

Custodian Elemental Paladins Book 5

It started with a little white lie...Lindsay Winthrop's weekly podcast on sex and dating has garnered thousands of listeners across the country, thanks to experience with a loving fiancé she's been with for two years. Except, her husband-to-be doesn't exist, and now she's in a bind. With a book deal on the line, she has to find a man fast, and Malik Brooks might be just the man she's looking for. If he knows what's good for him, he'll stay away from her... A few years ago, Malik gave up sex and now works hard as a metal sculptor. In doing so, he's created enough pieces to fill a gallery, and his vow of celibacy has kept him focused. When a major deal falls through, Lindsay makes him an offer he can't refuse, and all he has to do is pretend to be her fiancé. Sounds easy at first, but after one kiss, he wants more. Then things really get interesting.

The Classic Play series takes the most popular aspects of roleplaying and puts them all together in one complete volume. Previous titles have included The Book of Strongholds & Dynasties, The Book of Dragons, The Book of Adventuring, and The Book of Encounters and Lairs. This volume fully details the planes, alternate existences that the brave and foolhardy enter in equal measure. A complete one-stop resource for any games master intending to run games in these worlds, players will also find it immensely valuable if they want their character to survive.

If the author is 'dead', if feminism is 'post-', why does the figure of the woman author keep appearing as a central character in contemporary fiction? She is concerned with ownership but, equally, with loss; determined to enter the cultural field but also rejecting that field; looking for control but subject to duplicity; seeking power alongside desire. Drawing on a diverse range of contemporary authors - including Atwood, Byatt, Brookner, Coetzee, Lurie, LeGuin, Michèle Roberts, Shields, Spark, Weldon, Walker - this study explores the complexity and continuing fascination of this figure.

This book investigates the normalisation of blame-shifting within ideological discourse as a broad feature of history, working from Churchill's truism that history is written by the victors. To that end, it explores historical episodes of political persecution carried out under cover of moral panic, highlighting the process of 'Othering' common to each and theorising a historical model of panic-driven scapegoating from the results. Building this model from case studies in witch panic, communist panic and terrorist panic respectively, *The Oldest Trick in the Book* builds an argument that features common to each case study reflect broader historical patterning consistent with Churchill's maxim. On this basis it argues that the periodic construction of bogeymen or 'folk demons' is a useful device for enabling the kind of victim-playing and victim-blaming critical to protecting elite privilege during periods of crisis and that in being a recurring theme historically, panic-driven scapegoating retains great ongoing value to the privileged and powerful, and thus conspicuously remains an ongoing feature of world politics.

Having lived a sheltered life under her father's strict rule, Ella's newfound freedom is tested when she meets Angelo Tomassi, the most well known crime boss in Miami. Despite his duty to marry another woman, Angelo shows Ella a softer side that wins over her heart. She refuses her chance to leave and willingly gives up her freedom for a chance at love with Angelo. When their romantic involvement ignites a string of brutal attacks from an enemy group, Angelo places Ella under his watchful eye to keep her safe. To his surprise, innocent Ella shoots back with impeccable accuracy and skill, raising questions connected to her past. This book may contain language, violence or sexual content and is intended for mature audiences. Reader discretion is advised.

Under King Charles II, England's New World colonies are flourishing, as is France's colony Louisianne. Napoleon is the dreaded Master of the European continent . . . And Sarah Cunningham, a woman from our own world, knows all too well what a difference this makes, for not long ago she was ripped from her life as a United States citizen in our history. Sarah, now the Duchess of Wessex, journeys to North America with her new husband, the Duke--but this is no pleasure trip. The fate of the world--New and Old--rests on her saving her friend Meriel, rescuing Louis, rightful King of France, from the clutches of the Marquis de Sade, and finding the Holy Grail. But she and her beloved Duke are beset by perils that will test their strength and spirit to the utmost.

The New York Times Best Seller Experience the Star Wars saga reimagined as an Elizabethan drama penned by William Shakespeare himself, complete with authentic meter and verse, and theatrical monologues and dialogue by everyone from Darth Vader to R2D2. Return once more to a galaxy far, far away with this sublime retelling of George Lucas's epic Star Wars in the style of the immortal Bard of Avon. The saga of a wise (Jedi) knight and an evil (Sith) lord, of a beautiful princess held captive and a young hero coming of age, Star Wars abounds with all the valor and villainy of Shakespeare's greatest plays. Authentic meter, stage directions, reimagined movie scenes and dialogue, and hidden Easter eggs throughout will entertain and impress fans of Star Wars and Shakespeare alike. Every scene and character from the film appears in the play, along with twenty woodcut-style illustrations that depict an Elizabethan version of the Star Wars galaxy. Zounds! This is the book you're looking for.

[Siren Classic ManLove: Erotic Alternative Paranormal Romance, M/M, vampires, shape-shifters, HEA] Ashby Fairfax has always looked for love in the wrong places. His last attempt left him running from an abusive boyfriend. Since coming to Arkadia, life has been great. He finally has the family he has always craved. Only one thing is missing, his mate. But how can a small-town fox shifter be mated to a vampire prince? Prince Gabriel has led his people through the ages and into the twenty-first century. He is on the verge of losing his soul when he catches the scent of what may be his mate. Once Ashby is confirmed as his, it seems their troubles begin. Someone is after Ashby. Gabriel's entire coven rallies around their new prince, and for the first time in his existence, Gabriel experiences bone-numbing fear. Can he find the strength to send Ashby to Arkadia to ensure his safety? And will he be able to eliminate the threat before he loses his reason for living? ** A Siren Erotic Romance

Ryker is a paladin. An ancient knight, born to protect those precious few who hold powers over the elements. He is bound by honour, courage and loyalty. But when tragedy strikes he forsakes everything he stands for, vowing never to serve again. He opens his home to other rejected and dishonoured knights ... but never his heart. That is, until a sarcastic, sword-wielding, miniature Warden barges into his life, bringing chaos and mayhem to his carefully ordered world. Will he forgive himself for past mistakes? Or will old wounds continue to scar his future? Max is different. She has a strange affinity to nature and finds herself constantly causing disasters wherever she goes. What's more, strange creatures stalk her every step, their relentless pursuit driving her to the brink of exhaustion. Stumbling upon a gaggle of hot modern-day knights seems too good to be true but she can't deny they have the answers she's looking for. Too bad their Captain is a growly, insensitive jerk who insults her every time he opens his gorgeous mouth. Should she trust her instincts and allow herself to hope for the first time in her life? Or will her fierce independence cause her to lose the one thing she has always craved? A home.

Writers, game designers, teachers, and students ~this is the book youve been waiting for! Written by storytellers for storytellers, this volume offers an entirely new approach to word finding. Browse the pages within to see what makes this book different:

Tome of Beasts 2 Lairs brings you 14 standalone, single-map adventures for the 5th edition of the world's first roleplaying game. Each adventure features new monsters from the Tome of Beasts 2! Some adventures also feature monsters from the first Tome of Beasts and the

Creature Codex, and all three books are required for maximum playability. Each adventure is intended to take one or two sessions to complete and includes a map, adventure hooks, and treasures for your adventurers. The adventures include: To Track a Thief, Level 1 The Forsaken Fort, Level 3 The Twisted Wreath, Level 3 Tragedy at Thyrdun Outpost, Level 3 Shrine of the Hungry Dead, Level 4 Caverns of the Crystal Monolith, Level 5 Fight for Horseshoe Rock Oasis, Level 5 The River Tomb, Level 6 House of the Worm God, Level 7 Terror at the Mountain Lotus Temple, Level 8 Tunnels Below Skulltop Tor, Level 9 Crucible of Golems, Level 10 Fire and Fury, Level 13 Towers of the Three Regents, Level 15

The power of magic can be summoned in many ways. Venture into new magical realms with this D20 sourcebook for all things arcane.

Features include: -- A new variant version of the bard class, including rules for music-based magic. -- Rules for using soul magic, a new type of arcane power that involves the creation and use of sentient spells. -- New original feats, prestige classes and dozens of new spells and magic items. -- The unholy riven, arcane angels and other all-new magical monsters, ready to drop into any campaign.

[Menage Amour ManLove: Erotic Alternative Paranormal Menage a Trois Romance, M/M/M, shape-shifters, sex in partially shifted form, sex toys, HEA] Liam Lewenhardt was devastated when he learned that the little cat Sebastian Wakefield, whom he had known for months, was his mate and had been hiding the truth from him since they met. He has to overcome the pain of his past before he can accept a future with his kitten. But will Sebastian forgive him for ignoring him when the truth finally came out? Sebastian has lost hope that Liam will ever forgive him. He knows what he did was wrong, and that he wounded his mate deeply. Will he be able to find a way to get Liam to see that he really does need him and earn his forgiveness? Kent Fieldings has been walking through life as a spectator. He finds himself mediating between his two hurt mates. Will their history together leave him feeling like a third wheel, or will the heat between his two men burn him alive? Will they be able to come together as a united front before the attempts from an old enemy destroys them? Note: This book contains double anal penetration. ** A Siren Erotic Romance

"Life on a Mediaeval Barony" by William Stearns Davis. Published by Good Press. Good Press publishes a wide range of titles that encompasses every genre. From well-known classics & literary fiction and non-fiction to forgotten?or yet undiscovered gems?of world literature, we issue the books that need to be read. Each Good Press edition has been meticulously edited and formatted to boost readability for all e-readers and devices. Our goal is to produce eBooks that are user-friendly and accessible to everyone in a high-quality digital format. Your favourite characters from the Elemental Paladins series return in The Elemental Collective: Volume One. This collection is filled with novellas and short stories featuring some of the characters you've been dying to hear more about - as well as your old favourites.

MordecaiMordecai has felt eyes watching him for years - and at the most inappropriate times! When he learns Dana - the Great Mother - has been lurking around, he realises it is the Goddess spying on him. But he can't seem to figure out why. He thinks it has to do with their daughter, Max, but is that the whole truth? And what's more, does he want it to be? Dana is sick of being the good little Goddess who sits and watches her creations flounder from afar. But she is bound by rules not of her making. She already broke them once when she slept with the Death Warden and created the miracle that is their daughter. What is she willing to sacrifice to make her dreams come true this time?

KnoxKnox has been blessed with a second chance at life. Once a warden, he became a chade after succumbing to the dark voices in his head. Now reunited with his triplet sons, he has a new lease on life. And when he is tasked to work closely with Dawn, he realises he may also have a new lease on love. As one of the only female Life Wardens in the world, Dawn feels the heavy weight of responsibility with every breath. She has only ever wanted to be seen for the woman she is - not the role she must play. As she settles into her new job on the International Domain Council, she begins to think her luck might just be changing. SunshineMax is happy and more than a little relieved to see her society making strides after the corruption, prejudice, infections and battles that afflicted it for years. She has been blessed with a wonderful family - and more importantly - her man and the precious new life she carries. When Ryker surprises her with a holiday, she is thrilled to have some alone time with her baby-daddy. But will their unborn daughter derail their romantic plans? Ryker is paladin, born to protect and serve. Sure, he's mellowed ever since he fell in love with Max, but he's still a surly, overprotective warrior. What does he know about delivering a baby - his baby?! Well, it looks like he's about to find out when his daughter decides to make her unscheduled arrival in the world.

This is the book that started it all! The basis for the smash hit Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, Gregory Maguire's breathtaking New York Times bestseller Wicked views the land of Oz, its inhabitants, its Wizard, and the Emerald City, through a darker and greener (not rosier) lens. Brilliantly inventive, Wicked offers us a radical new evaluation of one of the most feared and hated characters in all of literature: the much maligned Wicked Witch of the West who, as Maguire tells us, wasn't nearly as Wicked as we imagined.

"Hughes serves up equal measures of wit, intrigue, and seat-of-the-pants action and even dabbles a little in Jungian psychology...Irresistibly good reading."--Booklist Boro Harkless has devoted his life to the service of the Archonite Bureau of Security, the force tasked with keeping the peace among and within the city-states of Old Earth. An idealist driven by the memory of his heroic father, he comes to the city of Sherit, seeking the notorious Luff Imbry. Luff Imbry has devoted his life to the enjoyment of wealth. A gourmet, a charmer, and an ever-so-stylish fop, he has come to the city of Sherit to pursue a new fortune. Not, mind you, his own, for Luff is also a mountebank, swindler, and forger of the first water. Tossed together by circumstance, they form an uneasy truce when they discover a common goal: capturing the grandest con-man of them all, Horselan Gebbling. Gebbling, who made off with Imbry's previous fortune, is posing as Father Olwyn, Sacerdotal Eminence of the Assembly of Tangible Unity, and has chosen as his prey the victims of the first new disease in millennia, the invariably fatal ailment known as the lassitude. Dangled in front of the victims is the fabled relic of past glories, the gemstone called black brillion. About black brillion, learned men agree on only two things: it can do anything, and it doesn't exist. But Gebbling boasts of having it, and its effects on the lassitude are nothing short of magical. Riding a landship across the unnatural prairie known as the Swept, Boro and Luff get caught up in an ever-growing tangle of mysteries. Nonsense chants lead to miracle cures. Guests end up crushed beneath the ship's giant wheels. The crew have secrets of their own. The dangers are not merely physical. On the ship is a noönaut, an explorer of the Commons, the dream realm which contains the memories and emotions of hundreds of thousands of years of human existence. Something in the Commons is calling to Boro to claim him for its own. What lurks beneath the Swept? What hides within the Commons, eager to come out? And exactly what game is Gebbling playing? Filled with dollops of drollery and an ancient evil, Black Brillion is a science fantasy caper that grows into a metaphysical exploration of the human psyche. Matt Hughes has crossed Jack Vance with Carl Jung to come up with a bold new novel of life on an Earth grown older by millions of years. This is the third novel in the Archonate series, following Fools Errant and Fool Me Twice. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Kaiya All Kaiya wants to do is stay on earth, enjoying all that the human world has to offer her, for as long as she possibly can. As the only child of Lucifer and Lilith, and heir to the throne of Hell, that's not really an option. When Lucifer informs her it is time to come home, put away childish dreams, and wed a demon she can't stand, Kaiya has a different idea. Instead of marriage, she runs. But there are dangers lurking in the shadows, dangers she has no idea of ,until her actions put her in the middle of a brewing war. Maddox As a high ranking demon, and a commander in Lucifer's Army of Shadows, Maddox thrives on being an embodiment of lust. He can make anyone, human or demon, feel lust with just a look Anyone but Kaiya. To say their relationship was volatile would be putting it lightly. The demoness hated him. So it comes as no surprise to him when, upon learning of their betrothal, she flees Hell. But there is a war brewing, one that could end Lucifer's rule, and Kaiya might be the catalyst to make it happen. Can Maddox save her, and her legacy, or will her stubbornness doom them all? **Author's note: This book contains sensitive material and is intended for mature readers 18+. Some parts of this book, especially in the beginning, may

be uncomfortable for some readers.

[Menage Amour: Erotic Paranormal Menage a Trois Romance, M/F/M, shape-shifters, HEA] Kate Edwards and Bran McGregor have been mated almost two years and things are going great. So Kate is shocked at her body's reaction to Caleb Donovan, one of the newest members of their Pack and father to twin boys Landon and Lucas. When she realizes that he is her second mate she must figure out a way for them to come together as a family. When the hyenas return, this time to kidnap their sons, Kate, Caleb, and Bran find themselves questioning the loyalty of the Pack around them and relying on those outside the Pack to keep their sons safe. Unable to discover how the hyenas are able to enter Arkadia, tragedy strikes and Pack, Pride, and Sloth come together to defend their town against the hyenas, but will it be enough for everyone to make it out alive? ** A Siren Erotic Romance

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From International Bestseller Michelle Heard, comes a new, sexy novel in the Enemies To Lovers series. RHETT Evie Cole. She's the one person I can't figure out. People say they love you, but what they really mean is that they love how you make them feel about themselves, or what they can take from you. I can't leave her on the streets, so I make her a deal she can't refuse. It buys me the time I need to figure out whether Evie is the real deal or just another gold-digger. The day Evie graduates, she breaks all contact with me, which proves that she was only in it for the money. At least, that's what I think, until random payments are made to my bank account. EVIE Rhett Daniels. My hero, who saved me from a life on the street. My unrequited love, who will sleep with every girl but me. His playful smile and humorous façade might fool others, but not me. I see myself in his eyes. He only has one rule. He'll pay for my education, giving me a chance to become independent. All I have to do is keep my clothes on which also means no dating. I hate being his charity case, but I tell myself it will only be until I graduate. I will find a way to pay him back. The worst part is that I fell in love with him. Hoping to forget the one man I can never have, I move to the other side of the country. I'm determined to make it on my own, but things don't always work out the way we want them to. This is book #5 in the Enemies To Lovers Series. Each book in the series is about a different couple. To get the full experience of their friendship, I'd recommend that you start with Heartless. Reading Order: Heartless - Carter & Della Reckless - Logan & Mia Careless - Jaxson & Leigh Ruthless - Marcus & Willow Shameless - Rhett & Evie

This wide-ranging study surveys the present state of international relations as an academic field. It locates and assesses recent developments in the field - in short, what is being done where, by whom, and why. The editors have focused on some central and controversial theoretical issues, and included surveys of principal sub-fields, as well as the various approaches to the study of international relations in different countries. The book provides a comprehensive overview of an important and fast-growing area of academic endeavour, and is essential reading for teachers and students of international politics and the social sciences at large.

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After her boss became her ex-boyfriend and turned her life inside out, Rebecca is on the road looking for adventure and a place to call home. She never imagined the mysterious road she would take would lead her to a grumpy hot Sheriff, a gorgeous playboy and a group of gay fashionistas, or, that they would be bear and lion shifters. Reading about being a shifter's mate was one thing, living it was another. Aleks has sworn off human women. After working a brutal homicide he has returned to the shifter-only town of his birth to date the local shifter women and hopefully find a nice female bear to give him cubs. When Fate throws him an itty, bitty human as a mate, he refuses to have anything to do with her. As the attraction between them grows Aleks realizes that he can't seem to stay away from the tiny dark-haired human, but the realization may come too late, as he faces the fact that though her body was never in any danger, he may have shattered her heart. He wonders if she will be safe with him and she wonders if she will ever be what he always wanted. In the end he they will both see that Fate Knows Best

I've restored my soul, but now I'm trapped in the Citadel, separated from Ali. Worse, she believes I've betrayed her. And she's desperate to kill me. Even as I work to save her, a great reckoning between the tribes of Elves threatens to ruin my plans. And if I don't solve this, Ali and I will both end up in Hel.

It doesn't take a legendary sword to make a legendary swordsman, but it certainly helps. Keras Selyrian is already well on the way to cutting his name into the annals of legend. He's fought false divinities, thieving sorcerers, and corrupt demigods - and left them defeated in his wake. But he's a long way from home, and Kaldwyn offers a different brand of danger than he's used to. He's already got a sword of unfathomable power, but it's damaged and leaking world-annihilating mana, so he's in the market for a new one. Possibly six. The more the better, really. The Six Sacred Swords are Kaldwyn's most famous artifacts, forged as the only means to defeat the god beasts. Each sword must be earned by a worthy champion, and no single person has ever managed to collect them all. Not yet, at least. Keras is just getting started. Additional Info: Six Sacred Swords is a light-hearted fantasy adventure inspired by Japanese game series like The Legend of Zelda, Final Fantasy, and Fire Emblem. It takes place in the same universe as the Arcane Ascension novels, but years earlier and with a different protagonist. While the books are interconnected, they can be read on their own in any order

Ritual landscapes and borders are recurring themes running through Professor Kalle Sognnes' long research career. This anthology contains 13 articles written by colleagues from his broad network in appreciation of his many contributions to the field of rock art research.

BOOK TWO IN THE ELEMENTAL PALADINS SERIES Ancient knights ... with a modern twist! Honour. Duty. Loyalty. Control. These are the principles Darius lives by - almost to the point of obsession. They had forged him into a noble knight but had also cost him the woman of his dreams and wrought a non-relenting hatred for his personal nemeses; the chades. When a tiny, redheaded, whirlwind of trouble descends upon him and his fellow knights in a flurry of questions and impossibilities, Darius finds himself struggling to reconcile his past values with his future desires. For Diana, the arrival of Max brings with it a portent; revolution. As a paladin of death, acceptance is at her core. So embracing the sarcastic powerhouse as her sworn liege is easy. But embracing a certain air paladin who is a pathological rule-follower? Well, that wasn't so easy, despite the attraction they have shared for centuries. With Darius confronted by his demons and a bitter Warden bent on exacting revenge, will the two knights ever reach their happily ever after?

When properly conducted, risk analysis enlightens, informs, and illuminates, helping management organize their thinking into

properly prioritized, cost-effective action. Poor analysis, on the other hand, usually results in vague programs with no clear direction and no metrics for measurement. Although there is plenty of information on risk analysis

The poet's 1923 debut features some of his most famous works, including "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird," "The Emperor of Ice-Cream," and "Peter Quince at the Clavier."

In the second edition of *The Idea of Nature in Disney Animation*, David Whitley updates his 2008 book to reflect recent developments in Disney and Disney-Pixar animation such as the apocalyptic tale of earth's failed ecosystem, *WALL-E*. As Whitley has shown, and Disney's newest films continue to demonstrate, the messages animated films convey about the natural world are of crucial importance to their child viewers. Beginning with *Snow White*, Whitley examines a wide range of Disney's feature animations, in which images of wild nature are central to the narrative. He challenges the notion that the sentimentality of the Disney aesthetic, an oft-criticized aspect of such films as *Bambi*, *The Jungle Book*, *Pocahontas*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Finding Nemo*, necessarily prevents audiences from developing a critical awareness of contested environmental issues. On the contrary, even as the films communicate the central ideologies of the times in which they were produced, they also express the ambiguities and tensions that underlie these dominant values. In distinguishing among the effects produced by each film and revealing the diverse ways in which images of nature are mediated, Whitley urges us towards a more complex interpretation of the classic Disney canon and makes an important contribution to our understanding of the role popular art plays in shaping the emotions and ideas that are central to contemporary experience.

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