

From A To Zay

Devon Monk is casting a spell on the fantasy world... Using magic means it uses you back, and every spell exacts a price from its user. But some people get out of it by Offloading the cost of magic onto an innocent. Then it's Allison Beckstrom's job to identify the spell-caster. Allie would rather live a hand-to-mouth existence than accept the family fortune—and the strings that come with it. But when she finds a boy dying from a magical Offload that has her father's signature all over it, Allie is thrown back into his world of black magic. And the forces she calls on in her quest for the truth will make her capable of things that some will do anything to control...

In the secret lockup of the Authority, the council that decides what can and can't be done with magic, an undead magic user has possessed one of the prisoners. He wants his freedom—and then some. Now Allie Beckstrom and her lover, Zayvion, are the first line of defense against the chaos he's about to unleash on the city of Portland...

Us, Now roves from Indonesia to the Middle East, Taiwan, Mexico, China, Africa, Jamaica, Barbados, India, Pakistan, and points in between, converging in Newfoundland. These stories by racialized Newfoundlanders are by turns joyous, tender, hilarious, and heart-wrenching. They confront racism and celebrate the act of enduring. They are about settling and getting unsettled, about parents and their children, about language, about facing down the horrors of homophobia, about the joy of love, about lifelong relationships or the glee of a magnificent crush. Here social and domestic violence are countered with tenderness and the penetrating power of narrative. This is a book about distance and coming together, about what it means to be seen and understood, or--devastatingly--to be seen and judged, or to be invisible and misunderstood. What it means to belong. These are new writers and new visions of an in-the-present-moment Newfoundland, stories shaped by powerful voices, stories urgent, radical, and sparking with beauty.

It is a time of tremendous upheaval among the planets and the colonies, where death and destruction are the norm. At the center of the storm is A. J. Stoxher, the leader of Arcamia, a man who has turned more aggressive in his old age. He is an experienced commander who has lost his moral values. Stoxher will not allow anyone to stand in the way of his destroying the colonies. Even his relatives are not safe from his carnage. Many of the colonies are under attack and believe they must find a new planet where they can be safe. Their quest for a new home takes millions of light years of travel through space which leads to encounters with negative and unpredictable forces of nature, forces that play havoc on their physical and emotional well being.. The Forces is a science fiction novel written by Zuhdi Sardar.—This book outlines the problems and subsequent solutions created by the Intelligent Forces. These same problems the world faces today. The Forces communicates that in order for the world to survive and thrive we must create and act upon positive visions. It is only through the power of loving kindness and compassion that the world will survive.

The only thing in Jersey Kincaid's world that she has time for are keeping her grades up so that she doesn't lose her scholarship to South Texas University, playing the bass in her band, The Prototype, and satisfying her coffee addiction. Oh, and the occasional random hook-up she indulges in to pass the time. Love? Eh, not so much. Save that crap for a Katherine Heigl or Natalie Portman movie. Jersey's seen enough in life (courtesy of her Pops) to realize that undying romance is nothing more than a myth used to sell books and movie tickets. As she knows too well, the only thing inevitable in life is death- love is definitely not promised. That's why when Jersey meets Isaiah "Zay" Broussard with his soulful gray eyes, quick wit and easy charm, she's determined to remain aloof. She doesn't have time to get sidetracked by fleeting fantasies, even if she does feel an unexplainable connection to Zay she's never experienced before. But when his interest in her only seems to intensify, despite her attempts to brush him off, she gets to see a side of him and herself she didn't expect...

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER * One of NPR's Best Books of 2020 "A provocative, absorbing read." — People "A feast of a read... I finished A Good Neighborhood in a single sitting. Yes, it's that good." —Jodi Picoult, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Small Great Things and A Spark of Light In Oak Knoll, a verdant, tight-knit North Carolina neighborhood, professor of forestry and ecology Valerie Alston-Holt is raising her bright and talented biracial son, Xavier, who's headed to college in the fall. All is well until the Whitmans—a family with new money and a secretly troubled teenage daughter—raze the house and trees next door to build themselves a showplace. With little in common except a property line, these two families quickly find themselves at odds: first, over an historic oak tree in Valerie's yard, and soon after, the blossoming romance between their two teenagers. A Good Neighborhood asks big questions about life in America today—what does it mean to be a good neighbor? How do we live alongside each other when we don't see eye to eye?—as it explores the effects of class, race, and heartrending love in a story that's as provocative as it is powerful.

Joey, Evan, and Cee hail from Charlotte's infamous west side. Best friends since childhood, they have experienced highs, lows, and everything in between together. Evan is one of the country's most sought-after wedding and event planners. Cee is an A-list celebrity hairstylist. Joey is the East Coast's most popular female club promoter. Combining their talents, they form The Luxe Group Conglomerate. At the height of The Conglomerate's success, a series of mysterious fatal events occur. It is soon discovered that the secret past of one of the girls has come back to haunt them. In this tale of luxury, betrayal, and lies, the girls' friendship is put to the ultimate test. Lives are forever changed as the future of their lucrative conglomerate hangs in the balance.

Don't count on forever . . . Beautiful and educated, with just enough Atlanta street smarts to give her a sexy edge, hood princess Danna Mendoza has a dream life. Her temporary bodyguard-turned-undercover lover Don makes it complete. As her father's best friend and longtime drug partner, Don's devoted to keeping her safe. But Don's underlying vendetta against her father is one danger Danna never saw coming . . . Never say never . . . Cannon Collier has finally found her way in the world—as the newfound love interest of handsome basketball superstar on the rise, Ezra Mendoza. But Ezra doesn't plan on falling for her. And he doesn't plan on her becoming a casualty of his father's game. Yet things don't always go as planned. And soon, all hell will break loose, loyalties will be torn, and the tension between love, desire, and a thirst for revenge will converge at a fateful crossroads . . . PRAISE FOR A'ZAYLER "A'zayler's Heart of the Hustle is filled with heart, warmth and compelling storytelling that will leave you breathless." —Keisha Ervin, bestselling author "A'zayler weaves a web of dramatic secrets and surprise twists." —Booklist on Passion of the Streets

Published two years after their award-winning newspaper series, this is the compelling, day-by-day account of two Sun-Times reporters who infiltrated the small businessman's world to expose corruption within the Chicago government. Zekman and Smith bought The Mirage tavern, then sat back and recorded the parade of city inspectors, liquor vendors, tradesmen, and others with their sticky fingers extended. With evidence in hand, they shut down the bar and wrote a series of articles that have never been matched in intensity and long-term effect. The Mirage became synonymous with Chicago corruption. The journalistic accolades also flowed in, but the Zekman and Smith's bid for the biggest-the Pulitzer Prize-was torpedoed, perhaps by jealous colleagues at another major metropolitan paper. This edition includes a new afterword by the authors.

Many of the earliest books, particularly those dating back to the 1900s and before, are now extremely scarce and increasingly expensive. We are republishing these classic works in affordable, high quality, modern editions, using the original text and artwork.

What is balance? Why do we need it? How do you achieve it? Medicine for the madness is a collection of stories to inspire: Balance; Healing; Adventure; Spirituality; Pathways. Shared from epic friends and global travels, these pages take the viewer on a journey of self-discovery. Highlighting surf, snow, skate, and bike riding in the light of personal as well as collective sustainability necessities to reach our potential. A painstakingly crafted rendition of knowledge and art from the heart of freeriding.

A distinguished collection of historians and political scientists reflect on France's evolution as a political community from the nineteenth century to the present. The volume offers an original and timely evaluation of the 'French model' of state building and sheds light on specific aspects of modern French political culture.

Allison Beckstrom is committed to her work tracing illegal spells. Now, there's an apocalyptic storm bearing down on Portland, and when it hits, all the magic in the area will turn unstable and destructive. To stop it from taking out the entire city, Allie and her lover, the mysterious Zayvion Jones, must work with the Authority-the enigmatic arbiters of all things magic-and take a stand against a magical wildstorm that will obliterate all in its path... Watch a Video

* "Konigsberg demonstrates once again why he is one of the major voices in LGBTQ literature." -- Booklist, starred review Max: Chill. Sports. Video games. Gay and not a big deal, not to him, not to his mom, not to his buddies. And a secret: An encounter with an older kid that makes it hard to breathe, one that he doesn't want to think about, ever. Jordan: The opposite of chill. Poetry. His "wives" and the Chandler Mall. Never been kissed and searching for Mr. Right, who probably won't like him anyway. And a secret: A spiraling out of control mother, and the knowledge that he's the only one who can keep the family from falling apart. Throw in a rickety, 1980s-era food truck called Coq Au Vinny. Add in prickly pears, cloud eggs, and a murky idea of what's considered locally sourced and organic. Place it all in Mesa, Arizona, in June, where the temp regularly hits 114. And top it off with a touch of undeniable chemistry between utter opposites. Over the course of one summer, two boys will have to face their biggest fears and decide what they're willing to risk -- to get the thing they want the most.

Cold tingles zinged through Callan. The rain, coupled with the breeze, had nothing to do with it. This couldn't be. 'That's... that's not him, Dr Brown.' Two murders, forty years apart. Are they connected? Andrew Mackay is found sitting beside a corpse with a bloody stick in hand. Across town, the dig to unearth a body from the bog leads to the discovery of another missing person. Amateur sleuth Aileen Mackinnon believes in Andrew's innocence. She's determined to catch the real killer, even as her own life self-destructs. Searching for his best friend's body is turning out to be a mammoth task Detective Inspector Callan Cameron didn't expect, professionally or emotionally. Now investigating another murder and worrying about his girlfriend's safety, Callan is swamped. When every move is like a step away from the truth, the only way forward is to collaborate. Who can they trust? Who is lying? And who kills when the red mist descends? If books by Jullian Scott, Paul Austin Ardoin, Agatha Christie, JD Robb, DK Hood and Fiona Grace keep you up all night, When Red Mist Rises is the perfect puzzling mystery for you! What readers are saying about other books this series: "Shana Frost spools a great whodunnit with fun characters in When Murder Comes Home!" -Joshua Grant, Bestselling Author and the Diabolic Shrimp "The story had me captivated from the beginning prologue..." -Jackie Kripas, Bookbub Reviewer Best enjoyed in order: 1.When Murder Comes Home 2.When Eyes Don't Lie 3.When Birds Fall Silent 4.When Red Mist Rises This dynamic collection presents a new way of writing national and global histories while developing our understanding of France in the world through short, provocative essays that range from prehistoric frescoes to Coco Chanel to the terrorist attacks of 2015. Bringing together an impressive group of established and up-and-coming historians, this bestselling history conceives of France not as a fixed, rooted entity, but instead as a place and an idea in flux, moving beyond all borders and frontiers, shaped by exchanges and mixtures. Presented in chronological order from 34,000 BC to 2015, each chapter covers a significant year from its own particular angle--the marriage of a Viking leader to a Carolingian princess proposed by Charles the Fat in 882, the Persian embassy's reception at the court of Louis XIV in 1715, the Chilean coup d'état against President Salvador Allende in 1973 that mobilized a generation of French left-wing activists. France in the World combines the intellectual rigor of an academic work with the liveliness and readability of popular history. With a brand-new preface aimed at an international audience, this English-language edition will be an essential resource for Francophiles and scholars alike.

This is a REVAMPED VERSION of the book that was released in 2015. It was also re-released last year as All The Thug I Want, Not the Man I Need!!Get ready to meet the Clark family who will take you on a heart stopping, nail biting rollercoaster ride. This is the complete series for one low price.Meet Lexus, one of New York's most notorious gangsta's daughters. Lexus is the middle daughter and Big Jim's princess. Lexus has always been a daddy's girl and perfect to him in every way, until she meets Xavier, or Zay, as he's known in the streets. When Zay jumps in to save Lexus and her best friend one afternoon, she is totally smitten at first sight. When Zay gets hired by her brother, Princeton to work for their family, she feels it's just her luck.From the moment they met, there was an instant attraction, and even though he was warned by Princeton that his sister was off limits, the pair can't keep their hands off each other. However, her friend Malaysia has ideas of her own for Zay. Malaysia has always been jealous of Lexus and she is tired of it.

She decides to put something in motion to get the man whose heart they are both vying for. But will she do it at the expense of her friendship with Lexus or will their friendship prove to be more important than her attraction to Zay? Princeton is the only son who plans to follow in his dad's footsteps. But his need to be in control and his hunger for power has formed a great deal of tension between him and his dad. As Princeton's need to take over the family business takes over his mind, he finds himself doing the unthinkable. Will Lexus and Zay be able to find their happily ever after despite all the obstacles? Will Malaysia's jealousy drive a wedge between her and Lexus for good? Will Princeton's plan to be in total control cost him everything? Find out how this family gets down as everyone tries to claim what's theirs, even when it belongs to someone else.

Ready for a change in black economics? Join the Bitcoin revolution. Bitcoin and Black America is a dynamic new book that explores the synergy between black economics, Bitcoin and blockchain technology. The global financial system is changing and the digital revolution will not be televised. We explore how to incorporate cryptocurrency in your business, job and educational institution. This book also outlines the need for separation from the racist banking system and a comprehensive list of black professionals actively working in the Blockchain industry.

Allison Beckstrom's talent for tracking spells has put her up against some of the darkest elements in the world of magic. But she's never faced anything like this. Magic itself has been poisoned, and Allie's undead father may have left the only cure in the hands of a madman. Hunted by the Authority—the secret council who enforces the laws—wanted by the police, and unable to use magic, she's got to find the cure before the sickness spreads beyond any power to stop it. But when a death magic user seeks to destroy the only thing that can heal magic, Allie and her fellow renegades must stand and fight to defend the innocent and save all magic...

Tradition gets a makeover.

* A resplendent selection of garments from the many tribes who call Saudi Arabia home* Developed in partnership with the Mansoojat Foundation: a charity dedicated to preserving ethnic textiles and designs* An informative, accessible and beautiful celebration of cultureBorn out of fourteen years of collaboration with the Mansoojat Foundation, this book pays homage to Saudi Arabia's rich textile heritage. From the Labah Sadr of the Bal Harith tribe (a silver necklace decorated with colored glass beads, often recycled from old car lights) to the resplendent jasmine headdresses worn by the Jazan, Traditional Costumes of Saudi Arabia captures the stunning scope of traditional accessories and garb. Bright colors, bold patterns, intricate detail and eye-catching designs - the beauty of Arabian textiles is undeniable. Yet many in the western world do not appreciate the extent to which costume and culture are intertwined. Each headdress, thobe and necklace is an expression of identity, incorporating Islamic, Indian, Indonesian, Malay and Chinese influences that date back to the days of the Silk Road. Preserving costumes that are no longer worn and celebrating those which remain at the heart of communities, this book provides valuable insight into the history of Saudi Arabia through the voices of its oldest inhabitants.

From A to ZayThe Indie Guide to Music Production

Growing Up is not EASY for Little Zay! Of course, he wants everything to stay the same, but he has to learn that growing up is a part of life and learning new things too! Join Little Zay and his Friends as they take a journey down memory lane to remember their ULTIMATE experience in First Grade with Ms. McFadden all over again with the Fun-Loving Coloring and Activity pages for all children to enjoy!

From A to Zay: The Indie Guide to Music Production is years of successes and failures, and how you can duplicate the things I did right and avoid the things I did wrong. Let's get ready to go down the list of everything you need to know about music production (and perhaps life) from A to Zay. - Xavier Dotson The whole key to Xavier's success, besides the obvious (God, faith, family) has always been his consistency to keep creating, whether that's making beats, writing hooks, scoring films or coming up with ideas to further promote something he is involved in. Most people want the fame and the trappings of success without sacrificing anything. In this business or in anything you do, there's a price to pay to get what you want. Whatever is easy usually doesn't have a whole lot of value to it; anybody can have it. The key is to take the smallest of action steps every day and God will put the right people and situations in your life to get you to your destiny. Let me repeat that. Work on something every single day that will bring you closer to your goal. Stop wondering what you can do and start acting. Start acting like the person you want to be and you will become that person. My story is about having a vision. My hope is for you to discover your gifts, focus on them and work until something magical happens. Vision, writing it down and working hard and letting God do the rest. His name alone sets the tone for who he is, what he does and the magnitude of his skill set. Super-producer Xavier "Zaytoven" Dotson copped his name from the German composer and pianist Ludwig van Beethoven because of the many similarities the two musicians share. Both were born in Germany, both mastered the organ and piano at a young age, both boast a genuine interest in music and most notably possessed the same good foresight to align themselves with key people who could help further their careers. For Beethoven it was the dignitaries of Vienna, for Zaytoven it was Gucci Mane, king of the streets of east Atlanta."

A piercingly raw debut story collection from a young writer with an explosive voice; a treacherously surreal, and, at times, heartbreakingly satirical look at what it's like to be young and black in America.

The first in a new fantasy duology, The Glass Spare is a gorgeously told tale of love, loss, and deadly power from Lauren DeStefano, the bestselling author of the Chemical Garden series. Perfect for fans of Shannon Hale and Renee Ahdieh. Wilhelmina Heidle, the fourth child and only daughter of the king of the world's wealthiest nation, has grown up in the shadows. Kept hidden from the world in order to serve as a spy for her father—whose obsession with building his empire is causing a war—Wil wants nothing more than

to explore the world beyond her kingdom, if only her father would give her the chance. Until one night Wil is attacked, and she discovers a dangerous secret. Her touch turns people into gemstone. At first Wil is horrified—but as she tests its limits, she's drawn more and more to the strange and volatile ability. When it leads to tragedy, though, Wil is forced to face the destructive power within her and finally leave her home to seek the truth and a cure. But finding the key to her redemption puts her in the path of a cursed prince who has his own ideas for what to do with Wil's power. With a world on the brink of war and a power of ultimate destruction, can Wil find a way to help the kingdom that's turned its back on her, or will she betray her past and her family forever?

The confrontation between European countries and the expanding Ottoman Empire in the early modern era has played a major role in numerous fields of history. The aim of this book is to investigate the European-Ottoman interrelations from three angles. One deals with the circumstances: How did the Europeans meet the Turks in pragmatic and diplomatic connections? Another concerns imagery: how were the Turks depicted in literature and art? The third examines performativity: how were the Turks inserted into plays, operas and ceremonies? This book confronts mental, visual and embodied images with historical positions and conditions. The focus, therefore, is on the dynamic interactive processes of experience, embodiment and imagination in context. Bringing together Turkish and European scholars, it applies a number of research strategies used by historians to the history of art, literature, music and theatre. Contributions by Pál Ács | Robert Born | Asli Çirakman | Anne Duprat | Kate Fleet | Bent Holm | Marcus Keller | Maria Pia Pedani | Mogens Pelt | Mikael Bøgh Rasmussen | Günsel Renda | Pia Schwarz Lausten | Charlotte Colding Smith | Suna Suner | Dirk Van Waelderren

Mia Johnson, the songbird of Living Waters Church, the daughter of a powerful pastor, and loving wife to her husband Edward, is living the perfect life or so it seems until she is unexpectedly hit with a blow that makes her question her faith and existence in God. Her pain, sadness and disappointment of this untimely revelation quickly turn into bitterness and disgust and she decides to leave her once storybook life and family behind to embark upon a journey that is ultimately destined for destruction. As her family attempts to heal its own exposed wounds and crushing secrets, Mia finds consolation and corrupt employment with a childhood friend, Corey, who is rightfully powerful in all the wrong ways. As Mia desperately looks to continually distance herself from her family thousands of miles away, the bit of light that remains within her, is a lingering reminder in her new life that God still loves her in spite of her pain and decision to leave Him. She will soon have to make a critical decision whether to return home and forgive her transgressors, as God does His children, or continue to deepen her roots in working in the dark bowels of crime.

Three near-death experiences, three near-fatal diagnoses and six years in solitude. A truly extraordinary life-defying journey. • Imagine having gotten a glimpse of the 'other side' at the ages of 5, 15 and 25 - and living to tell the world about it. • Imagine hearing your doctor tell you: "You have six weeks to six months to live. I suggest you go home and get your affairs in order." • Imagine getting your "I" dismantled to a place where even food is no longer necessary ... Dr. Cha~zay moved out of solitude in the Italian Alps to come to the United States with her urgent message: Time is of the essence! Our lives are important, but not a fraction as important as our souls. Soul is Cause. Life is Effect.

Tall, dark, and... Killian would have liked to say handsome, but that would be a lie. In its place, he could add paid, successful, well-dressed...maybe even a good man, but definitely nothing that would accentuate his good looks. That was the one thing he just didn't have. Well, not personally anyway. Thanks to his thriving career as a fitness trainer, he's surrounded by women every day. They just don't belong to him, and honestly, he's okay with that. After continuously being turned down, looked over, and frowned upon, Killian has chosen to block off the avenue to his heart until the right woman can find him. He is done looking for love, so if a female wants to pursue anything serious, they would have to approach him first. Had he known the beautiful young, vibrant, East, would be that person, he would have run for the hills. Just as crazy, just as mean, and just as guarded as Killian, East quickly becomes the challenge he's been avoiding. However, unlike Killian, East is ready for love. One bad relationship after the next, her heart should be too damaged to mend, but not for Killian. A self-made broken-hearted guru, Killian is the man for the job. A small skill he's acquired after stitching the pieces of his own heart back together too many times before. Though East is ready for happiness and open to loving Killian, she's no easy target. With a horrible attitude and a terribly rude mouth, Killian isn't the easiest person to get along with, unless you're a self-assured spitfire named East. Take a chance and fall in love with another one of A'zayler's page turning romances. Killian and East are a love story for the ages."

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Witness the epic final chapter of the Skywalker saga with the official novelization of Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker, including expanded scenes and additional content not seen in theaters! The Resistance has been reborn. But although Rey and her fellow heroes are back in the fight, the war against the First Order, now led by Supreme Leader Kylo Ren, is far from over. Just as the spark of rebellion is rekindling, a mysterious signal broadcasts throughout the galaxy, with a chilling message: Emperor Palpatine, long thought defeated and destroyed, is back from the dead. Has the ancient Lord of the Sith truly returned? Kylo Ren cuts a swath of destruction across the stars, determined to discover any challenge to his control over the First Order and his destiny to rule over the galaxy—and crush it completely. Meanwhile, to discover the truth, Rey, Finn, Poe, and the Resistance must embark on the most perilous adventure they have ever faced. Featuring all-new scenes adapted from never-before-seen material, deleted scenes, and input from the filmmakers, the story that began in Star Wars: The Force Awakens and continued in Star Wars: The Last Jedi reaches an astounding conclusion.

At first glance, 27-year-old Dionni Stone, owner of Whatever You Like Entertainment seems to have what all black women desire: natural beauty, a successful business, and a beautiful black man on her side. But once again, Dionni finds the love of her life in a compromising situation. This is the final heart break. Dionni decides to concentrate on her business, and it's there she meets new client, Xavier "Zay" Grey, an investment banker that hires her to plan a surprise graduation party for his baby sister. Again, Dionni begins to think she might have found "the one" for her, but a devastating secret finds her world once again shaken--P. [4] of cover.

A fun, whimsical, wide-ranging children's picture book, taking readers from A to Zåäö in the Swedish alphabet and through history via the joy of exploration and imagination. Each object--a chair, a fireplace, carved figures, all historical objects currently held at ASI--is paired with a Swedish verb (and its translation) that represents how one might explore or use this object if imagination was the only limit.

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