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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

A Westmoreland male always gets what he wants! No one writes sexy like New York Times bestselling author

Brenda Jackson! The Denver Westmoreland clan has faced tragedy and survived, and Dillon, the eldest, has always put family first—until one night with Pam has him wanting a family of his own.... Rancher Ramsey knows better than to lust after the hired help, but temptation soon gets the best of him.... Elusive Gemma travels to Australia for a job—and finds herself wooed into her boss's bed! Back in Denver, Derringer searches for the one woman who haunts his dreams—and discovers she's been in his social circle all along. While Jason finds that with one convenient proposal he could have the woman he wants and the land she's inherited. Meet the Denver Westmorelands in five steamy stories of love, loyalty and passion! Westmoreland's Way Hot Westmoreland Nights What a Westmoreland Wants A Wife for a Westmoreland The Proposal The Westmoreland family saga continues in The Secret Affair, available December 2014!

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Stories by a famous Russian writer and film director who wrote on simple people living in villages.

Kostya (Her Russian Protector #7)Night Works Books Russia has a rich, huge, unwieldy cultural tradition. How to grasp it? This classroom reader is designed to respond to that problem. The literary works selected for inclusion in this anthology introduce the core cultural and historic themes of Russia's civilisation. Each text has resonance throughout the arts - in Rublev's icons, Meyerhold's theatre, Mousorgsky's operas, Prokofiev's symphonies, Fokine's choreography and Kandinsky's

paintings. This material is supported by introductions, helpful annotations and bibliographies of resources in all media. The reader is intended for use in courses in Russian literature, culture and civilisation, as well as comparative literature.

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

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 enthralls 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

What can contemporary activists and political theorists learn from the life and work of Rosa Luxemburg? Examining her contribution to radical democracy and revolutionary socialism, Jon Nixon shows why Red Rosa's legacy lives on. Luxemburg's political and intellectual formation was in itself a 'long revolution', conceived of over time and in response to world events; her groundbreaking ideas around internationalism and spontaneity were formulated in the context of revolution. Returning to her thinking on global capitalism, democratic renewal, state militarism, and the social question, Nixon draws out the enduring nature of her work, using her framework of ideas as a lens through which to view the contemporary debates. By establishing a rich and distinctive account of Luxemburg, Nixon makes the argument for why her struggle for democratic renewal is as relevant as ever.

The 'Sensei of Shambala' is a powerful and positive book. After you read it you may feel an unusual inspiration and good spirits. And what is more striking, it is universal and actual for every age in the full sense of the word! Everybody finds his answers for innermost and personal questions. This book reveals a unique world view and contains valuable knowledge. It awakens huge spiritual forces in human souls and helps to resist atrocity and injustice of this world. This book fills a human life with inmost sense and changes the destiny for better.

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.

Chekhov is a unique force in modern drama. His works have long been cherished for their brilliant wit and unusual ability to provide striking insights into the human condition. In these stunning, individually published translations of three of Chekhov's most popular and beloved plays, Laurence Senelick presents a fresh perspective on the master playwright and his

groundbreaking dramas. This volume illuminates the timeless trials of art and love and bring Chekhov's memorable characters to life. Each of these three plays showcases the hallmark features of a Chekhov classic: clashing desires, complex family dynamics, the individual's loss of balance and sense of identity in the shifting eruptions of society and a modernizing Russia, and the angst of artistic struggle and ambition.

Supplementing each of the plays are an account of Chekhov's life, a note on the translation, introductions to each work, and variant lines - often removed due to government censorship - which illuminate the context in which they were written and shed light on Chekhov's work as a playwright. These editions are the perfect guides to enriching our understanding of this great dramatist or to staging a production.

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...

The second installment of the phenomenal Russian quartet *The Night Watch* vampire novels set in a richly realized post-Soviet Moscow. The second book in the internationally bestselling fantasy series, *The Day Watch* begins where *The Night Watch* left off, set in a modern-day Moscow where the 1,000-year-old treaty between Light and Dark maintains its uneasy balance through careful vigilance from the Others. The forces of darkness keep an eye during the day, the Day Watch, while the agents of Light monitor the nighttime. Very senior Others called the Inquisitors are the impartial judges insisting on the essential compact. When a very potent artifact is stolen from them, the consequences are dire and drastic for all sides. *The Day Watch* introduces the perspective of the Dark Ones, told in part by a young witch who bolsters her evil power by leeching fear from children’s nightmares as a counselor at a girls’ summer camp. When she falls in love with a handsome young Light One, the balance is threatened and a death must be avenged. *The Day Watch* is replete with the thrilling action and intricate plotting of the first tale, fuelled by cunning, cruelty, violence, and magic. It is a fast paced, darkly humorous, haunting world that will take root in the shadows of your mind and live there forever.

My fake husband is trying to take my baby away. The Kornilov Bratva brothers ruined my life. Fedor attacked me and shattered my innocence. Then his brother Viktor

forced me into a fake marriage I never asked for. Now, I'm caught in the middle of a war between them. And if that's not enough... It turns out I'm pregnant again. One baby by each brother. Two sides of a bloody conflict that can only end in death and destruction. But I know one thing for certain: I'll pay any price it takes to keep my children safe. Even if that price is my life. *Til Death Do Us Part* is the second and final book in the dark romantic suspense Kornilov Bratva duet. NOTE: This book contains dark themes and may be disturbing for some readers.

Book One in the Debt Collection series Mechanic and mob enforcer Ben Beciraj can't believe his eyes when Houston socialite Aston McNeil storms into his chop shop and demands the return of the car he's just repossessed as collateral on her stepbrother's defaulted loan. When the fiery blonde heiress offers him anything to get it back, he counters with a deal he never expects her to accept—one week at his beck and call for the keys to her late father's classic car. But 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. Keywords: new adult, college romance, mob romance, loan shark, multicultural, alpha male, tattoo, wealthy, rich

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

"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.

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The book is a case study of Putin's use of the tactics of divide and rule in relation to, particularly, the hard-line elements among his supporters. It illustrates Putin's methods of staying in power vis-à-vis groups that might put too much pressure on him, or who might even try to oust him. The project also suggests that Putin's survival tactics have brought Russia to a deeply corrupt, state-dominated form of authoritarianism, which lacks deep institutional roots and will probably lead in due course to some form of state collapse. This work will appeal to a wide audience including political scientists, academics, graduate students, and everyone who is interested in contemporary Russian politics.

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. keywords: interracial romance, Navy SEAL romance, bwmm romance,

multicultural romance, alpha male

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.

The complete SERGEI collection includes SERGEI, SERGEI 2, the short story WHAT'S IN A NAME? and the related novel, IN KELLY'S CORNER, Book One in the Fighting Connollys series. SERGEI 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

Kalashnikov 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 Sergei Sakharov learns some creep is bothering Bianca, he 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. SERGEI 2

Wedding dress designer and boutique owner Bianca Bradshaw always plays by the rules—until Sergei. The Russian behemoth broke down the walls guarding her heart as easily as he kicked down her front door. After a wild, passionate love affair that's the talk of Houston's underworld leaves them facing an unplanned but very much wanted pregnancy, Bianca can't imagine a single day without Sergei in her life—and in her bed. Freed from the clutches of the Russian mob by her tenacious love, former enforcer and prize fighter Sergei Sakharov intends to give Bianca exactly what she wants. He's going to make that luscious, curvy beauty his wife and spend the rest of his life making her happy. Or, at least,

that's the plan. But Sergei quickly learns that no one ever really gets out of the life. When unfinished business threatens the family he's trying to build with the woman who forever holds his heart, he'll have to make a hard choice. To protect his pregnant wife, there is no line Sergei won't cross. WHAT'S IN A NAME? Bonus Short Story IN KELLY'S CORNER Bonus Novel! 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. 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

Simple meditations from the books by Anastasia Novykh offered in this brochure are easy for everybody even for those who has never tried spiritual practices. Their effectiveness will be also interesting fro those who have been self-improving

his phenomenal abilities for long and seriously. And of course these spiritual practices are a unique source for those who want to cognize themselves and to find their spiritual way.

Understanding Tolstoy recreates Tolstoy's lifelong artistic and spiritual journey, taking readers to the core of the writer's world through nuanced close readings of his major novels and novellas. Andrew D. Kaufman's broad and accessible analysis of Tolstoy's work speaks to the ways in which Tolstoy, despite living in a manner far removed from the experiences of most modern-day Americans, is still applicable and contemporary. From a reconstruction of Olenin's search for truth in *The Cossacks* to an illuminating analysis of Hadji-Murat's tragic last stand, *Understanding Tolstoy* brings to life the fascinating parallels between Tolstoy's personal quest and his characters' journeys. Whether writing about the ballrooms and battlefields of *War and Peace* or the spectrum of sexual and spiritual attachments in *Anna Karenina*, Tolstoy emerges as a vital, searching artist who continually grows and surprises us, yet is driven by a single, unchanging belief in universal human truths. *Understanding Tolstoy* is a treasure trove of critical and philosophical insights that will appeal to Tolstoy aficionados of all kinds, from advanced scholars to undergraduate students. The book offers an eminently readable guide to those entering Tolstoy's

world for the first time or the tenth, and it invites them to grapple alongside the writer and his characters with the most urgent existential questions of our time, and all times.

To escape her father's debt to a loan shark, Dizzy seeks refuge in the upcoming Grab. She'd rather belong to one of those terrifying sky warriors from the battleship Valiant than to the sleazy criminal who wants her as his plaything. The years of constant war haven't been kind to highly decorated sniper Venom. Only the promise of earning a wife kept him going through deadly battles. Catching and collaring Dizzy fills him with incredible hope. Finally he has a woman of his own, a mate to love--and bind and adorn with his ropes. After a brazen Splinter attack, the Shadow Force uncovers secrets about Dizzy's late mother that entangle her in a web of deceit. To save Venom, her father and an operative named Terror, Dizzy digs deep and risks it all. Venom refuses to stand idly by while Dizzy's haunted past threatens the future they're trying to build. He finally has a reason for living--and he's not giving her up. 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

It's December 1997 and a man-eating tiger is on the prowl outside a remote village in Russia's Far East. The tiger isn't just killing people, it's annihilating them, and a team of men and their dogs must hunt it on foot through the forest in the brutal cold. To their horrified astonishment it emerges that the attacks are not random: the tiger is engaged in a vendetta. Injured and starving, it must be found before it strikes again, and the story becomes a battle for survival between the two main characters: Yuri Trush, the lead tracker, and the tiger itself. As John Vaillant vividly recreates the extraordinary events of that winter, he also gives us an unforgettable portrait of a spectacularly beautiful region where plants and animals exist that are found nowhere else on earth, and where the once great Siberian Tiger - the largest of its species, which can weigh over 600 lbs at more than 10 feet long - ranges daily over vast territories of forest and mountain, its numbers diminished to a fraction of what they once were. We meet the native tribes who for centuries have worshipped and lived alongside tigers - even sharing their kills with them - in a natural balance. We witness the first arrival of

settlers, soldiers and hunters in the tiger's territory in the 19th century and 20th century, many fleeing Stalinism. And we come to know the Russians of today - such as the poacher Vladimir Markov - who, crushed by poverty, have turned to poaching for the corrupt, high-paying Chinese markets. Throughout we encounter surprising theories of how humans and tigers may have evolved to coexist, how we may have developed as scavengers rather than hunters and how early Homo sapiens may have once fit seamlessly into the tiger's ecosystem. Above all, we come to understand the endangered Siberian tiger, a highly intelligent super-predator, and the grave threat it faces as logging and poaching reduce its habitat and numbers - and force it to turn at bay. Beautifully written and deeply informative, *The Tiger* is a gripping tale of man and nature in collision, that leads inexorably to a final showdown in a clearing deep in the Siberian forest.

PBS Special Commendation Summer 2021 Alice Hiller's debut performs an act of witness and restitution. Working with her childhood and adolescent medical notes, *bird of winter* creates a redemptive language to speak the darkness of being sexually abused by a family member. Through the excavated histories of Pompeii and Herculaneum, these poems additionally document the grooming that prepares a child for sexual abuse, and the vulnerability which remains afterwards. Calling up

the landscapes and relationships which sustained her, as well as the injury she experienced, Hiller reflects the nature and impact of a crime to which millions around the world are subjected - and asks how we may find our ways towards healing.

In this book Jukka Korpela offers an analysis of the trade in kidnapped Finns and Karelians into slavery in Eastern Europe. Blond slaves from the north of Europe were rare luxury items in Black Sea and Caspian markets, and the high prices they commanded stimulated and sustained a long-distance trade based on kidnapping in special robbery missions and war expeditions. Captives were sold into the Volga slave trade and transported through market webs further south. This business differed and was separate from the large-scale raids carried out on Crimeans for enslavement in Eastern Europe, or the mass kidnappings characteristic of Mediterranean slavery. The trade in Finns and Karelians provides new perspectives on the formation of the Russian state as well as the economic networks of official and unofficial markets in Eastern Europe.

The complete collection of the USA Today Bestselling romance between Russian mob boss Nikolai and the sweet, innocent artist who steals his heart includes NIKOLAI, NIKOLAI II, PAPER and LION'S FIRST ROAR. NIKOLAI 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. But Nikolai’s only chance to protect Vivian 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... NIKOLAI 2 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 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. PAPER Nikolai and Vivian celebrate their first anniversary. LION'S FIRST ROAR Nikolai and Vivian celebrate the birth of their son.

Performative theatre is one of the most important trends of our time. It is emblematic of the work of many European theatrical artists in the early twenty-first century. Annamaria Cascetta does not propose a model or a historical overview, but rather strives to identify the salient features of a significant trend in the theatrical research and transformation of our time by analysing some crucial examples from outstanding works, of great international resonance. She draws on work by artists from different generations, all active between the late twentieth century and the first decades of the twenty-first, and in various European countries, performed in a number of European theatres in recent years. The aim is to apply a method of analysis in depth, bringing out the technical elements of contemporary "performative theatre" in the field, and above all to

highlight the close links between it and the urgent and troubled issues and problems of history and society in the phase of cultural and anthropological transition we are experiencing.

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.

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...

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. The Sexiest Dragon of Them All Adopted at birth, Ivy Morales always suspected she was more than human. Still, she keeps the outlandish thought to herself—even though she can't ignore her powerful dreams of an ancient blood feud . . . or the darkly erotic turn of those hallucinations. Kidnapped in Mexico for her visions, Ivy has only one chance to

escape: find the wickedly sexy man in her dreams. Welsh dragon shifter Ian Madoc doesn't understand the strange dream connection he shares with an unknown, beautiful woman. Yet after the seductive images turn into pleas for help, Ian rushes off in the middle of the night, hell-bent on rescuing her. But will she turn out to be the soul mate he's always longed for . . . or the downfall of his entire clan?

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.

Remington Stringer has never been like most girls. She's outspoken, brazen and wants nothing more

than to escape the Nevadan hell hole that she calls home. On the brink of eighteen, with a deceased mother and a well-meaning, yet absent father, she is forced to fend for herself. The only person she's ever had to depend on is her borderline obsessive stepbrother, Ryan. But, what used to be her anchor is quickly becoming a loose cannon. When Remi gets the opportunity to attend the best private school in the state during her senior year of high school, she jumps at the chance. Then she meets Mr. James. Ornerly, aloof, and totally irresistible. Most girls would swoon in secrecy. Most girls would doodle his name with hearts in their notebook. But Remi Stringer has never been like most girls.

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.

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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
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