

## Empire Of Blue Water Captain Morgans Great Pirate Army The Epic Battle For The Americas And The Catastrophe That Ended The Outlaws Bloody Reign

A handful of sea stories define the American maritime narrative. Stories of whaling, fishing, exploration, naval adventure, and piracy have always captured our imaginations, and the most colorful of these are the tales of piracy. Called America's real-life Robinson Crusoe, the true story of Philip Ashton--a nineteen-year-old fisherman captured by pirates, impressed as a crewman, subjected to torture and hardship, who eventually escaped and lived as a castaway and scavenger on a deserted island in the Caribbean--was at one time as well known as the tales of Cooper, Hawthorne, and Defoe. Based on a rare copy of Ashton's 1725 account, Gregory N. Flemming's vivid portrait recounts this maritime world during the golden age of piracy. Fishing vessels and merchantmen plied the coastal waters and crisscrossed the Atlantic and Caribbean. It was a hard, dangerous life, made more so by both the depredations and temptations of piracy. Chased by the British Royal Navy, blown out of the water or summarily hung when caught, pirate captains such as Edward Low kidnapped, cajoled, beat, and bribed men like Ashton into the rich--but also vile, brutal, and often short--life of the pirate. In the tradition of Nathaniel Philbrick, *At the Point of a Cutlass* expands on a lost classic narrative of America and the sea, and brings to life a forgotten world of ships and men on both sides of maritime law.

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.

Over 200 Images in GRAYSCALE The Captain is Harry Handy Caldwell, first and foremost a navy man and, of least importance, my cousin. Kit, the love of Harry's life, is Katharine Clark Prosser Hilliker Caldwell; a woman of many names and even more beauty and talent. This is a true story in three parts; the Captain, Kit, and the Captain and Kit . At fourteen Harry entered the naval academy at Annapolis and six successful years later he became an ensign. His early shipboard assignments took him to Alaska's Bering Sea in search of fur seal poachers. Then to the Far China Station during the Sino-Japanese War aboard a ship that would temporarily become the only naval land fort in the world. From an obscure assignment on the Great Lakes, Harry was handpicked by then Commodore George Dewey as Dewey's flag secretary, though not before political maneuvering involving the President of the United States. Ensign Caldwell was with Dewey at the historic naval battle at Manila Bay in the Philippines. He was by the admiral's side on his triumphant return to the U. S. and the best man at his wedding. Lt. Caldwell was the first captain of the navy's very first submersible, the U. S. S. Holland, SS-1. With the technical help of his friend, Thomas Edison, he, nearly single handedly, proved to a doubting U. S. Congress that submarines would become an invaluable asset in the future of naval warfare. During World War I, Lt. Commander Caldwell was the captain of the ship that tended the five-mile long submarine net protecting the lower New York harbor and the Verrazano narrows net protecting the inner harbor. Kit never knew her father and barely remembered her mother who died when she was seven. Kit's stepfather was James Prosser, a dapper well-spoken man who had dubious ties to the medical profession. The so-called doctor,

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Prosser took Kit on a 14-year odyssey across the country and back before she gained her independence and lived across the bay in Oakland from earthquake ravaged San Francisco. Making her early mark in journalism at the San Francisco Call, she and her first husband, Douglas "Bill" Hilliker, moved to New York. There, Kit soon earned a wide reputation in the motion picture industry editing and writing titles for silent films and, where she met and married the Captain. In the 1920's, the Captain and Kit became the film industry's premiere editors and titlers. They worked on over a hundred films including epics such as Ben Hur, a Tale of the Christ, and the first Oscar winners, Seventh Heaven, and Sunrise, a Song of Two Humans. They worked closely with early movie moguls Louie B. Mayer, Samuel Goldwyn, Adolph Zukor, and William Fox. Directors Frank Borzage, Raoul Walsh, F. W. Murnau, and arguably the best Hollywood director ever, their friend for life, John 'Jack' Ford. The advent of talkies combined with the great stock market crash in 1929, tested the resourcefulness of the dynamic duo. The Captain and Kit had to deal with the threadbare years of the 30's while nurturing their only child toward adulthood. The story is a thrilling action adventure, a look through the eyes of insiders at Hollywood in the "roaring twenties," and a poignant love story; something for everyone. At just twenty-two years of age, Briana Mils finds herself at a desperate crossroads. Once a promising student at the University of Oregon, she now finds herself alone on the streets of Portland with only the clothes on her back, memories of a happier time, and the stray dog that's adopted her. And she's got the drug that helps her forget. Briana's mistakes haunt her, lashing her with severe consequence, forcing her to make a decision few would ever make. Still, in a final attempt to make her young life count for something, Briana begins writing it all down—everything—so that others walking the crumbling precipice of rebellion might leap to safety before it's too late. She writes about her present struggles and the past. She writes about Michael, the boy she loved and left behind when she went off to college. She writes about the violent activism and drug that derailed her life. She writes about the demands placed on her by a socially conscious mother, and the adoration shown by a proud father. And Briana talks about Brody—the young activist leader who captured her heart, took it to the altar, and then crushed it. What develops is an engrossing record of a young and troubled life, one both beautiful and ugly, innocent and corrupt, lost and then found. And wrapped in its literary sinew is a cast of characters as diverse and engaging as the stars, and an impassioned love story sure to transcend time. What readers are saying: "Timeless...provocative." "Characters so real you'd swear this was a true account." "A brilliant read!" Alone Among People is D. M. Anthony's first novel. He lives in California where he's at work on his next book. This review is from: Alone Among People (Paperback) A Compelling and Heart Warming Story, September 25, 2012 "Alone Among People is at once an engaging, moving story and a provocative statement about the thin line between thriving and sinking into an abyss as inescapable as quicksand. Its timeless and uplifting messages of hope conquering despair, healing borne of love and care, and peace at discovering one's identity are an inspiration. The author's empathy for the characters and their plight betrays knowledge of what he writes, and offers the reader a unique glimpse into a vulnerable and intimate place... his heart. I recommend this book to anyone who has traveled through the anguish of darkness and longed for the light; it may just guide your way."

The Author's Book Journal is a must have for anyone writing a book or a novel. It easily lets you keep track of events and characters in your chapters. There are dedicated pages for 100 chapters, plus main character profiles, secondary characters profiles and also pages to note reference research sources, acknowledgements, quotes, notes, prologue, epilogue, back cover blurb, beta readers, ARC reviews, publishing details, author details. You also have some extra pages at the back for making notes on ideas for your next book. Keep all your book information in one handy place. Journal size 7x10 inches.

Henry is afraid of loud noises. When he and his mother move to the big city, the rumble of cars

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and busses outside his window won't let him sleep. Then, one night, a two-headed monster takes Henry on an adventure that changes his life forever.

Lady Gwendolyn Montgomery has defied her father, dressed as a boy and bargained passage aboard a merchant ship to save her beloved, who has been banished to the Caribbean. But when her ship is waylaid by pirates, Gwen must join with the flashy and dangerous Captain Lady Rackham if she hopes to save her betrothed-and avoid dying by hangman's noose, or at the hands of Blackbeard himself.

"This is the most authoritative and highly literate account of these pernicious people that I have ever read."—Patrick O'Brian "[A] wonderfully entertaining history of pirates and piracy . . . a rip-roaring read . . . fascinating and unexpected."—Men's Journal This rollicking account of the golden age of piracy is packed with vivid history and high seas adventure. David Cordingly, an acclaimed expert on pirates, reveals the spellbinding truth behind the legends of Blackbeard, Captain Kidd, Sir Francis Drake, the fierce female brigands Mary Read and Anne Bonny, and others who rode and robbed upon the world's most dangerous waters. Here, in thrilling detail, are the weapons they used, the ships they sailed, and the ways they fought—and were defeated. Under the Black Flag also charts the paths of fictional pirates such as Captain Hook and Long John Silver. The definitive resource on the subject, this book is as captivating as it is supremely entertaining. Praise for Under the Black Flag "[A] lively history . . . If you've ever been seduced by the myth of the cutlass-wielding pirate, consider David Cordingly's Under the Black Flag."—USA Today, "Best Bets" "Engagingly told . . . a tale of the power of imaginative literature to re-create the past."—Los Angeles Times "Entirely engaging and informative . . . a witty and spirited book."—The Washington Post Book World "Plenty of thrills and adventure to satisfy any reader."—The Philadelphia Inquirer

A Heart of Stone is a riveting novel by Jean Webb, which tells the compelling story of two people who must overcome challenges and cross oceans to be together. Jane MacFarland is a young child living in Scotland, who is left orphaned when her parents are murdered by outlaws. She is adopted by her aunt and uncle, who raise Jane as one of their own. When she is a young woman, she falls in love with the handsome Jon Stonebrook, a sea pirate from America who kidnaps her and takes her to America on his ship Dream Lady. In America, Jane falls in love with Jon and his country, and they marry. When fate separates the couple, they must learn to battle time and distance to be together again.

Captain Henry Morgan's capture of the city of Panamá in 1671 is seen as one of the most audacious military operations in history. In The Sack of Panamá , Peter Earle masterfully retells this classic story, combining thorough research with an emphasis on the battles that made Morgan a pirate legend. Morgan's raid was the last in a series of brutal attacks on Spanish possessions in the Caribbean, all sanctioned by the British crown. Earle recounts the five violent years leading up to the raid, then delivers a detailed account of Morgan's march across enemy territory, as his soldiers contended with hunger, tropical diseases, and possible ambushes from locals. He brings a unique dimension to the story by devoting nearly as much space to the Spanish victims as to the Jamican privateers who were the aggressors. The book covers not only the scandalous events in the Colonial West Indies, but also the alarmed reacions of diplomats and statesmen in Madrid and London. While Morgan and his men were laying siege to Panamá , the simmering hostilities between the two nations resulted in vicious political

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infighting that rivaled the military battles in intensity. With a wealth of colorful characters and international intrigue, *The Sack of Panamá* is a painstaking history that doubles as a rip-roaring adventure tale.

With surprising tales of vicious mutineers, imperial riches, and high-seas intrigue, *Black Flags, Blue Waters* is “rumbustious enough for the adventure-hungry” (Peter Lewis, *San Francisco Chronicle*). Set against the backdrop of the Age of Exploration, *Black Flags, Blue Waters* reveals the surprising history of American piracy’s “Golden Age” - spanning the late 1600s through the early 1700s - when lawless pirates plied the coastal waters of North America and beyond. “Deftly blending scholarship and drama” (Richard Zacks), best-selling author Eric Jay Dolin illustrates how American colonists at first supported these outrageous pirates in an early display of solidarity against the Crown, and then violently opposed them. Through engrossing episodes of roguish glamour and extreme brutality, Dolin depicts the star pirates of this period, among them the towering Blackbeard, the ill-fated Captain Kidd, and sadistic Edward Low, who delighted in torturing his prey. Upending popular misconceptions and cartoonish stereotypes, *Black Flags, Blue Waters* is a “tour de force history” (Michael Pierce, *Midwestern Rewind*) of the seafaring outlaws whose raids reflect the precarious nature of American colonial life.

Chained up in the hold of a French warship, Lusignan’s only hope of escape rests with his captor - Captain Paul. A man with a mysterious past, Captain Paul is transporting Lusignan to exile in the West Indies. Little does he know that his mission is a sham. His prisoner is an innocent man, framed because he fell in love with a Count's daughter. Once the truth is revealed, Paul and Lusignan return to France, determined to seek justice. Inspired by the real life of American Revolutionary War hero John Paul Jones, "Captain Paul" is a rollicking melodrama, packed with action and romance. A fine precursor to Dumas' later classics, it's especially recommended for fans of naval adventures, like C.S. Forester's "Hornblower" series. Alexandre Dumas (1802 - 1870) was a hugely popular 19th Century French writer. Born of mixed French and Haitian heritage, Dumas first rose to prominence in Paris as a playwright, but later gained international fame with his historical fiction. Often co-authored with other writers, these stories wove together swashbuckling adventure, romance, and real events from France's past. Among the best known are "The Three Musketeers", and its sequels "Twenty Years After", and "Le Vicomte de Bragelonne: Ten Years Later". Set across four decades, this trilogy follows the rise of the dashing D'Artagnan—from hot-headed soldier to trusted captain under Louis XIV. Dumas' other novels include "The Count of Monte Cristo" and "The Black Tulip". His works have been adapted into more than 200 movies, including *The Man in the Iron Mask* starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

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Judith's marriage to Adam is failing fast. Despite her best efforts, his attention is entirely taken up by his law practice while her existence—if he remembers it—is merely something to criticize. Thankfully, Judith has an antique shop and her best friend and business partner, Susan, to keep her focused on the good things in life. Tired of being overlooked and undervalued, Judith decides to leave her husband and reconnect with herself as a single woman rather than as Adam's wife. Soon, Judith's world expands to include a support group of women also facing divorce. Slowly learning to extend to herself the same compassion she offers her friends, Judith begins to rediscover her own value as a person and as a woman. And her efforts don't go unnoticed. While Judith rebuilds her life, with the encouragement of her growing circle of friends, a secret admirer starts leaving thoughtful gifts on her doorstep—which she begins to hope will lead to a face-to-face meeting. A celebration of friendship and love, where every character counts, *"The Things That Fall Away"* is an insightful story that brings to light the beauty of everyday things and the wonder of being truly cherished.

Pirates, puzzles, and plunder combine in this compilation of four historical fiction/fantasy stories readers are saying "you won't want to put down." Over 800 pages of high seas adventure across two historical fantasy stories chronicling the origin story of the ruthless pirate Blackbeard in *The Voyages of Queen Anne's*

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Revenge 1 & 2, and two novella size historical fiction stories about Bartholomew Roberts' rise to infamy in The Pirate Priest 1 & 2. "Kept me turning page after page to see what was going to happen." - Teressa J Betts In The Voyages of Queen Anne's Revenge: Edward didn't know he had bought a former pirate ship, and when the marine captain Isaac Smith threatened to take it, and his freedom, away he takes matters into his own hands. Edwards action sends him, and his best friend Henry Morgan, running from the law on an adventure across the historical Caribbean & Latin America. And as Edward learns more about the pirate who owned the ship before them, and the surprises he left behind, the more he learns about the threat it poses to his and his crews lives. In The Pirate Priest: John Roberts' life on a slave ship is filled with hard labour, low wages, and no chance for advancement. When Roberts becomes friends with a slave named Bartholomew, he couldn't know it would start a chain of events leading him on his first sea adventure. In an age of pirates who are slaves to no man, Roberts finds himself torn between a world of just and righteous men, and the evil sinners around every corner. Will Edward and Bartholomew embrace the lives thrust upon him, or will they sink into oblivion? Find out in this compilation book, Blackbeard's Ship! Click "Look Inside" on the cover to read the first few chapters, then buy and enjoy the rest.

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

Federated Colonial Commander Adam Stuart is once again asked to take command of an experimental ship. This time he is traveling out into deep space to test dangerous new engines. Lorentizan traversable wormholes that hold unimaginable power and the possibility of changing the way humanity colonizes the stars. His crew is made up of the best the fleet has to offer, all five of them. Recently graduated Helen 'Sparks' Dower the pride of the Federated fleet engineering corp finds herself suddenly the chief engineer of this new ship, and it isn't finished being built... Suddenly in charge of a staff Helen struggles to figure out these engines and her new crew. Covert Intelligence Officer Samantha Leeane is the new executive officer of the ship. Her first actual command position gives her typical skills quite a workout as she works to keep this new crew together. As the ragtag group finally begins testing the new engines a mysterious enemy appears out of nowhere and sends the Hypnos running across the Orion arm and beyond. During their travels they heroically face down kidnappers, ship

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thieves, pirates, and privateers and discover a secret that could threaten their entire home system. Perseus Transit is a wonderful journey through a new universe that is full of exciting pirates and privateers alike.

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The author of *Mulatto America* chronicles the real-life, swashbuckling adventures of Welsh pirate Henry Morgan and his exploits in the Caribbean in the service of the English, from his attacks on Spanish merchant ships and raids on wealthy cities of the region to his final assault on Panama that ended Spanish domination of the New World. Reprint. 50,000 first printing.

Evelina Crimm just wants to be normal. She has her life planned, until she spends summer vacation with two crazy Aunts and discovers she's a Water Witch. Soon things get a little freaky and she's living a double life, slinging hash during the week and dodging black magic spells every weekend. Not to mention a certain mysterious warlock she can't seem to stay away from. Frankie Holler is on a mission to catch a Time Pirate and he isn't above bending a few rules to do it, but teaming up with a Novice Witch isn't part of the plan. Time Keepers work alone. At least, that's what he's been told, and he agrees, until he meets Evelina. He's not much of a talker, but it sure is hard to keep secrets with her around. Crabby Pond's white sugar shores and clear blue water call to children and bears of all ages. But watch out for the crabs of Crabby Pond! Take your picnic basket, your Legos, and, of course your best friend!

Originally published in 1918, with the memories of the war still harsh and fresh, Captain Belton and Lieutenant Odell's book of the war will be read with deep and sustained interest by everyone who wants to understand "the real thing." For myself I confess to being thrilled by the simple, direct, conversational style of the chapters describing the preparations for the attack on and ultimate capture of Vimy Ridge. The story is told with the terseness of a despatch. You see the battalion gathering for its deadly work after the training is done; you plod with it in Indian file along the Aux Reitz communication trench; you sprawl with the officers and men in the "jumping off" trench; you wonder whether the missing jar of rum will turn up in time, and, finally, you go "over the top" with what amounts to a sigh of relief that the ghastly period of waiting has ended and that the "Zero Hour" will mark either the end or the beginning of a strangely heroic experience. Here is the truth, and nothing but the truth, so you accept every word for what it is worth. Enjoy 20 limited-detail illustrations, designed for those who would rather keep it simple. Each page was hand-drawn and edited by K J Kraemer, with you in mind. If you don't want to spend days on a project or just want room to get creative, this adult coloring book is for you!

An ancient war flares to life, and Grace is caught in the crossfire. All she wanted was to put her past behind her and put her life on track. Get a degree, a nice job, maybe a family. Instead everything she's ever been taught is called into question.

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The enemy is older than Rome, hiding on Earth, and not fully in control of powers that could destroy the planet. But in the middle of strife and risk, there is also opportunity - and Grace's feet are set on a path to become more than she ever dreamed.

The untold story of a heroic band of Caribbean pirates whose defiance of imperial rule inspired revolt in colonial outposts across the world In the early eighteenth century, the Pirate Republic was home to some of the great pirate captains, including Blackbeard, "Black Sam" Bellamy, and Charles Vane. Along with their fellow pirates—former sailors, indentured servants, and runaway slaves—this "Flying Gang" established a crude but distinctive democracy in the Bahamas, carving out their own zone of freedom in which servants were free, blacks could be equal citizens, and leaders were chosen or deposed by a vote. They cut off trade routes, sacked slave ships, and severed Europe from its New World empires, and for a brief, glorious period the Republic was a success.

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Discover the truth about the 17th-century Welsh naval officer who became a hero for the British Empire—and not a bloodthirsty pirate. This is the swashbuckling biography of the naval officer known as the Sword of England, the Welshman Henry Morgan. Over the years, Morgan came to be portrayed as a black-hearted, fierce pirate. This error in terms and in the assessment of Morgan's character led to the filing of the first libel lawsuit, brought in protest to a book published in 1684 claiming he had been an indentured servant, was a pirate, and was responsible for atrocities. In fact, Morgan



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was commissioned to aid the British navy in fighting enemies of the crown and was a superb military tactician who led a dozen victorious campaigns against massive odds. In 1655, Spain was the greatest naval and military power on earth, and controlled the sea lanes of Central America and the Caribbean. Henry Morgan's career as a buccaneer officially began when, at age twenty, he landed in Barbados as part of a force deployed to capture Cuba or Hispaniola (Puerto Rico) for the British. The deployment failed, but the forces did capture Jamaica, which would become Morgan's adopted home base for the rest of his life. From there, Morgan planned the attacks that would enrich the British throne and usher in the era of British supremacy on the high seas. For his leadership in battle and as lieutenant governor of Jamaica, Admiral Sir Henry Morgan deserves to take his place alongside Sir Francis Drake and the Duke of Wellington in the panoply of history's greatest heroes.

Personal account of how a traumatic injury brought the author closer to God.

Who is reserved Jack Hamish: a tabloid newspaperman, screen writer, kidnap victim, ninja, sea captain or just a lonely husband? What begins as a simple case of writer's block, becomes his strangest adventure yet, taking turns at swimming with sharks, Gaspar de Portola, running gun battles, cement galoshes, USC football, drug cartels, the Monitor, Predator drones, Manuel Noriega, the Tongva people, Hollywood, the yakuza, religions of the world, Encino and even God! That's just for starters. What happens next is anyone's guess.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • "Talty's vigorous history of seventeenth-century pirates of the Caribbean [is] a pleasure to read from bow to stern."—Entertainment Weekly "In Stephan Talty's hands, the brilliant Captain Morgan, wicked and cutthroat though he was, proves an irresistible hero. . . . A thrilling and fascinating adventure."—Caroline Alexander, author of *The Endurance* and *The Bounty* The passion and violence of the age of exploration and empire come to vivid life in this story of the legendary pirate who took on the greatest military power on earth with a ragtag bunch of renegades. Awash with bloody battles, political intrigues, natural disaster, and a cast of characters more compelling, bizarre, and memorable than any found in a Hollywood swashbuckler, *Empire of Blue Water* brilliantly re-creates the life and times of Henry Morgan and the real pirates of the Caribbean.

Tells the dramatic life-and-death tale of the Vermont native who, in April of 2008, was held captive on a tiny lifeboat off Somalia's anarchic, gun-plagued shores.

"A thorough, exciting examination of 18th-century pirate life, with wonderful details."

--Publishers Weekly "Interesting and exciting . . . a thoroughly enjoyable chronicle of an interesting life and interesting era." --Booklist The definitive biography of history's most fearsome and famous pirate Of all the colorful cutthroats who scoured the seas in search of plunder during the Golden Age of Piracy in the early eighteenth century, none was more ferocious or notorious than Blackbeard. As unforgettable as his savage career was, much of Blackbeard's life has been shrouded in mystery--until now.

Drawing on vivid descriptions of Blackbeard's attacks from his rare surviving victims, pirate expert Angus Konstam traces Blackbeard's career from its beginnings to his final defeat in a tremendous sea battle near his base at Ocracoke Island. Presenting dramatic accounts of the pirate's very effective tactics and his reputation for cruelty, Konstam offers a fascinating examination of the life and business of piracy and the lure of this brutal and bloody trade.

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Kids who grow up with basic values of conserving water, energy and not polluting will have a better chance of being responsible adults who care about others, animals and their surroundings. Eco Stars books help bring these value in a FUN and EXCITING way! The Mysterious Lake Bandit specifically touches the subject of water conservation: why is it important to conserve water, daily actions we can take to save water, how important it is to us and to others. It also teaches where our water comes from which many children do not know! If your child is already an Eco Star, a kid who is aware of being Eco Friendly and taking care of the planet, this book will make him or her smile and make him or her proud! The Eco Stars captivating story leaves your child inspired about conseving water. "On a hot summer day, the residents of Ecolandia wake up to a town without water! As the Eco Stars begin to investigate they come to suspect the town's water could have been... Stolen?!? But by whom and why!? Join them to find out! The book is part of the "Eco Stars Series," stories that will inspire your child to be an Eco Star: Someone who is Eco Friendly, kind to the environment and to animals. The Eco Stars Series enwraps your child in the imaginative world of Ecolandia with lively, playful and stimulating adventures that teach your child to be an Eco Star!

A hockey romance love story challenging the creation of love itself. Is love something manifested through experience, wants, needs, desire and luck? Or is love just "there?" Perhaps the seed of love is planted by the spiritual energies of the universe after which fateful life experience dictates. True love manifested dependent on circumstance. Uncontrollable, creating anxiety with the thought. Cathy Wilson delivers again with a spectacular story in fiction hockey romance. A tale of two lives so inertly different interconnecting through a passion for hockey. Marcus, a young man you normally wouldn't notice. Rather plain looking, not many friends, more like acquaintances, definitely a different breed. A people pleaser you could say. Used often by acquaintances and discarded afterwards. Marcus grounds himself playing hockey, the only time he can shut his "thoughts" off. Falls head over heels for a wonderful woman at a vulnerable time in her life. Trista, a single young mother of three struggling to make ends meet. Desperate to give her kids the world but unable to accept the support she needs to do so. Strong willed, determined, trusting, forgiving, with a carefree spirit and unguarded heart. They meet . . . Her gut says no. Her head says yes. A decision that will change her life forever. Deep dark secrets uncovered, wrongs trying to be made right. Should Trista follow her inert instincts, vulnerable head or confused head? Hockey romance at it's best!

This is the story of a Welshman who became one of the most ruthless and brutal buccaneers of the golden age of piracy. His name was Captain Sir Henry Morgan and, unlike his contemporaries, he was not hunted down and killed or captured by the authorities. Instead he was considered a hero in England and given a knighthood as well as being made governor of Jamaica. As Graham Thomas reveals in this fresh biography of this complex and intriguing character, Morgan was an exceptional military leader whose prime motivation was to amass as much wealth as he could by sacking and plundering settlements, towns and cities up and down the Spanish Main. As featured on BBC Radio Wiltshire and in Cardiff Times.

After the planet has succumbed to self-destruction, humanity's last bastion exists in the Icarus International Space Refuge, drifting in Earth's orbit. While the governing body aboard attempts to resurrect hope for the future, the youth battle malaise in the face of being the last generation. Kyle Truman, a boy of seventeen, finds himself at odds with the captain and the Board's policies, meanwhile exploring the mystery behind the space station's boogeyman cover-up. The mad scientist Gordon Peterson is said to have gone AWOL after a disagreement with the Board over a secretive project. He lives in the vast areas of the Icarus left unoccupied, home to the nonconforming population, returning only to snatch high profile victims and splay their flesh from their bone. As Kyle comes closer to discovering the truth about the secrets lurking in the Abandoned Quarters of the Icarus, he risks his closest relationships, his physical

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safety, and his own sanity. All while trying to come to grips with what it means to be Human after the end of the world.

City Council President Joseph Coolman was pissed. His eyes were filled with vinegar, bile, rage you name it! I mean hotter than Marge Tartaglione on a bad day... "I promise you on the grave of my father that I will destroy that son of bitch!" scowled Joe Coolman as he sipped his Hennessy. He was sitting in the dark of his City Council President Office firmly affixed in his big leather chair. He slowly rocked back and forth. He was like a cobra. Ready to pounce. Maybe like a panther. But not moving too quickly. This one would take a little time. "Big Blarney my ass," he spoke to himself. And a patient man he was.... NOT A HAPPY BREAKFAST Democratic Party Unity Breakfast, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Bellevue Stratford Hotel. No matter how bad the political war or election, primary or general, the eggs get scrambled together into an omelet. They meet the day after the election to make peace. To unify. To continue to solidify the dominant political party again no matter what. Philly is a Democrat town. No ifs, ands, or cannolis about it. With a 7 to 1 voter registration advantage in the fifth largest city in the country (No, Philly didn't drop to lower than 6th or 7th nationally except maybe in the National League East). In terms of voter advantage, not even Frank Rizzo could switch over that Democrat number to Republican. Not even half would do it for the Bambino these days. With a voter lead like that, Johnny Bouchee and The Democratic Party of Philadelphia County / City of Philadelphia had "fuck you votes." He didn't need shit from anybody to win a general election by 4 or 5 to one in November even if the roof fell in or Rizzo appeared in the clouds over Boathouse Row. But this past primary created a lot of bad blood. A lot. The cuts went deep, and the screwing was of blarney and booze. The good of it, for Johnny Bouchee, was The Irish retook the City politically. It had been a while. But Johnny and Bobby Eamon were sitting pretty these days. They were smirking a great deal as the sun glimmered in those Irish Eyes. But like I said, this one cut deep. There was gonna be a price to pay. This Democrat's Unity Breakfast needed a lot of salve and bandages to heal. Salve? They needed more than that! They needed morphine and transplant organs to heal this trauma. The road to recovery went through the heart of North Philadelphia. The reason for it was simple. The African American Political Hierarchy took more than a haircut as James Francis Malloy became the Democratic Nominee for Mayor of Philadelphia. In truth, they got scalped. And the blood was all over Johnny Bouchee's and Bobby Eamon's hands. It happened like this every primary election. It was lick the wounds day and make peace and give respect to the vanquished over cold eggs and scrapple. In fact, Johnny Bouchee had been doing this breakfast for decades... but not today. Today, the rift was a little too big to manage over a breakfast, and Johnny knew it. It was bloody and ugly. A bad cut above the eye. The Philly Democrats looked like Rocky Balboa's face.

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