planet lies entirely in his hands. '...Singh has delivered a strong first book in what will surely be an impressive series...a superb foundation for many more...' Self-Publishing Review' Though dense with world building, this dragon rider tale remains refreshingly optimistic' Kirkus Reviews'...an excellent story that promises even more action in the next volume' Readers' Favorite

From New York Times bestselling master storyteller Robin Hobb comes four thrilling fantasies set in the world of the Rain Wilds. Get all four novels in Robin Hobb's The Rain Wilds Chronicles in one e-book, including Dragon Keeper, Dragon Haven, City of Dragons, and Blood of Dragons. This thrilling series tells the story of the resurgence of dragons in a world that both needs and fears them.

The complete Rain Wild Chronicles by international bestselling author Robin Hobb. This bundle includes DRAGON KEEPER, DRAGON HAVEN, CITY OF DRAGONS and BLOOD OF DRAGONS. 'In today's crowded fantasy market Robin Hobb's books are like diamonds in a sea of zircons' George R.R. Martin

For decades, traditional medicine had very little to offer for individuals suffering from multiple

sclerosis and other autoimmune diseases. Today, medical science has brought us wave upon wave of immunomodulatory medications to try to slow disease progression. Unfortunately, these medications come with their own health- and life-threatening side effects. And sometimes, they just stop working. "Fighting the Dragon: How I Beat Multiple Sclerosis" is the story of one woman's thirty year battle with multiple sclerosis and what she did to reclaim her life when she realized she would need an assisted living facility within a few years. The book contains detailed descriptions of what worked and what did not, where she got the help she needed (and how the reader can locate these resources within his/her own community), and the logic behind the non-conventional therapies. "Fighting the Dragon" is a narrative of courage—courage driven by desperation, a story written by a patient who decided, when her neurologist told her, "You will never walk normally again," that she would dance. "Fighting the Dragon" is also a book the MS patient can take to his/her physician . . . it contains well-researched, easy-to-follow guidelines for what to do and how. The information is also applicable to a wide range of other autoimmune conditions, cancers, and AIDS. * * * * *

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cars . . . and what caused the problem. You might telephone some repair shops to get some idea of what they thought the problem might be. If you found a new mechanic and that mechanic looked over the car and said, “I have a solution that is not in any industry-approved repair manuals, but it is safe and it works,”—would you walk away and go back to the first mechanic who never got it right? Why is your health worth any less than your car?

Reproduction of the original: Love in A Cloud by Arlo Bates

New York Times bestselling author Robin Hobb returns to world of the Rain Wilds—called “one of the most gripping settings in modern fantasy” (Booklist)—in *City of Dragons*. Continuing the enthralling journey she began in her acclaimed *Dragon Keeper* and *Dragon Haven*, Hobb rejoins a small group of weak, half-formed and unwanted dragons and their displaced human companions as they search for a legendary sanctuary. Now, as the misfit band approaches its final destination, dragons and keepers alike face a challenge so insurmountable that it threatens to render their long, difficult odyssey utterly meaningless. Touching, powerful, and dazzlingly inventive, Hobb’s *City of Dragons* is not to be missed—further proof that this author belongs alongside Raymond E. Feist, Terry Brooks, and Lois McMaster Bujold in the pantheon of fantasy fiction’s true greats.

The second volume in this superb trilogy from the author of *The Farseer* trilogy continues the dramatic tale of piracy, serpents, love and magic.

Since the times of magic, Bob Conner's WWII fighter plane was as close as he could get to dancing among the clouds and nestling in the shoulders of his mighty emerald dragon. It had been thousands of years since the magic was buried deep within the Earth to protect it from mankind. Now the world has changed forever as it has been rediscovered, and once again

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brought to the Earth's surface. Now that the magic has been released, it is up to those few elves and dwarfs that have stayed behind to put things back. With the help of three special women and a small air force of vintage aircraft, this courageous group battles the darkness and it is the light that ushers in a whole new age of enchantment.

The Rain Queen invites all to imagine that which has become unimaginable. In 1942 MODJADJI, SOUTH AFRICA, women ruled. This is not fiction, this is fact. Their peaceful culture is the complete antithesis of three strangers who have lost all hope but find it again together as the only survivors of a catastrophic train wreck. They agree to start their lives anew, letting the world believe them dead. As the shine of new money and new lives wears quickly, they find themselves traveling the globe in search of myth and salvation in the form of a 'magic treasure' hidden by Princess Dzugundini, the founder of the Rain Queens over 400 years ago. They soon learn that changing names, identities and bank accounts is merely superficial; they must find faith in themselves before true change can begin. The Rain Queen is a sexy, funny, and fanciful story with a depth of soul that reaches out to remind us what beautiful gifts we're given every day, if we choose to see them.

The acclaimed New York Times bestselling author of *Dragon Keeper* returns with a second enthralling tale of dragons and humans, adventure and discovery, love and freedom Centuries had passed since dragons last roamed the war-torn world of the Rain Wild River. But as peace once again settled upon the land, a lost generation of sea serpents—ancient, half-starved, and weary—returned to cocoon, certain that they would be reborn as the beautiful and powerful dragons of legend. But their arduous journey exacted a heavy toll, and the proud serpents emerged as sickly, half-formed beasts, unable to fly or hunt . . . or thrive. For years now they

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have been trapped on a swampy riverbank between forest and river, hungry and barely alive, reliant on humans to provide for them. With their survival at stake, fifteen dragons—among them the wise golden Mercor, the haughty and dazzling silver-blue queen Sintara, and the delicate copper beauty Relpda—have set off on a dangerous trek into the unknown, up the Rain Wild River, in hopes of rediscovering the ancient Elderling city of Kelsingra, the lost haven for dragons and Elderlings alike. The dragons are accompanied by a disparate group of human keepers, rejects from Rain Wild society. They, too, yearn to find Kelsingra and create a home of their own, one in which they may make their own rules and decide their own fate. But is Kelsingra real or merely a fragment of a glorified past buried deep in the dragons' shared memories? No map exists to guide them, and the noble creatures find their ancient recollections of little use in a land changed by generations of flooding and seismic chaos. As the dragons, the humans—including the strong and defiant Rain Wild girl Thymara; the wealthy dragon scholar and Trader's wife, Alise; and her companion, the urbane Sedric—and their magical supply barge, captained by the gruff Leftrin, forge their way ever deeper into uncharted wilderness, human and beast alike discover they are changing in mysterious and dangerous ways. While the bonds between them solidify, starvation, flashfloods, and predators will imperil them all. But dragons and humans soon learn that the most savage threats come from within their own company . . . and not all of them may survive. Returning to the territory of her beloved *Liveship Traders* and *Tawny Man* trilogies, New York Times bestselling author Robin Hobb creates a lush and ultimately triumphant tale set in an imaginative world of magic and wonder as compelling and emotionally resonant as our own.

When Misako comes to the U.S. as an exchange student from Japan, she is overwhelmed by

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all the differences—the people, the culture, the indigestion! But with the help of her kind host family and their daughter Natalie, she quickly acclimates to her American high school. Then one night, Natalie brings her to see a band and Misako meets Zak, the lead singer. Suddenly Misako's world is turned upside down. Zak is gorgeous and his songs rock Misako to the core. She falls for him hard, but Zak is a girl magnet and much too flirtatious to trust as a boyfriend. So Misako suppresses her feelings and becomes his friend instead. But then Zak starts to give Misako mixed signals. Should she risk their friendship to tell him how she feels? Or will she end up hurting everyone she cares about? Based on the author's own experience, this is an exuberant and funny tale of all the ups and downs of first love.

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