

Dark Secret

When Starflight is kidnapped by the NightWings he finds that the kingdom of his birth is a miserable place, full of terrible secrets--and that, with his fellow dragonets too far away to help, the fate of two kingdoms rests in his talons.

Magic is the activation of codes of consciousness capable of collapsing time. These codes exist in all humans, in a field of energy and power called the super conscious, or the gold mind. This book is the New Spirituality, carrying the New Myth of Awakening and the Awakened. Because the Truth is this: You are wired for magic. Thriving is your natural state. And genius is in your bones. You've just been running your great godly power through a tiny, cramped, low-voltage energy management system that was never built to handle the demands of a genius giant like you. It's like trying to light up all of Los Angeles on a single generator. Hello lights off most of the time. Blindness. Stumbling around in the deep shadows thinking something is terribly wrong with your generator. There's nothing "wrong" with it. It just needs to be replaced with a Universal Power Management System, which you already have all wired up, and connected, and in place, you just gotta be told where the switch is. And then? Magic is inevitable. And I do mean magic: What any typical human would consider "impossible," "miraculous" and totally inexplicable. You know, like the way a Neanderthal would feel about an iPhone. Because magic is not a mystery. It's a spiritual science. And I'm here to teach it to you. And why does the world need ANOTHER book on manifestation exactly? Yes, I've heard of a little, no-name piece of work called "The Secret." The one that's right up there with the BIBLE in terms of global sales and impact, and that's ALL ABOUT manifestation and features people WAY MORE POPULAR AND WELL-KNOWN than I, who are considered the world's EXPERTS on this very subject. So HOW EXACTLY do I expect to hold a candle to THAT? I'm so glad you asked. So just to kinda summarize your position (which is completely understandable by the way)...You're saying there are these spiritual giants roaming the land of manifestation.....and who am I to go up against them. Do I have that right? Cool. So lemme tell you this story, maybe you've heard it. About David and Goliath? Where Goliath was the giant? Who was terrorizing the Israelites? And every day he'd lumber his huge, terrifying self out onto the battlefield and dare someone to face him in single combat. But hello. He was a fucking giant. And they were all "just humans." So even Saul, the KING of Israel, was like, hmmm. No thanks. So this went on for forty days. Then one day a little shepherd boy named David, who was bringing food to his brothers, heard about all this hullabaloo, and was like, Jesus Christ (well, not yet. This is still Old Testament times, but you get the point). I'll do it. Saul offered David his armor, and David was like, Hey, thanks, Saul, King of Israel who's supposed to be doing this but isn't because you're too scared. I'm cool. I have my SLINGSHOT. And he went out into the field, swung that fucker around, hit Goliath right in the center of his forehead (so, ummm, in this THIRD EYE), and down that great and terrifying giant went. And then a little later, that no-name shepherd boy became King. The subtitle of this book isn't called "Magic and the Takeover of Consciousness" for nothin'. I know what I'm up against. And I know exactly where to aim my shot. And I know that when you see that beautiful philosopher's stone of the truth of consciousness travel its most arresting arc through the air of spiritual intelligence and hit the giants of manifestation right in their third eye, (which is totally blind), your third eye will FLY

OPEN and that. Will be the end of that. Because the truth there's a dirty secret no one's talking about in the world of spiritual transformation, self help and the way manifestation is being taught: None of it really works all that well and even the inner circle of spiritual gurus can't manifest on demand. I'm here to change that for you.

Since September 11, 2001, the United States has investigated and prosecuted public employees, journalists, and the press for the dissemination of classified information relating to the national security. What is the cause of the recent tension between the government and the press? Perhaps the media are pressing more aggressively to pierce the government's shield of secrecy. Perhaps the government is pressing more aggressively to expand its shield of secrecy. Perhaps both factors are at work. *Top Secret* explores not why this is happening, but whether the measures taken and suggested by the executive branch to prevent and punish the public disclosure of classified information are consistent with the First Amendment. This book, the first in the *Free Expression in America* series, addresses four critical issues: a public employee's right to disclose classified information to a journalist, the government's right to punish the press for publishing classified information, the government's right to punish a journalist for soliciting such information, and a journalist's right to keep his sources anonymous.

A Dark Secret is a heartwarming tale of a police inspector with a broken marriage who received suspension from work. She was diagnosed with breast cancer and had to have a double mastectomy. On the day she left the hospital, she was handed her divorce papers. During her recovery, her husband was shot dead. She would now like to return to work, but only on her terms. This is the story of her fight back with dignity. For fans of Kathleen Barber and Julia Heaberlin comes a chilling psychological suspense from award-winning author Jen Williams about a woman who discovers her late mother had a decades-long secret correspondence with a serial killer, begging the question: how well do we know our own family and even ourselves? When prodigal daughter Heather Evans returns to her family home after her mother's baffling suicide, she makes an alarming discovery--stacks and stacks of carefully preserved letters from notorious serial killer Michael Reave. The "Red Wolf," as he was dubbed by the press, has been in prison for over twenty years, serving a life sentence for the gruesome and ritualistic murders of several women across the country, although he has always protested his innocence. The police have had no reason to listen, yet Heather isn't the only one to have cause to re-examine the murders. The body of a young woman has just been found, dismembered and placed inside a tree, the corpse planted with flowers. Just as the Red Wolf once did. What did Heather's mother know? Why did she kill herself? And with the monstrous Red Wolf safely locked inside a maximum security prison, who is stalking young women now? Teaming up with DI Ben Parker, Heather hopes to get some answers for herself and for the newest victims of this depraved murderer. Yet to do that, she must speak to Michael Reave herself, and expose herself to truths she may not be ready to face. Something dark is walking in the woods, and it knows her all too well.

Just when Casey thinks her foster care duties are done, she's asked to look after Sam, a troubled nine-year-old with a violent streak who drove his previous guardians to release him of their care. It soon unfolds, however, that this is no simple case.

USA Today best-selling authors, Avelyn Paige and Geri Glenn, return with the second

book in the Black Hoods MC, showing that there's a thin line between love and hate. Years ago Shelby Dawson fled, with nothing but a broken heart and a baby on the way. She never expected to see him again. She sure as hell never wanted to need him. Until her daughter meets the wrong man online. Until her daughter is taken. When Shelby shows up at the clubhouse, drenched in rain and crying over her missing daughter, he wants to hurt her like she'd hurt him. But when he discovers the missing daughter is his, he'll rain down hell on whoever took her, and he might just find redemption in the process.

The mystery of how Bruce Wayne became Batman, illustrated by Caldecott Honor artist Jon J Muth!

It is said that a middle child is born in a crack of time where dreams come true and fairy tales are written. This is certainly true of Stella Jones, though not in the way she would have wished. Desperate to escape her mad, warring family and convinced she is destined for greater things, she is suddenly sent to the grim Chillington House, a children's home run by the lizard-like Mr Sneadman where she has to face all her worst fears. But Chillington House is the least of Stella's problems. Shocked to discover that she is a Changeling - a child who was part-raised by the Fairlings - she must now save their ancient habitat in the beautiful Rainbow Woods before her next birthday or be forfeited to the Devil! With her real-life fairy tale quickly becoming a nightmare and only three weeks left before her birthday, Stella embarks on her grand quest. Will she have the courage and determination to overcome her dreaded fate and discover her true, magical destiny?

Two girls haunted by the past...and destined to relive it In *Legacy of Lies*, Megan has to stay with the uptight grandmother she wants nothing to do with. She's determined to get through the visit without any drama, but when she falls into a twisted love triangle with potentially fatal consequences, Megan may be caught up in her family's legacy in more ways than she realizes. In *Don't Tell*, Lauren knows that by returning to the town where her mother drowned seven years ago, she'll be reliving one of her most haunting memories. When she arrives, she is propelled into a series of mysterious events that mimic the days leading up to her mother's death. Maybe her mother's drowning wasn't an accident after all...and maybe Lauren is next.

The truth behind the hero Officer Jack Trestain may have been one of Wellington's most valued code-breakers, but since Waterloo, he's hung up his uniform. If only he could just as easily put aside the tortured memories he carries deep within... Perhaps enchanting French artist Celeste Marmion might be the distraction he so desperately craves? Except Celeste harbors secrets of her own, and questions that she needs Jack's help to solve! With Celeste's every touch an exquisite temptation, how close can Jack get without revealing his darkest secret of all? *Comrades in Arms* War heroes, heartbreakers...husbands?

An original LitRPG fantasy from one of the fathers of LitRPG. #1 bestseller in audiobooks. The unrelenting #1 LitRPG bestseller since 2012. Translated into

English, German, Polish, Czech and Korean languages. The Virtual World of Barliona is a place of rest and entertainment - but not for everyone. It has become a survival arena for Daniel Mahan after he was sentenced to 8 years in its virtual jail. Mahan has been through it all: the back-breaking work in the mines, betrayal by other prisoners, and finally, the retrial which has released him into Barliona's common world. What more could one want? Mahan could have kept a low profile and enjoy relative freedom while serving the rest of his time. But being a Shaman, he can't help himself. Soon he's a clan leader, taking fifty of the continent's top players to claim the secrets of the Dark Forest.

Some secrets change the world The good news: I have a new life in a crazy city full of actual magic. Wild, right? The bad news: I still don't have a guild, which means I'm halfway to being an outlaw. My days here are numbered. When an enchanted book reveals dark secrets from Guild City's past, a dangerous threat rises. Worse, it has stained my friend Mac with a deadly curse. It's up to me to save her-and maybe even the city itself-but the only person who knows about the city's hidden past is the Devil of Darkvale, my Cursed Mate. The immortal vampire could be my downfall. But if I want any chance of saving Mac and the city I love, I must go to him for answers.

What really happened to Mother? Lauren has come home seven years after her famous mother's mysterious drowning. They said it was an accident, but the tabloids screamed murder. Her father, a senator, hadn't protected her. Aunt Jule was her only refuge, the beloved godmother she's returning to see. Lauren stops at Wisteria's annual street festival and meets Nick, a tease, a flirt, and a childhood playmate. The day is almost perfect -- until she realizes she's being watched. Arriving at Aunt Jule's, Lauren is shocked at the decay of the riverfront home. Aunt Jule seems angry and defensive, even as she fusses over Lauren at her daughter Holly's expense. Nora, Jule's other daughter, is silent and spooky, and stares at Lauren with frightening intensity. Meanwhile, Nick has acted as if he wants to be more than Lauren's friend. So why is he suddenly glued to Holly and almost hostile to Lauren? How can she trust him -- especially now that a series of nasty "accidents" makes Lauren realize that somebody wants her dead? This time, there's no place to run.

You've devoured The Fifty Shades Trilogy . . . Now prepare yourself for incredible sensual revelations in a... Dark Secret. Harriet Radcliffe is bored with her life. At twenty-three, her steady job and safe engagement seem very dull. If she is to inject a little excitement into her life, she realises, now is the time to do it. But the excitement lying in wait for Harriet is beyond even her wildest ambitions.

Answering a job advertisement to assist a world-famous actress, Harriet finds herself plunged into an intense and secret world of sexual obsession - playing an unwitting part in a very private drama, but discovering in the process more about her own desires than she had ever dreamed possible . . . The prequel to Forbidden Desires.

In this pair of literary voyages into the inner self, Conrad wrote two of the most

chilling, disturbing, and noteworthy pieces of fiction of the 20th century. "Heart of Darkness" and "The Secret Sharer" encapsulate his literary achievements--and his haunting portrayal of the dark side of man. Revised reissue.

"A deeply curious and evenhanded report on our national appetites." --The New York Times In the tradition of Fast Food Nation and The Omnivore's Dilemma, an extraordinary investigation into the human lives at the heart of the American grocery store The miracle of the supermarket has never been more apparent. Like the doctors and nurses who care for the sick, suddenly the men and women who stock our shelves and operate our warehouses are understood as 'essential' workers, providing a quality of life we all too easily take for granted. But the sad truth is that the grocery industry has been failing these workers for decades. In this page-turning expose, author Benjamin Lorr pulls back the curtain on the highly secretive grocery industry. Combining deep sourcing, immersive reporting, and sharp, often laugh-out-loud prose, Lorr leads a wild investigation, asking what does it take to run a supermarket? How does our food get on the shelves? And who suffers for our increasing demands for convenience and efficiency? In this journey:

- We learn the secrets of Trader Joe's success from Trader Joe himself
- Drive with truckers caught in a job they call "sharecropping on wheels"
- Break into industrial farms with activists to learn what it takes for a product to earn certification labels like "fair trade" and "free range"
- Follow entrepreneurs as they fight for shelf space, learning essential tips, tricks, and traps for any new food business
- Journey with migrants to examine shocking forced labor practices through their eyes

The product of five years of research and hundreds of interviews across every level of the business, *The Secret Life of Groceries* is essential reading for those who want to understand our food system--delivering powerful social commentary on the inherently American quest for more and compassionate insight into the lives that provide it.

The story in which the students of the school of San Marcos are disturbed by restless souls. The lesson of this story is to be calm, observant, do not Just get angry with the poor and be insulted by anyone.

As strangers surrounded her mother's casket, Molly sat with her sister, Babs, on a trunk. Much too young to understand what was happening, Molly had no idea what was in store for Babs or herself or that it would be the last night they would spend together. Before night's end it was decided that Molly would live with her Aunt Dora and that Babs would go with another uncle. The two girls were reluctantly separated. As Molly grew up, the sadness she endured was visible in her eyes. She missed her sister, Babs, who was facing struggles of her own. With her father a stranger and her aunt jealous of her beauty, Molly became a rebellious child who was abused and treated like the black sheep of the family. The destinies of the two sisters eventually took them to opposite sides of the country, and Molly struggled to find happiness amid a chaotic present and an uncertain future. When she eventually met the love of her life, she could only hope she finally found the one person who could give her what she has always

wanted. In this personal narrative, which incorporates original poetry throughout, a woman recalls her heartbreaking coming-of-age journey, revealing the skeletons hidden within her closet and her search for unconditional love.

“If there has been a better mystery-suspense story written in this decade, I can’t think of it . . . transcend[s] the genre.” —Stephen King “A cruel and cunning mystery . . . Plot-twisting, mind-altering and monstrously funny.” —The New York Times Book Review The latest gripping psychological thriller from Edgar Award winner Alex Marwood When a child goes missing at an opulent house party, it makes international news. But what really happened behind those closed doors? Twelve years ago, Mila Jackson’s three-year-old half-sister Coco disappeared during their father’s fiftieth birthday celebration, leaving behind her identical twin Ruby as the only witness. The girls’ father, Sean, was wealthy and influential, as were the friends gathered at their seaside vacation home for the weekend’s debauchery. The case ignited a media frenzy and forever changed the lives of everyone involved. Now, Sean Jackson is dead, and the people who were present that terrible night must gather once more for a funeral that will reveal that the secrets of the past can never stay hidden. Perfectly paced all the way through its devastating conclusion, *The Darkest Secret* is one that fans of Gillian Flynn and Liane Moriarty won’t be able to put down.

Dark Secret Penguin

Anthony Monday and Miss Eells are amazed when the predictions of destructive weather found in J.K. Borkman's diary begin to come true.

The New York Times bestselling author returns with the moving story of a family who learns to overcome betrayal and secrets with courage and love On the outside, twelve-year-old Jillian Maxwell is the perfect child. She's helpful with chores around the house, gets straight As in school, has plans for college, and stays out of trouble. She seems to have everything a girl could want: a big, beautiful new home, an adoring little sister, a mother who cares about her, and an attentive stepfather. But inside, Jillian harbors a terrible secret. Too frightened to tell, convinced that her friends and loved ones, especially her mother, won't understand—and worse, will blame her—Jillian endures her pain in silence, believing that things will get better. However, as time passes and her dilemma intensifies, the bright, hardworking girl becomes sullen and disinterested in her studies. Then, just when it seems she's on the verge of losing everything, Jillian discovers she has more strength than she ever imagined...and the power to change her fate. With sensitivity and grace, Kimberla Lawson Roby addresses a very real and serious issue, while delivering the inspiring tale of one family's mission to shed light into the darkest corner of their lives.

When a young girl goes missing in Kentucky, thousands join the search for her. From military stationed at the nearby base to the local police department and many civilian residents who never even knew the girl or her family - the effort put forth to find her was immense. When the FBI get involved, the missing girl's case takes a different turn. Only three people know what really happened to the little

girl. Will any of them talk? Will there ever be justice for little Alex Suleski? Includes a first hand account from a witness to the entire case, as well as court transcripts and wire tape transcriptions.

Kimberla Lawson Roby explores the consequences of a life-altering family trauma in *A Deep Dark Secret*, tackling controversy with the same storytelling brio and startling insight into human nature that made her previous books *New York Times* bestsellers. Leaving behind the world of philandering preacher Curtis Black and his family—featured in her acclaimed novels *Too Much of a Good Thing*, *Love and Lies*, *Sin No More*, and *The Best of Everything*—Roby enters the life of a little girl hiding *A Deep Dark Secret* and gets to the troubling root of an all too prevalent societal and family issue. Both groundbreaking and ultimately hopeful, this coming-of-age story is powerful, brave, and unforgettable.

Pepsi hides a dark secret deep in its recent history, marginally unreported and unknown of. This book aims to reveal and explore that secret which PepsiCo has hidden from their consumers.

She is the last person I should fall in love with ... And yet it was inevitable. The moment I set eyes on Temple Dubois, I knew I had to have her. Her beautiful face, her smile, the body that haunts my dreams. I need her in my bed, in my life. The scent of her skin, the way the curves of her body cling to me ... God, she's incredible. And a virgin ... Before I'm done with her, I'll make sure she's as insatiable as I am ... what am I saying? I'll never be done with her. She's my life now ...

Insightful, Revealing, Shocking! What it was truly like to live and love under South Africa's apartheid regime. With a Foreword by Ken Andrew, former South African Opposition M.P. and human rights advocate. In 1982, Fran Walker was born in California and given up for adoption. Twenty years later, she is on a quest to find her biological parents and solve questions that have plagued her since childhood. Four women are the storytellers and each narrates her perspective of events that began in 1980, when two students fell in love in South Africa. In addition to Fran, the women are her birth mother, biological grandmother, and adoptive mother. 1980 was a difficult time in apartheid-era South Africa for those who opposed government policies; it was extremely dangerous to act outside the law. As a bi-racial couple in a country governed by strict laws of racial segregation, Valerie and Johan's love affair was clandestine. The consequence of their forbidden love, if discovered, would be immediate incarceration. A child from such a union was unthinkable. Discovering she is pregnant, Valerie is faced with imminent exposure. Unable to communicate with Johan, who is being closely monitored by the police, she makes decisions that will have far-reaching consequences. Her actions, as well as those of her mother, Sharon Spencer, and Grace Walker – Fran's adoptive mother, raise the question: More than biology, what does it take to be a mother? Fran despairs when, amidst prejudice and recrimination, her search discovers a family alienated and broken. But the journey to South Africa is a coming of age for her when she falls in love with a fellow student. She gains insights which help her understand and forgive the circumstances that surrounded her birth. "Light on a Dark Secret is a vivid reminder of apartheid's injustice and its far-reaching effects." Ken Andrew

Alison Tyler, "mistress of literary erotica," has mined her memoirs, spinning a kinky fairy tale with a happily-ever-after ending. *Dark Secret Love* is a modern-day *Story of O*, a 9

1/2 Weeks-style journey fueled by lust, longing and the search for true love. Inspired by her BDSM lifestyle and based on her private diaries, Tyler draws on her twenty-five years' experience penning sultry stories to create a scorchingly hot work of autobiographical fiction, a meta-novel with reality at the core. Take a deep breath and get your safe word handy. Alison Tyler will push your boundaries to their limits—and have you begging for more.

From the author of *The Missing Girl*, Jenny Quintana's gripping novel, *Our Dark Secret*, tells the story of two girls, two deaths and two decades of silence . . . The crazy girls, they called them – or at least, Elizabeth liked to think they did. As a teenager in the late 1970s, she was clever, overweight and a perfect victim for the bullies. Then Rachel and her family arrived in town and, for Elizabeth, it was as if a light had been switched on. She was drawn to the bright and beautiful Rachel like a moth to a flame. Rachel had her own reasons for wanting Elizabeth as a friend, and although their relationship was far from equal, Elizabeth would do anything for Rachel. Then the first body was discovered. Twenty years on, Elizabeth wants nothing more than to keep the secrets of her teenage years where they belong: in the past. But another body has been found, and she can't keep running from what happened. Can she?

There's no wrath like that of a witch scorned. Seventeen-year-old spirit witch Ava López is the self-appointed guardian of the witches and humans of Darkhaven, an idyllic village nestled between the forest and the sea. Her watch: vicious and bloodthirsty vampires. Ava is a novice in the eyes of her coven. If she expects to protect them and the secrecy of their powers, she must gain better control of her own. When a full moon ritual goes awry, control may be lost forever, and Ava is exiled from her coven. Forced to seek refuge among the beings she had always sworn herself to hunt, she vows revenge on those who have upended her life. But the more time Ava spends away from her coven, the more she discovers a startling truth: the witches haven't been honest with her. Ava's quest to strip the truth from everything she's ever known begins with the toughest realization of all—coming to terms with who she has become.

Two girls haunted by the past... and destined to relive it. *Legacy of Lies (Book #1)* When Megan arrives at her grandmother's house she immediately feels that there is something curiously familiar about the place. She's been there in her dreams, or rather her nightmares, but still cannot place what exactly it is that gives her the creeps. All Megan wants to do is get through the visit without any drama, but as the house starts to reveal its secrets and the past comes to light, Megan finds herself caught up in a twisted love triangle with potentially fatal consequences. *Don't Tell (Book #2)* Lauren knows that by returning to the town where her mother "accidentally" drowned seven years ago, she'll be reliving one of her most haunting memories. When she arrives, she is propelled into a series of mysterious events that mimic the days leading up to her mother's death. Could it be that her mother's drowning wasn't an accident after all? And as the past unravels around her Lauren begins to wonder whether she might be next... For fans of YA paranormal romance & supernatural suspense.

Rafael De La Cruz, an immortal Carpathian, is determined to possess the fiercely independent and mortal Colby Jansen as his own.

In the shadows, trouble is brewing... When Starflight is stolen by his own tribe, he hopes to at least discover some of the long-held NightWing secrets—what magical powers they really have, who they're allied with in the war, and where they've been living

all this time. But the truth about Starflights tribe is more terrible than he ever imagined: Not only do the NightWings live in a dark, miserable place, but they've imprisoned several innocent RainWings there, too. Stranded and alone, Starflight only wants to get back to his friends. But the fate of two kingdoms now rests in his talons, and with no one to save him, Starflight will have to find a way to be brave... before its too late. The WINGS OF FIRE saga continues with a visit to the mysterious land of the NightWings, where Starflight must face a terrible choice---his home, or his friends? Starflight has always wanted to see his home -- but he's also been afraid of his fellow NightWings. Starflight is the smartest of the dragonets... but is he brave enough to speak up?

When Rock Wolfe was fourteen, he tried to kill his father. Twenty years later, someone else finished the job. Now Rock is returning to New York for the reading of the billionaire's will. No way did Derek Wolfe leave anything to his oldest son, but according to Rock's brother, his presence is required. Estate attorney Lacey Ward isn't looking forward to the reading. None of Derek Wolfe's children will be happy, least of all his oldest. When Rock enters the conference room, Lacey is stunned. He's a rebel--a biker all muscled and gorgeous in black leather. This won't be easy, especially since she can't stop staring at him. Rock pays no attention to the reading. He's lost in a fantasy of bending his father's hot attorney over a desk. He's not a commitment kind of guy, though, and she screams white picket fence. Sparks fly between them, but the murder lurks in the back of their minds. Rock knows all his family's secrets...or so he thinks. Mysteries seem to hide everywhere--mysteries that threaten not only his and Lacey's future but their lives as well.

The #1 New York Times bestselling Wings of Fire series soars to new heights in the fourth graphic novel adaptation! In the shadows, trouble is brewing . . .When Starflight is stolen by his own tribe, he hopes to at least discover some of the long-held NightWing secrets -- what magical powers they really have, who they're allied with in the war, and where they've been living all this time. But the truth about Starflight's tribe is more terrible than he ever imagined: Not only do the NightWings live in a dark, miserable place, but they've imprisoned several innocent RainWings there, too. Stranded and alone, Starflight only wants to get back to his friends. But the fate of two kingdoms now rests in his talons, and with no one to save him, Starflight will have to find a way to be brave . . . before it's too late.

Meet a savage hunter from the darkest jungles and the beautiful prey he'll never let escape in this sensual Carpathian novel from #1 New York Times bestselling author Christine Feehan. Rafael De La Cruz has spent centuries hunting vampires with his brothers, and with each passing year his capacity to feel emotions has grown weaker and weaker until finally there's barely even a memory left—until only sheer willpower keeps him from turning into the very abomination he hunts. But it'll take more than will to keep him away from the woman who is meant to be his and his alone... For five years, rancher Colby Jansen has been the sole protector of her younger half-siblings, and with fierce determination and work she has kept her family together and the ranch operational. Now, the De La Cruz brothers are threatening that stability. They claim that her siblings belong with their father's family, not with her. Colby vows to fight them—especially the cold and arrogant Rafael De La Cruz. But Rafael is after more than her family—he wants Colby, and will not let anything stand between them. After ages of

Loneliness, the raw desire to possess her overwhelms his very soul, driving him to claim her as his lifemate.

[Copyright: 3b8bdb18552bcf0f89c1a5542f0e7549](#)