

## Dark State Empire Games

**KITTY'S BIG ADVENTURE** - This short, easy-to-read children's story is told with 332 words and 34 color photos. The story is about a stuffed animal named Kitty and Kitty's friends Al and Wendell, who are stuffed baby raccoons. The three friends take a trip to Grandfather Mountain, a state park in North Carolina. There they see deer, a bear, an eagle, a cougar, and an otter. They also go on the Mile High Swinging Bridge and visit the Nature Museum. The story ends with them riding home in the car.

Life is indeed a game that we all play to pass time; simply a series of days strung together, made up of how you planned or decided to spend the moments. Like any game how well it is played or whether life's circumstances are interpreted accurately, then used to the best advantage, makes losers and winners to varying degrees. Senseless insanity is alive and well within the world. The world is awash with unruly forces, that if not intent upon harming you do desire to become a destabilising force, either temporarily or over the long term. We are all participants in a charade, how life evolves and turns out all depend on how well the game is played. It is not wise or ideal to treat life like a game of chance, a random roll of the dice that can determine unpredictable outcomes. The cost of success is the careful application of well thought out concepts and ideas. Like any game preparation is critical; understanding the rules, knowing how to manipulate the dynamics at play efficiently to ones own advantage, understanding the intricacies of the rules and how to capitalise upon or create opportunities, pursuing whatever circumstances are present to maximise whatever potential exists to the best advantage. The potential opportunities in life are only limited by the inability to firstly comprehend them and secondly to fully utilise personal abilities to maximise the potential that is available. Don't wait for special times to evolve, rather create them in accordance with your true desires to experience what you wish to make real. Much like any game, the game of life has things that can be obtained, or things that can be lost. How the game is played, the value of the stakes, the opposing factions all come to dictate an outcome, be that favourable or lacking any resemblance of being lucky. A life lived based upon any reliance on luck or fate being favourable is tempting only to the over optimistic, or those extremely lucky ones or who were fortunate in the past and believe that good fortune will continue in the future. While it takes resources to control the world, the control of your own specific world environment is really within your potential to achieve. How you choose to control your world, as well as to what extent your desires are put into action, determine whether your life will meet your wishes or not. The amount of thought and energy you exhort, the persistence of that effort, all comes to determine whether and to what degree what you want is what you actually get. In life you may win or loose at times, it's basically just like playing a game; the right mentality is chancing the wheel of life by trusting and ensuring you will win just the same.

The Merchant Princes is a sweeping new series from the hottest new writer in science fiction! The six families of the Clan rule the kingdom of Gruinmarkt from behind the scenes, a mixture of nobility and criminal conspirators whose power to walk between their world and ours make them rich in both. Braids of family loyalty and intermarriage provide a fragile guarantee of peace, but a recently ended civil war has left the families shaken and suspicious. Miriam, a hip tech journalist from Boston, discovered her alternate-world relatives with explosive results that shook three worlds. Now, as the prodigal Countess Helge Thorold-Hyorth, she finds herself ensnared in schemes and plots centuries in the making. She is surrounded by unlikely allies, lethal contraband, and, most dangerous of all, her family. With her modern American attitudes, she's not sure she can fit in, or if she even wants to, but to stay alive, she really has no choice. To avoid a slippery slope down to an unmarked grave, Miriam must build a power-base of her own. She started applying modern business practices and scientific knowledge to a trade heretofore dominated by medieval mercantilists-with unexpected consequences for three different timelines, including the quasi-Victorian one exploited by the hidden family. Blending the creativity and humor, and the rigor and scope of science-fiction on the grandest scale, Charles Stross has set a new standard for fantasy epics. Charles Stross is one of the big new SF writers of the 21st century, and the saga of The Merchant Princes is his most ambitious work yet. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Kidnapped by the government and transported to a mysterious battleground, 50 high school students are forced to fight to the death in a brutal televised contest called Classroom Deathmatch! From the creators of Panty Explosion comes the Indie RPG Award winning role playing game inspired by the controversial novel Battle Royale . A game of trust, friendship, murder and betrayal. Welcome to Classroom Deathmatch

On the run from the Organization, Starr never planned on falling in love. Starr Bishop's the complete package. A perfect smile, brains to match, and a winning attitude. Boys want to date her and girls want to be her. She's the type of girl you want to hate, if only she wasn't so damn likable. But don't worry, she's not interested in your boyfriend. Boys are one complication she can live without. When the Organization decides she's not only the model student but the ideal assassin, Starr'll need a lot more than high test scores and extracurricular involvement to get herself out of that commitment. Dark, moody, and dead sexy Christian Evergood is the last person she'd expect-or even want- to come to her rescue. From opposite ends of Webster High's social hierarchy, their lives collide in one electrifying moment. Christian isn't the Goth loner he pretends to be, he's a part Cherokee, All-American boy who wants to be a hero, Starr's hero. Christian makes Starr forget that the Organization is after her, but nothing will stop the Organization from collecting their top recruit. By the way, the spot for junior class president just became available. What People Are Saying About Starr Fall... "I was swept up in Kim Briggs' whirlwind of secrets, swoon, and adventure from page one. Beautifully writing combined with a smart, driven protagonist made this a book I couldn't put down." -Isabel Bandeira, Author of Bookishly Ever After (Jan 2016) and Dramatically Ever After (June 2017) As the opener in what promises to be a thrilling series, Starr Fall hits the ground running and hits the water swimming. I couldn't turn the pages fast enough as Starr went from a super-achieving but otherwise pretty normal high school junior to a girl on the run from a shady, powerful government (maybe) agency and a deep, dark conspiracy we only see in glimpses. And why has the weird kid from school suddenly become her ultra-hot sidekick, with a connection between them that literally gives off sparks? He's a lot more than he seems. Every answer raises another question as the reader ricochets between the threat level outside the remote cabin and the heat level inside it. Briggs knows how to crank up both kinds of tension, in the best possible way. Book two can't come soon enough for this reader! - Liz Coley, author of the award winning, internationally best-selling Pretty Girl-13

The discovery of the mutilated corpse of a legal secretary in the garden of her employer's house presents an intriguing problem for the west Yorkshire police force. The absence of any motive or credible suspects make it seem that they are heading for a dead end. Unknown to the police, this murder was an act of revenge, carried out by an unsuspecting man, manipulated by a malevolent controller who has infiltrated his mind. For the controller, this act was retribution, but he soon escalates it to another level, regarding it as a game. He presents the police with yet another murder and as suspects line up, confusion reigns. He cares little about who suffers in this bizarre game. The outcome is uncertain and the reader is challenged to identify the real perpetrator. The first part of a trilogy, this book merely whets the appetite. For more information, contact -www.winemanauthor.com

Walt Johnson has been a rolling stone most of his life, moving from town to town and living on the edges of homelessness. Now he has run out of time as lung cancer has left him only months to live. Walt then begins a quest to find the son with whom he lost contact decades earlier. Out of money, he lands a job at a small-town restaurant in an attempt to save enough to buy a bus ticket to the last known whereabouts of his son. The friends Walt makes at his new job soon become family for him, especially 14-year-old Danny who is emotionally paralyzed at the loss of his own father in Iraq. Faced with

Danny's struggles to grow up and the struggles of his other new friends, Walt comes to realize he is not only on a journey to find his own son, but he is on a journey to find himself worthy of being a father. The alternate timelines of Charles Stross' Empire Games trilogy have never been so entangled than in Invisible Sun—the techno-thriller follow up to Dark State—as stakes escalate in a conflict that could spell extermination for humanity across all known timelines. An inter-timeline coup d'état gone awry. A renegade British monarch on the run through the streets of Berlin. And robotic alien invaders from a distant timeline flood through a wormhole, wreaking havoc in the USA. Can disgraced worldwalker Rita and her intertemporal extraordinary agent of a mother neutralize the livewire contention before it's too late? At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

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EZ RPG is story-driven, universal role playing made easy. Play games in any genre from fantasy to science fiction, ranging from the ridiculous to the horrific. This easy to learn game system uses only a couple of six sided dice. Good for beginning gamers as well as the experienced table top role playing guru. Generate fun and compelling characters in minutes. New worlds of fun and adventure await, your imagination is the only limit.

Tricks, Treats, and Terror! Mythic Monsters: Halloween brings you an awesome assortment of autumnal enemies drawn from the legends and lore of Halloween and the harvest with a healthy dose of horror. You'll find 15 monsters from CR 1 to 17, from simple bat swarms to disembodied body parts like floating beheaded, creeping crawling hands, and stitched-together carrion golems. The fruit of the harvest can be friendly or fearsome, from charming gourd leshies to murderous jack-o'-lanterns and deadly hangman trees. Some Halloween horrors are found in the dusty crannies of haunted houses, like the sinister soulbound doll or the anguished loneliness of the attic whisperer, or may stalk the shadowed lanes of civilized places stealing what others hold most dear like the silent shadow collector. Of course, beyond the threshold of midnight treads the stuff of purest nightmare come to deadly unlife in the form of the crawling host of the deathweb or the entropic shadows of the soaring nightwing. As if over a dozen existing monsters were not enough, this book brings you two different torch-wielding mobs, from terrified villagers to terrorizing fanatics. In addition to the featured creatures, you'll find mythic feats to help your heroes and villains become headless horsemen and ghost riders, as well as a quartet of whimsical treasures perfect for tricks and treats with the ghostly gossamer, goblin mask, witch's broom, and sack of gluttony! Grab this fantastic 30-page Pathfinder monster supplement today and Make Your Game Legendary!

Brand alchemist, prime minister whisperer and shadow trend tweaker, Jones Byrne did his best contract work remotely, hidden in the seams of his upstate New York factory loft. But one mystery client has made an irresistible offer that will pull him back into the light, and force him to face his greatest failure: his degenerate expat past life in Tokyo. He had barely escaped, just a year ago, before everything flipped upside down and Japan dropped a veil over its largely depopulated, earthquake-scarred cities, cutting off all contact with the outside world. That's around the time the rumors began. They said that Tokyo had returned to its dark, old ways. But this time, warped and infected by the pharmacological and technological graffiti of 2043. This version of Tokyo was a place no foreigner had been unfortunate enough to lay eyes upon. Until now. Byrne's mystery client promised to make him well and truly wealthy, for just one day's work. Just one day. But this will be the hardest day's work of Byrne's life, if he can make it out of Tokyo alive.

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"The family elements in the story - the real struggles with marriage, raising a family, making a living, and just trying to enjoy life - have broadened the book's appeal to a wider audience, primarily women who are not into technology." DARK END OF SPECTRUM will make you think twice before turning on your cell phone or PDA! DARK END OF THE SPECTRUM is a frighteningly plausible and headline ripping tale of the real threats that loom in cyberspace and beyond with a Michael Crichton realism. Based on the author's years of research into the hacker culture. DARK END OF THE SPECTRUM is a thriller that will connect with everyone with a cell phone, PDA or wireless device. When a group of digital terrorists known as ICER take over the US power grid and the cell phone network, they give the government an ultimatum - bomb the borders of Afghanistan and Pakistan with nuclear weapons to put an end to Al-Quada or they will start downing commercial airliners. When the government refuses, ICER destroys most of the downed aircraft in airports all over the country. When ICER sends a pulse that will kill millions on the East Coast, only security expert Dan Riker can stop them, but ICER has kidnapped Dan's family. Will Dan save his family or will millions die?

Hugo Award-winning author Charlie Stross dives deep into the underbelly of paratime espionage, nuclear warfare, and state surveillance in this provocative techno-thriller set in The Merchant Princes multi-verse Dark State ups the ante on the already volatile situations laid out in the sleek techno-thriller Empire Games, the start to Stross' new story-line, and perfect entry point for new readers, in The Merchant Princes series. In the near-future, the collision of two nuclear superpowers across timelines, one in the midst of a technological revolution and the other a hyper-police state, is imminent. In Commissioner Miriam Burgeson's timeline, her top level agents run a high risk extraction of a major political player. Meanwhile, a sleeper cell activated in Rita's, the Commissioner's adopted daughter and newly-minted spy, timeline threatens to unravel everything. With a penchant for intricate world-building and an uncanny ability to realize alternate history and technological speculation, Stross' writing will captivate any reader

who's a fan hi-tech thrillers, inter-dimensional political intrigue, and espionage. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

A Spectacular Enhancement to the Skill System Mythic Skills introduces a system of skill exploits that take the basic tasks your skills allow you to perform and dials them up to amazing levels. In addition, every skill in the Pathfinder Roleplaying Game Core Rulebook also gets brand-new skill exploits, as well as greater exploits that only the most skilled masters would even attempt. This book contains rules for using these enhanced skills with mythic characters but also provides an alternative system for use in non-mythic Pathfinder campaigns! This system allows your characters to focus on their skills as a key part of their character construction and to invest more of their character's abilities in their character itself, rather than the character's gear or magical tools. You can use these rules generally with mythic characters, allowing them to attempt all manner of skill-based exploits, or you can limit the ability to pull off these amazing skill stunts to those mythic characters that have really invested in making their skills a key part of their character's identity. The mythic rules offer an opportunity to magnify what makes a character special, and the skills they choose to hone as part of their background narrative and throughout the course of the campaign should be just as important in defining them as their marvelous magic and fabulous feats. With Mythic Skills in your hands, your skills will be just as spectacular!"

Librarians who work with readers will find this well-loved guide to be a treasure trove of information. With descriptive annotations of thousands of genre titles mapped by genre and subgenre, this is the readers' advisor's go-to reference.

- Helps librarians answer the challenging question "What should I read next?"
- Helps LIS students understand popular genres and better select books for which readers are looking
- Serves as a starting point for library patrons looking for their next read

HOT ON AMAZON! Word Search 365 Puzzles Books Games Word. Easy Games.

Are you losing the battle with your own low self-esteem? Do you want to overcome anger control issues and self-control problems? Do you want to break free from the bondage of sexual immorality and the power of pride? In *Mind Games*, Kayode Enwerem draws on the experience of speaking to tens of thousands of people with self-doubt and negative thought questions to offer proven and powerful methods for using Christian guidance and scripture to overcome fear and regain self-confidence and self-control. *Mind Games* offers direction that anybody in any life situation can quickly and easily apply to gain victory over strongholds. You too can be transformed by the truth of Bible scripture resulting in freedom and victory for the child of God. In this book, you will learn the valuable instruction about: \* How to recognize your Giants\* Overcoming Fear; the number one tactic of the enemy\* How to realize the purpose of fighting the giant\* How to overcome the seed of Self-doubt associating you with your past\* The secret of defeating the Giant, thereby improving self-esteem for men and women\* Discover God's true greatness and overcome strongholds in life. Grab a copy today!

Hugo Award-winning author Charlie Stross hits the ground running with *Empire Games*, provocative techno-thriller and fresh storyline in the Merchant Princes universe. It's 2020. Two nuclear superpowers across timelines, one in the midst of a technological revolution and the other a hyper-police state, are set on a collision course. Each timeline's increasingly desperate paratime espionage agencies are fumbling around in the dark, trying to find a solution to the first-contact problem that doesn't result in a nuclear holocaust. And two paratime travellers, Ministry of Intertemporal Research and Intelligence Commissioner Miriam Burgeson and newly minted spy Rita Douglas—a mother and her long-lost, adopted daughter—are about to find themselves on opposite sides of the confrontation.

Can video games be used to teach personal and business success lessons? *Mastering The Game: What Video Games Can Teach Us About Success In Life* takes a look at how the same habits and principles that lead to success when playing video games can be applied to personal and business success. Principles are ideas that are truly timeless, and remain true independent of context, culture or time period. So what are the principles embedded in the most popular video games? Surprisingly, the list strongly resembles the most in demand traits for the workplace. \* Adaptability & Managing Change\* Personal Accountability\* Innovation\* Communication & Listening\* Teambuilding & Collaboration\* Knowledge Sharing\* Persistence & Grit *Mastering The Game* provides analogies, examples, and lessons for connecting the dots between how gamers play and how successful professionals work. Are you ready to take your career to the next level?

When one thinks of a den, one tends to think of comfort. A cozy room in the house—a quiet, comfortable place, a room for conversation, reading, or writing. One doesn't tend to think of high adventure, dragons, vampires, airships, or paranormal creatures. And yet, that's just what you'll find in these pages. Stories of adventure and mystery! Paranormal, dark, and atmospheric tales! The fantastical and the imaginative, the dystopian and post-apocalyptic, and everything in between! So settle in to the coziest room in your house, plop down into your favourite armchair, and dive in to the Den of Antiquity. Featuring stories by Jack Tyler, E.C. Jarvis, Kate Philbrick, Neale Green, Bryce Raffle, N.O.A. Rawle, David Lee Summers, William J. Jackson, Steve Moore, Karen J. Carlisle, B.A. Sinclair and Alice E. Keyes.

*Armchair Fiction* presents extra large science fiction double novels with original illustrations. "Dark Destiny" by Dwight V. Swain is the first novel. He was known throughout the system as Sha Haral, a fierce space warrior with a lust for power. He'd blasted his way back and forth across the spaceways many times. However, Haral's fortunes had taken a turn for the worse, and he soon became a downtrodden, bitter would-be conqueror haunting the dives on a backwater planet called Ulna. But his fate took an unexpected turn when a beautiful blonde-haired priestess, fleeing from a space pirate's hordes, fell into his lap. From this priestess Haral learned of an ancient woman-goddess who, according to legend, lay sleeping in a lost city surrounded by a legion of terrifying monsters. This ancient goddess, whose face was half-hidden by a jeweled veil, was known as a woman of ultimate beauty, possessing secrets of great power. And she still lay there, in her crumbling city, waiting for someone to awaken her... The second novel, "The Secret of Planetoid 88," is by Ed Earl Repp. Dane Cabot was just one of many slaves of the dictators—"The Hundred" as they were known—who ruled Earth with an iron hand. After a joy ride to a distant planetoid, Cabot returned to Earth to find himself falsely accused of murder. There was no trial—The Hundred didn't operate that way. He was soon sentenced to die. But when a mysterious stranger interceded, Cabot found himself a stowaway on a space cruiser headed for Io, moon of Jupiter. There Cabot found a tiny colony of rebels with a master plan for the eventual freedom of Earth's enslaved populace. But radiation from Jupiter's Great Red Spot was slowly destroying Io. So Cabot and his fellow rebels found themselves in a desperate race against time. Could they orchestrate their plans before the rising tide of planet-wide disintegration overtook them? Deep in the void of space was a secret, a secret that was the key to freedom—if they could find it in time...

Destiny Allen, a Web designer for software giant Scenaria Security Systems, finds herself involved in a deadly puzzle that blurs the boundaries between the virtual and the real. At stake: the infrastructure of modern America. Her resources: Dina Gustafson, a college friend, and Karl Lustig, an Israeli technology journalist with friends in dark places. The challenge: sort the good guys from the bad before the lights go out. A fast-paced technology thriller, *Web Games* is about real risks and virtual worlds, about Internet threats as close as tomorrow's nightly news, and about the ever-escalating warfare between black-hat hackers and modern society.

The Argead Dominion is the last holdout against the Imperial Padishah's brutal westward expansion. An aging arsenal of decaying tanks and antique rifles lets Argead forces scrape by, but true victories are won by the Polaris: elite battle-mages enslaved for the world-ending sins of their ancestors. Taki is an ambitious Polaris stuck with the dregs of his kind in a squad named Tirefire the Lesser. Though career suicide might be bearable in the right company, his new companions are anything but. The sniper despises him, the man-at-arms is profoundly depressed, and his beautiful captain has a penchant for beating her underlings. As the invading horde draws closer, this squad of defectives must band together despite the long odds against them. But with Imperial assassins out for their blood and treachery from within their own ranks, survival will come with a high price.

Book Excerpt: ...I."But might not Three Bears make up a war party and go forth to seek her? "Alas! that may not be," Timid Hare told herself. "My dear father would himself meet death at the hands of these cruel warriors."The rent in the curtain was nearly sewed up when Black Bull stole into the lodge. He wanted to talk to the little stranger with eyes sad like his own, and he did not wish his mother to know it.Behind Black Bull came his dog, wolfish-looking like most of his breed, but as Black Bull squatted in his corner, the animal crouched close at his master's side as though he loved him."Poor fellow, he has a pet to follow him about just as I had at home," thought Timid Hare. "Perhaps by-and-by the dog may learn to love me too." There was a big lump in the little girl's throat, and she coughed as she tried to choke it back."Hard work," said Black Bull as he watched her pulling the coarse thread through the buffalo skin and trying not to tear it. "Hard work," he repeated. "Too bad."Timid Hare...

In this revised and expanded edition of Bloodball, J. G. Van Tine probes the mind-set that dominates media sport. By uncovering covert games, tactics and payoffs, he redefines the hero worship that vaunts a tiny minority while luring the majority into conflicted passivity. As the sporting audience rarely glimpses those who run the corporations and own the teams, Bloodball attempts to ease this relation by revealing how and why the media disguise corporate control and power plays, among them the History Fob, Getting Wa-Wa, Branding, and Your Heart Belongs to Daddy.

Human sacrifice, communities eaten from within, a vast mind blazing under the mud of Lake Titicaca; the rise and fall of empires cruel and kind. In the Andes of a thousand years ago, the Huari empire is sick. Its communities are being eaten from within by a plague, a contagion that is not of the body but of something far deeper, a plague that has taken their collective spirit. Rooting out this parasite is a task that is laid upon Q'ilyasisa, a young woman from an obscure little village on the forgotten borders of the Huari empire. This impossible mission is imposed on her by a vast mind, a sentience that has ambitions to shape all human life. Her response to this entails confrontations on sacrificial pyramids, long journeys through the Amazonian jungle and the establishment of not just one but two new empires. Her legacy shapes future Andean civilisation until the arrival of the Spanish. Dark Sun, Bright Moon explores the unique Andean metaphysic: not one of gods and heavens, but a cosmology developed over millennia of isolation, developed over generations by its practitioners but at constant war with the various state religions. It has been systematised from current beliefs, but is essentially authentic to them. As described in the book, therefore, this cosmology is a concrete thing, neither magic nor religion but a technology with a logic of its own that drives the story line. However, this is above all an adventure story in which credible people undertake rational if desperate acts in the face of extreme threat. Dark Sun, Bright Moon is illustrated with over a hundred images (B&W, engravings and maps) and consists of around 170,000 words set in 40 chapters and an appendix, which last gives extensive background material. The author knows modern Peru very well, and has visited all of the physical sites that are described in the book.

Dark State is the second book in the thrilling Empire Games series - set in the same world as Charles Stross' The Merchant Princes series.In the near future, the collision of two nuclear superpowers - in two different timelines - is imminent. One America is experiencing its first technological revolution, whilst a parallel United States is a hi-tech police state. But both are poised to wreak destruction.In Miriam Burgeson's America, internal politics are pulling the government apart. But if one of her agents secures a high-profile defection, civil war may be averted. Rita Douglas, rival US spy, arrives during this crisis. Her world is rocked when she realizes Miriam is her mother, who gave her up for adoption as a baby. But what impact will this have on the conflict?Then the US discovers another timeline, and the remains of an advanced society. Something annihilated that civilization - and Rita's people are about to rouse it.

A comprehensive resource of physical education games designed to help children in grades K-8 develop the skills important to performing a wide variety of team and lifetime sports.

When magic and superpowers emerge in the masses, Wendy Deere is contracted by the government to bag and snag supervillains in Hugo Award-winning author Charles Stross' Dead Lies Dreaming: A Laundry Files Novel. As Wendy hunts down Imp—the cyberpunk head of a band calling themselves “The Lost Boys”— she is dragged into the schemes of louche billionaire Rupert de Montfort Bigge. Rupert has discovered that the sole surviving copy of the long-lost concordance to the one true Necronomicon is up for underground auction in London. He hires Imp’s sister, Eve, to procure it by any means necessary, and in the process, he encounters Wendy Deere. In a tale of corruption, assassination, thievery, and magic, Wendy Deere must navigate rotting mansions that lead to distant pasts, evil tycoons, corrupt government officials, lethal curses, and her own moral qualms in order to make it out of this chase alive. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Life in lower class as offspring of a notorious thief was simple for the Quartar daughters until accidental mishaps with the other classes of society turn their dirt poor lives around for worse and better. Eight young women are taken from the slums into the high class world they never understood only at first to find betrayal, suffering, scandal, revenge and corruption. Then, before they know it they are wrapped in the grandest scandal their country of Galli has ever seen. The kingdom of Cretaine is trying to overthrow the corrupted kingdom of Galli. The Quartar family must betray their world in order to save Galli from a brutal civil war.

“A rich, sensual, bewitching adventure of good vs. evil with love as the prize.” ~Publisher’s Weekly on ETERNITY 300 years ago, Raven St. James was hanged for witchcraft. But she revives among the dead to find herself alive. She is an Immortal High Witch, one of the light. A note from her mother warns that there are others, those of the Dark, who preserve their own lives by taking the hearts of those like her. Duncan Wallace’s forbidden love for the secretive lass costs him his life. 300 years later, he loves her again, tormented by hazy memories of a past that can’t be real. She tells him of another lifetime, claims to be immortal. Though he knows she’s deluded, he can’t stay away. And the Dark Witch after her heart is far closer than either of them know. If you liked the TV Series HIGHLANDER, you will LOVE this series. Don’t miss Book 2, INFINITY. “A hauntingly beautiful story of a love that endures through time itself.” ~New York Times Bestselling Author, Kay Hooper “This captivating story of a love that reaches across the centuries, becomes as immortal as the lover’s themselves, resonates with timeless passion, powerful magic, and haunting heartbreak.” ~BN.com’s official review

The Naplian Empire's war of expansion against the Grand Alliance has taken a turn for the worse. With vital serjaum fuel reserves wiped out by a surprise attack, Admiral Daviont of the III Corps makes a long, desperate journey to the fringes of Terran space for a massive undeveloped source of serjaum-the Baedecker Star System. But his action does not go unnoticed. Their mortal enemies, the Briddarri, send their own task force to intercept. At Baedecker Four, starfighter pilot and governor's son Taggart "Tag" Wester has his hands full steering clear of his wing commander's wrath. When an emergency call unearths a dangerous foe from the past, he's put to a test unlike any he's ever face-one of courage, and leadership. Elden Selva is on a mission to restore power to the defeated Northern Alliance, by retrieving the remains of Truppen cybernetic soldiers. What he finds is far more than he anticipated, and the ensuing conflict changes both him and the woman he loves. The invaders and defenders collide in

a struggle that will not only shape their lives, but have dire consequences for the entire galaxy.

Jimmy McFly and his friends are headed on their summer vacation. At the airport they decide to play an epic game of hide and go seek. While hiding in his favorite spot Jimmy gets hit in the head making him forget everything...even his name! Join us on this exciting adventure to see where Jimmy will end up!

Look at the future of persecution. One day soon the only refuge for the faithful may be Space. Follow a desperate couple fighting isolation and equipment malfunction to pilot a gas-collecting balloon ship to the outer planets. Michael, crown prince of the Space Empire hopes to save his people from external attack with an internal rebellion and a battle cruiser like no other. His plans are shaken by a forbidden romance, political turmoil, and the discovery of Earth's Fourth Empire. Michael and his best friend Randolph might save or shatter the Space Empire's last hope for the future.

So You Think You're Smart is an eclectic collection of word games, riddles and logic puzzles to tantalize, tease and boggle the brains of readers of all ages and educational levels. The brain teasers are about ordinary words and things that everybody knows about so only common sense and a bit of resourcefulness are needed to solve them. The book is in its 17th printing and has appeared on Saturday Night Live.

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