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The adventure stories of the boy wizard Harry Potter tap life's most pressing questions about love and values, evil, free will, and the soul. Ari Armstrong's *Values of Harry Potter* explores the complex themes of J. K. Rowling's beloved novels, illuminating the heroic fight for life-promoting values, the hero's need for independence, and the role of choice in virtue. Drawing on the ideas of Aristotle and Ayn Rand, Armstrong then critiques the Christian elements of self-sacrifice and immortality, arguing that they ultimately clash with the essential nature of the hero as exemplified by Harry Potter and his allies. *Values of Harry Potter* offers a unique, succinct, and provocative look at Rowling's revolutionary novels for both enthusiasts and critics. This Expanded Edition also reviews the novels' psychology, government, and news media.

When pawn broker Abby Kirkwood discovers the evidence of a chilling drug cartel hit on one of the video cameras hooked in her store, she turns to the only man she can trust—Jack Connolly. The smolderingly sexy former Marine runs a successful gym down the street and coaches her brother's special needs baseball team. He's the one man who is always there when she needs him. If anyone can protect her family, it's commanding, capable Jack. The moment he learns someone is threatening Abby and her brother, Jack sees red. To save the woman he's secretly loved for years, he'll do whatever it takes, even if it means facing off with a Mexican drug cartel and making deals with the same Albanian mob outfit that tried to ruin his family. He finally has sweet, feisty Abby right where she was always meant to be—writhing with pleasure in his bed and safely sheltered in his arms. The vicious cartel assassin hot on her heels has no idea what he's up against. The Connolly brothers are standing strong together—and no one touches their family. Alpha male, Marine romance, military hero, interracial romance, bwwm romance, mob, fighter romance, suspense, sexy, fighting connollys, her Russian protector, roxie rivera

First Taste: A Series Starter Collection Savor your first taste of dirty, sexy, dangerous underworld romances from NYT and USA Today Bestselling Author Roxie Rivera. **IVAN (Her Russian Protector #1)** To find her sister, Erin will need the help of her big, scary Russian protector—but asking for help from a man like Ivan carries a steep price, one that might just include her heart. **DIMITRI (Her Russian Protector #2)** Threatened from all sides, Benny finds safety in Dimitri's strong arms—and in his bed. Her big, sexy Russian has no intention of ever letting her go—and he'll brave the fires of hell before he lets anyone harm her. **YURI (Her Russian Protector #3)** When Lena's father and cousin blunder into an international art theft operation, Yuri seizes his chance to be her protector. But when past misdeeds catch up with him and threaten Lena's safety, Yuri puts her love and trust in him to the test. **A Very Russian Christmas (Her Russian Protector #3.5)** It's Christmas in Houston, and the Russians are ready to spoil—and protect—the women they love. Featuring nine sexy, flirty stories, this holiday-themed collection from the Her Russian Protector series allows readers to revisit favorite couples and meet new love interests. **In Kelly's Corner (The Fighting Connollys #1)** With the family gym on the line, there's only one way for Kelly to make everything right. He agrees to fight for the Albanian mob in an underground bare-knuckle fighting tournament. But winning the tournament and saving his family's legacy comes at a high price—one that just might cost Bee her life. **Seduced by the Loan Shark** Gathering her courage and the four thousand dollars she has in savings, college co-ed Cassie bravely enters the bar where Hagen, Houston's most feared loan shark, operates his criminal empire. Her brother is in deep trouble and she's his last hope. Left breathless with pleasure after their encounter, Cassie discovers she can't walk away from Hagen. But she's flirting with danger now—and someone is bound to get hurt. **Collateral (Debt Collection #1)** Ben's plans to have a little fun with a girl way out of his league are shot to hell after one taste of sweet, beguiling Aston. When her stepbrother's shady dealings are revealed, Ben will do anything to protect her from the seedy underworld he inhabits—even if it means crossing the only family he's ever known. **Step** When Jem's brother is kidnapped, Step vows to get him back, even if that means knocking on the door of Russian mob boss Nikolai and calling in favors from his cousin Ten, the infamous mob enforcer. Because Step has finally tasted happiness, and he'll fight like hell to keep Jem in his life... **Zel (Markovic MMA)** When Sara's past threatens everything Zel has worked so hard to achieve, she has to make a painful choice. She can sacrifice her love for Zel and let him go—or she can fight for him, facing the secret that nearly buried her back in Houston and the loan shark who owns them both. **Her Cowboy Protector** Cruz Montes can't believe her DEA Agent brother is abandoning her on a dusty, isolated ranch in West Texas with a cowboy she's never met. Carlos swears Niall is the only man who can keep Cruz and her unborn baby safe but she isn't so sure. One look at the rough ex-soldier and Cruz wonders if she wouldn't be safer on her own... **Close Quarters** When Navy SEAL Leland Gates runs off to his family's secluded cabin to lick his wounds, he never expects to find makeup heiress Jamie Pearson hiding out there. His sister's best friend swears she's only there for a weekend of relaxation, but his well-honed instincts tell him that she's in big trouble. Getting tangled up in Jamie's latest hot mess—or her sheets—is the very last thing he needs, but in close quarters like these, there's no denying the white-hot passion blazing between them.

Book 2 in the Bestselling Her Russian Protector Sexy Romantic Suspense Series Refusing to lose her brother to the violent Hermanos street gang, Benny turns to Dimitri, the dead sexy Russian who lives in the apartment above her family's bakery. He's the only man tough enough to get through to Johnny and save him from a life in prison—or worse. There's nothing Dimitri won't do for Benny, even if it means dealing with her troublemaking brother. He quickly realizes that it's not just Johnny and his thug friends that pose a threat to Benny. A shady real estate developer needs to buy her bakery to secure a multi-million dollar deal and he'll stop at nothing to make her sell. Threatened from all sides, Benny finds safety in Dimitri's strong arms—and in his bed. Her big, sexy Russian has no intention of ever letting her go—and he'll brave the fires of hell before he lets anyone harm her. **Reader's Note:** Dimitri is an incredibly passionate man with a dominant streak—and Benny is only too happy to indulge his need for a little...restraint. **keywords:** alpha male, latina heroine, multicultural, mob romance, bodyguard romance, her russian protector series **A cowboy...and so much more** Potter Sapphire Ferguson had one rule: no more artists. There have been too many disappointments and too many heartbreaks. That is, until she sees wildlife metal artist Grady Magee welding a sculpture of wolves, and Sapphire's self-control is completely incinerated. Whoa, Nellie. A cowboy with an artist's soul...and a hard, sexy body. How can she resist? Sapphire tells herself it's just sex—incredibly and unbelievably intense sex—between two consenting adults. No love and no getting hurt. Except that Grady isn't just an artist. He was raised at Thunder Mountain Ranch, and he's all cowboy. He's playing for keeps...and he'll have to prove to Sapphire that he can have an artist's soul and a cowboy's heart.

Katherine Arden's bestselling debut novel spins an irresistible spell as it announces the arrival of a singular talent with a gorgeous voice. "A beautiful deep-winter story, full of magic and monsters and the sharp edges of growing up."—Naomi Novik, bestselling author of *Uprooted* Winter lasts most of the year at the edge of the Russian wilderness, and in the long nights, Vasilisa and her siblings love to gather by the fire to listen to their nurse's fairy tales. Above all, Vasya loves the story of Frost, the blue-eyed winter

demon. Wise Russians fear him, for he claims unwary souls, and they honor the spirits that protect their homes from evil. Then Vasya's widowed father brings home a new wife from Moscow. Fiercely devout, Vasya's stepmother forbids her family from honoring their household spirits, but Vasya fears what this may bring. And indeed, misfortune begins to stalk the village. But Vasya's stepmother only grows harsher, determined to remake the village to her liking and to groom her rebellious stepdaughter for marriage or a convent. As the village's defenses weaken and evil from the forest creeps nearer, Vasilisa must call upon dangerous gifts she has long concealed—to protect her family from a threat sprung to life from her nurse's most frightening tales. Praise for *The Bear and the Nightingale* “Arden's debut novel has the cadence of a beautiful fairy tale but is darker and more lyrical.”—The Washington Post “Vasya [is] a clever, stalwart girl determined to forge her own path in a time when women had few choices.”—The Christian Science Monitor “Stunning . . . will enchant readers from the first page. . . . with an irresistible heroine who wants only to be free of the bonds placed on her gender and claim her own fate.”—Publishers Weekly (starred review) “Utterly bewitching . . . a lush narrative . . . an immersive, earthy story of folk magic, faith, and hubris, peopled with vivid, dynamic characters, particularly clever, brave Vasya, who outsmarts men and demons alike to save her family.”—Booklist (starred review) “An extraordinary retelling of a very old tale . . . *The Bear and the Nightingale* is a wonderfully layered novel of family and the harsh wonders of deep winter magic.”—Robin Hobb

After a stalker breaks into her home, internet entrepreneur Bee Langston decides Kelly Connolly is the only man who can help her—but seeking help from the former Marine isn't easy, especially after she made a spectacular fool of herself trying to kiss the sinfully sexy bodyguard. When Kelly spots Bee weaving her way through the Houston nightspot where he's working security, all those feelings he's desperately tried to deny for his best friend's sister come flooding to the surface. He'll do anything to keep her safe, even if it means getting up close and personal with the one woman he simply can't have. Soon, Bee's stalker isn't his only problem. His gambling addict father is tangled in a mess of debts to two of Houston's toughest loan sharks. With the family gym on the line, there's only one way for Kelly to make everything right. He agrees to fight for the Albanian mob in an underground bare-knuckle tournament. But winning the tournament and saving his family's legacy comes at a high price—one that just might cost Bee her life. keywords: alpha male, fighter romance, underground fighting, mixed martial arts, geek heroine, tech romance, mob, Marine romance, bodyguard romance, roxie rivera, her russian protector series, fighting connollys series

The Most Dangerous Game, also published as *The Hounds of Zaroff*, is a short story by Richard Connell first published in *Collier's* magazine on January 19, 1924. It features a big-game hunter from New York who falls off a yacht and swims to an isolated island in the Caribbean where he is hunted by a Cossack aristocrat. The story is an adaptation of the big-game hunting safaris in Africa and South America that were fashionable among wealthy Americans in the 1920s.

Koschei the Deathless is to Russian folklore what devils or wicked witches are to European culture: a menacing, evil figure; the villain of countless stories which have been passed on through story and text for generations. But Koschei has never before been seen through the eyes of Catherynne Valente, whose modernized and transformed take on the legend brings the action to modern times, spanning many of the great developments of Russian history in the twentieth century. *Deathless*, however, is no dry, historical tome: it lights up like fire as the young Marya Morevna transforms from a clever child of the revolution, to Koschei's beautiful bride, to his eventual undoing. Along the way there are Stalinist house elves, magical quests, secrecy and bureaucracy, and games of lust and power. All told, *Deathless* is a collision of magical history and actual history, of revolution and mythology, of love and death, which will bring Russian myth back to life in a stunning new incarnation. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

USA TODAY BESTSELLER Claimed and cherished by Houston's most ruthless mob boss, artist Vivian Kalasnikov embraces her new position as Nikolai's wife and the lonely, dangerous role as queen of Houston's underworld. But Nikolai is keeping secrets from her, and the whispers of a coming street war leave her terrified for the man she so passionately loves—and the tiny life growing inside her. Nikolai finally has everything he's ever wanted—power, wealth and a family with Vivian, the beautiful sun who lights up his dark life. But as his young wife prepares for her debut on the international art stage, he finds himself drawn into a bloody conflict that threatens the quiet life he's painstakingly built. He can feel the promise of his future happiness slipping through his fingers like grains of sand. One wrong move, and he'll lose Vivian and his child forever. One wrong move, and he won't see another sunrise. The sins of their fathers have come back to haunt Vivian and Nikolai. To protect his beloved wife and his heir, he'll do absolutely anything. The brutal gangster who violently conquered the streets of Moscow and Houston is about to be unleashed—and Houston's underworld will never be the same again.

Discover this amazing adventure story set in the Second World War 'If you meet Ruth or Edek or Bronia, you must tell them I'm going to Switzerland to find their mother. Tell them to follow as soon as they can' Having lost their parents in the chaos of war, Ruth, Edek and Bronia are left alone to fend for themselves and hide from the Nazis amid the rubble and ruins of their city. They meet a ragged orphan boy, Jan, who treasures a paperknife - a silver sword - which was entrusted to him by an escaped prisoner of war. The three children realise that the escapee was their father, the silver sword a message that he is alive and searching for them. Together with Jan they begin a dangerous journey across the battlefields of Europe to find their parents. BACKSTORY: Read a letter from the author's daughter and find out about the amazing true stories that inspired *The Silver Sword*.

Book 5 in the Bestselling Her Russian Protector Sexy Romantic Suspense Series After losing her older brother in a violent robbery, wedding gown designer Bianca Bradshaw refuses to date men with criminal ties. She's never been tempted to cross that line—until Sergei. The Russian behemoth works as an enforcer for mob boss Nikolai Kalasnikov and fights as his champion in the underground bare-knuckle circuit. Sergei is absolutely the last complication she needs in her life—but he's the only man who makes her body ache with desire. And right now she needs his help. When he learns some creep is bothering Bianca, Sergei Sakharov vows to protect her at all costs. He's been trying to get close to the plus-sized beauty for months but she rejects him at every turn. He's determined to show her that he's worth more as a man than his criminal connections. But Sergei's loyalty to his family—both blood and criminal—put him at odds with the future he wants with Bianca. He has to choose—the woman he desperately loves or his loyalty to the man who saved his life. Because the darkness of the underworld he inhabits is about to spill into Bianca's life and the hardest choice may be the only one that allows him to protect her... keywords: interracial romance, bwmm, mob romance, alpha male, tattoos, fighter romance, mixed martial arts, multicultural romance, her russian protector series, fighting connollys series

"This collection of holiday-themed short stories fits the Her Russian protector series timeline between Yuri (book 3) and the beginning of Nikolai (book 4). It features couples from the first five books in the series as well as glimpses of future couples to

come"--P. v.

After a nightmare blind date, hair stylist Holly Phillips swears off men. The only problem with that plan? Her mysterious and sinfully sexy neighbor Kostya who appeared from the shadows and saved her on that cold, scary night. Russian covert operative turned infamous mob cleaner Kostya Antonovich lives his life by one major rule: Don't Get Involved. But when the lies surrounding Holly's birth begin to unravel, Kostya's only choice is to break that rule and break it hard. He'll use every last tool in that sinister black bag of his to protect Holly from a cartel hit squad and the notorious KGB operative who has escaped a grim Russian prison to seek his revenge. For her, he'll risk it all.

After a year filled with drama and danger, Erin and Ivan are ready to focus on the one thing they want the most--starting a family. When she has yet another negative test, Erin worries there's something wrong with her. Ivan urges his wife not to worry because it will happen when it's meant to happen. He hates seeing her stressed out and does whatever he can to make her happy. But, when Erin's wayward sister is released from jail, he hesitates to allow Ruby to live in their home. He's worried she hasn't changed and that Erin will only end up getting hurt again. Trouble follows Ruby from the cell block to their front door, and Ivan finds himself faced with an insurmountable problem. If he can't save Ruby's life, he'll lose everything--Erin, the family they desperately want and his freedom.

Book 3 in the Bestselling Her Russian Protector Sexy Romantic Suspense Series While clawing her way out of Houston's worst neighborhood, Lena vowed to never let any man have power over her. After a lifetime of broken promises from her criminal father and a mother who abandoned her, Lena believes that love makes you vulnerable. She's never been tempted to test that belief...until Yuri. Sexy as sin and with a dark reputation, Russian billionaire Yuri Novakovsky survived a miserable childhood of poverty and neglect to ascend the pinnacle of success. He enjoys the perks of his massive wealth without much thought to the consequences...until Lena. When Lena's father and cousin blunder into an international art theft operation, Yuri seizes his chance to be her protector. But when past misdeeds catch up with him and threaten Lena's safety, Yuri puts her love and trust in him to the test. He'll prove he's the man she needs--a man she can trust and depend upon--one sensual, wicked kiss at a time. keywords: billionaire, alpha male, latina heroine, multicultural romance, mob romance, her russian protector series, fighting connollys series This novel features all the thrilling adventure readers will expect from the Marvel brand, backed up by the young-adult cred of #1 New York Times bestselling author Margaret Stohl. Uncover a new side of the Marvel Universe, accessible to old fans and new readers alike, as Stohl weaves an unforgettable story through the world of the Black Widow.

"A collection of letters between Vladimir Nabokov and his wife Vera."--

After their wild night running from Houston's criminal underworld, Ben and Aston are inseparable. Refusing to choose between the only family he's ever known--the Albanian mafia--or building a life with sweet, innocent Aston, Ben walks a careful line. He's not giving her up without a fight. But the loose ends left unclipped from that first fateful night together are threatening to strangle the future Ben and Aston so desperately want. Calvin, her sadistic stepbrother is gone, but even in death, he's found ways to torment her. He left behind a tangled web of schemes and lies that threaten to set Houston's underworld on fire. When Aston discovers an unexpected consequence from her torrid night with Ben, she refuses to let Calvin and his terrible secrets hurt the people she loves. Whatever it takes, whatever the risk, she'll keep them safe. Even if that means betraying Ben's criminal family...

Desperate to find her sister, Erin goes to the only man in Houston who can help her: Ivan Markovic. The intimidating, tattooed Russian operates one of the most elite mixed-martial arts training centers in the world but it's his shadowy past and reputed connections with Houston's underworld that interest her most. To find her sister, she'll need the help of her big, scary Russian protector—but asking for help from a man like Ivan carries a steep price, one that might just include her heart. alpha male, fighter romance, mob romance, mixed martial arts, mob enforcer, college romance, new adult romance, her Russian protector series, roxie rivera

George Steiner's Tolstoy or Dostoevsky has become a classic among scholars of Russian literature. An essay in poetic and philosophic criticism that bears mainly on the Russian masters, Tolstoy or Dostoevsky deals also with larger themes: the epic tradition extending from Homer to Tolstoy; the continuity of a "tragic world view" from Oedipus Rex to King Lear and The Brothers Karamazov; the contrasts between the epic and dramatic modes, between irreconcilably opposed views of God and of history.

When Cassie exchanged her body for her brother's life, she never expected to fall in love with the loan shark who made the demand. Alpha to the core, Hagen provides the stability and security she craves, but his instincts to always protect her put Cassie in serious danger. With her life hanging in the balance, she begins to wonder just how far Hagen will go to defend her. Because Cassie's big, soft heart leaves her vulnerable, and if Hagen decides to walk away, she isn't sure she's strong enough to survive the threat to her life.

Three ridiculously sexy Russian hunks wrapped up in one volume! Includes IVAN, DIMITRI and YURI from the bestselling sexy romantic suspense Her Russian Protector series! IVAN (Her Russian Protector #1) Desperate to find her sister, Erin goes to the only man in Houston who can help her- -Ivan Markovic. The intimidating, tattooed Russian operates one of the most elite mixed-martial arts training centers in the world but it's his shadowy past and reputed connections with Houston's underworld that interest her most. To find her sister, she'll need the help of her big, scary Russian protector--but asking for help from a man like Ivan carries a steep price, one that might just include her heart. DIMITRI (Her Russian Protector #2) Refusing to lose her brother to the violent Hermanos street gang, Benny turns to Dimitri, the dead sexy Russian who lives in the apartment above her family's bakery. He's the only man tough enough to get through to Johnny and save him from a life in prison--or worse. There's nothing Dimitri won't do for Benny, even if it means dealing with her troublemaking brother. He quickly realizes that it's not just Johnny and his thug friends that pose a threat to Benny. A shady real estate developer needs to buy her bakery to secure a multi-million dollar deal and he'll stop at nothing to make her sell. Threatened from all sides, Benny finds safety in Dimitri's strong arms--and in his bed. Her big, sexy Russian has no intention of ever letting her go--and he'll brave the fires of hell before he lets anyone harm

her. YURI (Her Russian Protector #3) While clawing her way out of Houston's worst neighborhood, Lena vowed to never let any man have power over her. After a lifetime of broken promises from her criminal father and a mother who abandoned her, Lena believes that love makes you vulnerable. She's never been tempted to test that belief...until Yuri. Sexy as sin and with a dark reputation, Russian billionaire Yuri Novakovsky survived a miserable childhood of poverty and neglect to ascend the pinnacle of success. He enjoys the perks of his massive wealth without much thought to the consequences...until Lena. When Lena's father and cousin blunder into an international art theft operation, Yuri seizes his chance to be her protector. But when past misdeeds catch up with him and threaten Lena's safety, Yuri puts her love and trust in him to the test. He'll prove he's the man she needs--a man she can depend upon and trust--one sensual, wicked kiss at a time. alpha male, mob romance, tattooed hero, billionaire hero, fighter romance, latina heroine, Russian hero, military hero, mixed martial arts, possessive hero, bad boy, multicultural

Romain Gary's bittersweet final masterpiece is "epic and empathetic" (BBC) and "one of his best" (The New York Times) The Kites begins with a young boy, Ludo, coming of age on a small farm in Normandy under the care of his eccentric kite-making Uncle Ambrose. Ludo's life changes the day he meets Lila, a girl from the aristocratic Polish family that owns the estate next door. In a single glance, Ludo falls in love forever; Lila, on the other hand, disappears back into the woods. And so begins Ludo's adventure of longing, passion, and love for the elusive Lila, who begins to reciprocate his feelings just as Europe descends into World War II. After Germany invades Poland, Lila and her family go missing, and Ludo's devotion to saving her from the Nazis becomes a journey to save his love, his loved ones, his country, and ultimately himself. Filled with unforgettable characters who fling all they have into the fight to keep their hopes—and themselves—alive, The Kites is Romain Gary's poetic call for resistance in whatever form it takes. A war hero himself, Gary embraced and fought for humanity in all its nuanced complexities, in the belief that a hero might be anyone who has the courage to love and hope.

These 12 illustrated children's stories have been taken from the heart of "Holy Russia." From an area that covers the Ukrainian Steppe from Kiev to Novgorod, in the West, to the borders of the Caspian Sea in the East. Herein are the stories of: Ilya And Cloudfall, Ilya Meets Svyatogor And Parts With Him, Ilya And Nightingale The Robber, Ilya And Falcon The Hunter, The Adventure Of The Burning White Stone, How Quiet Dunai Had Brought The Princess Apraxia To Kiev, The Story Of Nikitich And Marina, How The Court Of Vladimir Received A Visitor From India the Glorious, The Story Of Kasyan And The Dream Maiden, How Stavr The Noble Was Saved By A Woman's Wiles the Golden Horde, Whirlwind The Whistler, Or The Kingdoms Of Copper, Silver, And Gold, Vasily The Turbulent, Nikita The Footless and The Terrible Tsar, Peerless Beauty The Cake-Baker The stories are further enhanced by the sixteen gloriously coloured plates and line illustrations by Frank C. Papé. We invite you to curl up with this unique sliver of Russian culture not seen in print for over a century; and immerse yourself in the tales and fables of yesteryear.

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After a brush with death as a juvenile delinquent, Vivian swore she'd never stray across that line again—but there's just one problem with her plan to stay on the right side of the law. She's completely, irrevocably and unabashedly in love with Nikolai, the Russian mob boss who saved her life. From the moment Vivian appeared in his life on that tragic April night, Nikolai felt himself inextricably bonded to her. She's the bright light in his dark world and the only thing that keeps him from sliding deeper into a life of crime and violence—a mobbed-up life he can't escape no matter how hard he tries. After Vivian is ripped from his arms in a brazen blitz attack, Nikolai will stop at nothing to get her back—but rescuing her and keeping her safe in his arms isn't enough. Suddenly, Nikolai's only chance to protect her is to do the one thing he vowed never to do—he'll drag her deeper into his shadowy world and bind her to him forever. Because their tangled pasts are about to collide and the shockwave threatens to bring Houston's criminal underbelly to its knees... romantic suspense, alpha male, possessive hero, mob romance, mob boss, latina heroine, her Russian protector series, roxie rivera, college romance, new adult

After brooding, mercurial mobster Besian saves Marley for the second time, she anxiously awaits his visit in the hospital. She's ready to confess her love for him, certain he returns her feelings. Except, he never comes to see her. Heartbroken, Marley flees Houston and Besian. She wanders Europe, looking for answers, and eventually finds herself standing in the last place she ever expected—Albania, his homeland. Back in Houston, Besian tries to pretend everything is fine. He's convinced himself that letting Marley go was the right decision. She's too good, too pure, for a dark-hearted monster like him. But, when Besian learns someone has put a hit on Marley, he can't lie to himself—or her—any longer. He leaves Houston in the middle of the night, racing off to Albania to find her. And once he does, he knows there's only one way to truly keep her safe. Whether she likes it or not, she's coming back to Houston as his wife.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Following their adventures in The Bear and the Nightingale and The Girl in the Tower, Vasya and Morozko return in this stunning conclusion to the bestselling Winternight Trilogy, battling enemies mortal and magical to save both Russias, the seen and the unseen. "A tale both intimate and epic, featuring a heroine whose harrowing and wondrous journey culminates in an emotionally resonant finale."—Publishers Weekly (starred review) NAMED ONE OF PASTE'S BEST FANTASY BOOKS OF THE DECADE Vasilisa Petrovna is an unforgettable heroine determined to forge her own path. Her gifts and her courage have drawn the attention of Morozko, the winter-king, but it is too soon to know if this connection will prove a blessing or a curse. Now Moscow has been struck by disaster. Its people are searching for answers—and for someone to blame. Vasya finds herself alone, beset on all sides. The Grand Prince is in a rage, choosing allies that will lead him on a path to war and ruin. A wicked demon returns, determined to spread chaos. Caught at the center of the conflict is Vasya, who finds the fate of two worlds resting on her shoulders. Her destiny uncertain, Vasya will uncover surprising truths about herself as she desperately tries to save Russia, Morozko, and the magical world she treasures. But she may not be able to save them all. Praise for The Winter of the Witch "Katherine Arden's Winternight Trilogy isn't just good—it's hug-to-your-chest, straight-to-the-favorites-shelf, reread-

immediately good, and each book just gets better. The Winter of the Witch plunges us back to fourteenth-century Moscow, where old gods and new vie for the soul of Russia and fate rests on a witch girl's slender shoulders. Prepare to have your heart ripped out, loaned back to you full of snow and magic, and ripped out some more."—Laini Taylor "Luxuriously detailed yet briskly suspenseful . . . a striking literary fantasy informed by Arden's deep knowledge."—Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

There is no question that tensions between Russia and American are on the rise. The forced annexation of Crimea, the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight 17, and the Russian government's treatment of homosexuals have created diplomatic standoffs and led to a volley of economic sanctions. Much of the blame for Russia's recent hostility towards the West has fallen on steely-eyed President Vladimir Putin and Americans have begun to wonder if they are witnessing the rebirth of Cold War-style dictatorship. Not so fast, argues veteran historian Walter Laqueur. For two decades, Laqueur has been ahead of the curve, predicting events in post-Soviet Russia with uncanny accuracy. In Putinism, he deftly demonstrates how three long-standing pillars of Russian ideology: a strong belief in the Orthodox Church, a sense of Eurasian "manifest destiny" and a fear of foreign enemies, continue to exert a powerful influence on the Russian populous. In fact, today's Russians have more in common with their counterparts from 1904 than 1954 and Putin is much more a servant of his people than we might think. Topical and provocative, Putinism contains much more than historical analysis. Looking to the future, Laqueur explains how America's tendency to see Russia as a Cold War relic is dangerous and premature. As the situation in Ukraine has already demonstrated, Russia can and will challenge the West and it is in our best interest to figure out exactly who it is we are facing—and what they want—before it is too late.

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Cruz Montes can't believe her DEA Agent brother is abandoning her on a dusty, isolated ranch in West Texas with a cowboy she's never met. Carlos swears Niall is the only man who can keep Cruz and her unborn baby safe but she isn't so sure. One look at the rough ex-soldier and Cruz wonders if she wouldn't be safer on her own. Rancher Niall Campbell isn't thrilled with the prospect of babysitting his best friend's sister, especially when he learns she's marked for death by an infamous drug cartel assassin. But he swore a blood oath with Carlos in the heat of battle and always keeps his word. He'll defend Cruz and her unborn baby with his life. Cruz quickly realizes she isn't the only one being followed by a ghost. She's drawn to the haunted Niall. As she chips away at his emotional armor, Niall dares to dream about what it might be like to have a family of his own, to keep Cruz and her baby in his life. But all those dreams will remain unrealized if he can't protect her. keywords: cowboy romance, Navy SEAL, organized crime, mafia, cartel, secret baby, pregnancy, latina romance

Sinister Mayhem lead singer Step Vasiliev likes his women wild, his sex rough and his partying hard--but his reckless lifestyle has finally caught up with him. His thirtieth birthday ends with a humiliating face-plant onto the floor of his luxury hotel suite. Hardworking hotel maid Jemima Coates comes to his rescue. Her kindness enralls him, but it's her sweet, innocent beauty that ensnares him. One stolen kiss--and Step knows he'll do anything to protect her. When her younger brother is kidnapped, Step vows to get him back, even if that means knocking on the door of Russian mob boss Nikolai and calling in favors from his cousin Ten, the infamous mob enforcer. Because Step has finally tasted happiness, and he'll fight like hell to keep Jem in his life... keywords: rock star romance, multicultural romance, Russian hero, mafia, mob, organized crime

"Oh my human brothers, let me tell you how it happened." Dr. Max Aue, the man at the heart of Jonathan Littell's stunning and controversial novel *The Kindly Ones*, personifies the evils of the Second World War and the Holocaust. Highly educated and cultured, he was an ambitious SS officer, a Nazi and mass murderer who was in the upper echelons of the Third Reich. He tells us of his experience during the war. He was present at Auschwitz and Babi Yar, witnessed the battle of Stalingrad, and survived the fall of Berlin — receiving a medal from Hitler personally in the last days of Nazi Germany. Long after the war, he is living a comfortable bourgeois life in France, married with two children, managing a lace factory. And now, having evaded justice, he speaks out, giving a precise and accurate record of his life. The tone of his account is detached, lapidary, and for the most part unrepentant, whether he is describing his participation in mass murder on the Eastern Front, his bureaucratic investigations of labour productivity in the death camps, his casual murder of civilians as he tries to break through Russian lines towards the end of the war, or his fervid and convoluted relationship with his twin sister. Over its course, by entwining Aue's life with those of historical figures such as Eichmann and Speer, Himmler and indeed Hitler, *The Kindly Ones* comes to depict the entire architecture of Nazism — from its grandest intellectual pretensions to its most minute, most chilling managerial details and executions. *The Kindly Ones* presents — with unprecedented realism, meticulous research that is both fascinating and compelling, and brilliant literary accomplishment — the greatest horrors imaginable. "War and murder are a question, a question without an answer, for when you cry out in the night, no one answers," Aue says. In the same way, this powerfully affecting, powerfully challenging book confronts the reader with the most profound questions about history, morality, and art without offering any easy resolution. Written originally in French, and published now in English for the first time, *The Kindly Ones* has already sold to date well over a million copies in Europe. In France it won two prestigious prizes, including the Goncourt, and has been compared to *War and Peace* and other great classics of literature.

The war in Georgia. Tensions with Ukraine and other nearby countries. Moscow's bid to consolidate its "zone of privileged interests" among the Commonwealth of Independent States. These volatile situations all raise questions about the nature of and prospects for Russia's relations with its neighbors. In this book, Carnegie scholar Dmitri Trenin argues that Moscow needs to drop the notion of creating an exclusive power center out of the post-Soviet space. Like other former European empires, Russia will need to reinvent itself as a global player and as part of a wider community. Trenin's vision of Russia is an open Euro-Pacific country that is savvy in its use of soft power and fully reconciled with its former borderlands and dependents. He acknowledges that this scenario may sound too optimistic but warns that the alternative is not a new version of the historic empire but instead is the ultimate marginalization of Russia.

To escape a debt owed to the mob, mixed martial artist Zel Tesla agrees to one final match with one of his league's most notorious fighters. If he wins, he'll clear the debts he incurred trying to save his young son's life and earn his freedom.

But one chance encounter with a luscious burlesque performer in Vegas threatens all those carefully laid plans... Ten years ago, Sara Contreras fled Houston with the help of her mobbed-up friends. Since barely escaping with her life, she's built a multi-million dollar empire, but she's always looking over her shoulder, wondering if the dark, dangerous secret she left behind in Houston is going to catch up with her. When Sara's past threatens everything Zel has worked so hard to achieve, she has to make a painful choice. She can sacrifice her love for Zel and let him go—or she can fight for him, facing the secret that nearly buried her back in Houston and the loan shark who owns them both.

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Shay Sandoval has big dreams and works hard to achieve them. But her older sister likes that fast, easy money and finds herself in a hot mess of trouble when she helps her boyfriend scam Houston's underworld. Terrified for her sister and herself, Shay turns to the only man powerful enough to save them—former prize fighter and Russian mob enforcer Alexei Sarnov. Just as ruthless in business as he was on the streets, Alexei has built a new life as a respected, wealthy businessman. When he learns Shay's troubled sister has invoked the wrath of Houston's criminal elite, Alexei rushes to intercept Shay before the city's worst men can get their hands on her. But now that she's under his protection—and under his hands—Alexei realizes that he wants and needs more than he's ever dared to hope for in his harsh life. He wants Shay in his home and in his bed—but not as merely his mistress. Earning Shay's love and trust just might be the hardest deal he's ever sealed...

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