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Bestselling author Ashley takes readers into the lush, sensual world of vampires, where they indulge their appetites but find they can fall prey to love and desire. Now, an everlasting devotion is sparked across time and space, igniting a passionate affair--and a deadly new threat. Original.

Here's what I know. Being a cupid is hard work. Love Matches, Lust Breath, Flirt Touches, not to mention having to meet my quotas every month. And hitting your target with arrows? That shit is not easy. But all of that I could handle. Gladly. If only my cupid powers would actually work. But nope. Turns out, I'm a dud. Unless I want to get sucked out of existence, I need to spread some love around fast. The clock is ticking, but I have the perfect candidate to start with. Warren Knight. Smart, hot as hell, rich, bachelor-dud extraordinaire. No matter how many dates he goes on, he just won't seal the deal. It's time I fix him. And fix me too. Of course, the asshole doesn't want to fall in love, so I have my work cut out for me. They say there's no rest for the wicked. Well, they should try being a cupid, because this shit is exhausting. Here goes nothing.

Jillian Milzner has lived a life on the run. Her biological sperm donor has made it clear he wishes she'd never been born. Most kids get presents from their dads growing up. He sent thugs to make death threats to ensure she never tries to find him. He needn't have bothered, since she wants nothing to do with Decon Filmore. His father, however, thinks Jill might be useful. Things go from bad to worse when her grandfather's goons snatch her up to deliver her to a man both terrifying...and straight out of her sexiest daydreams. Lord Aveoth isn't surprised to hear from Decker Filmore. The man is desperate to make the GarLycan lord call off the hunt for his life, and equally determined to reclaim his VampLycan clan. To achieve both goals, he'll offer Aveoth yet another half-human granddaughter from his bloodline. It's lonely being a lord of a clan, so Aveoth agrees to the meeting--and he's instantly attracted to Jill. He's also angry to learn she's been brought to him against her will, but he still wants to keep her. Even if it exposes his darkest secret...which could tear his clan apart.

Since that fateful day she was snatched from her job and turned into a Vampire, Mandy's life has sucked--literally. Forced to become an assassin for the Vampire Council, she finds solace in taking out the scumbag rogues she's often assigned to kill. Things go south when she realizes her next mark is an old coworker from her human days...a seriously hot one, who she had deep feelings for. Worse, the council was wrong. He's not a villain, but a protector. One she refuses to kill, regardless of orders. Glacier's astonished to come face to face with Mandy in a dark alley. Even more so to learn the sweet one-time human is now an assassin--assigned to kill him, no less. His orders are clear. Eliminate her. But what's a GarLycan to do when duty conflicts with his desire to protect the woman he once had feelings for? He's about to find out.

Vanni is furious when her fiance tricks her into attending a conference where his father's church is protesting the New Species Organization. She hates everything those vile bigots stand for. Vanni goes to the bar to cool off and ends up seated next to a handsome New Species. Things heat up fast when they are both drugged. Smiley doesn't want to believe the sweet human would dose them with the breeding drug. He's willing to trust her and determined to save her life. He'll hold her. Protect her. Offer up his body to distract them both from the pain. She is his female, even if she doesn't realize it yet.

Watching his crewmates fall in love has left York craving a female of his own. That

Being raised among a race of half-breed Vampires and Lycans has been far from easy for Kira. VampLycans despise humans--and her mother's human blood runs deep in Kira's veins. Unable to shift, having few VampyLycan traits at all, Kira is denied acceptance from the clan...and the love of the man she's wanted since childhood. A little girl's crush that's bloomed into a desire so strong, it threatens to consume her. Suffering the pain of Lorn someday finding a mate is not an option. With their evil clan leader, Decker Filmore, currently on the run, it's the perfect time for Kira to escape; to leave Alaska behind and attempt happiness elsewhere. Just one more day, and she's gone for good. Lorn has a difficult decision to make, one that will change not only his life, but the lives of everyone he knows. He's been asked to take control of his clan. With Decker gone, the time for such a drastic power play is now. It's a responsibility Lorn has never wanted--but the choice is made for him when Kira is unexpectedly attacked, changing her in a way that should mean her death. Now, he'll do what it takes, kill whoever he has to, to keep her from being executed under clan law. If he can defeat his enemies and gain leadership, Lorn will change all the rules for Kira--or die trying.

It's werewolf mating season. All the males are in heat, and the driving sexual lust of their beasts is almost uncontrollable. When Mika finds herself trapped in an alley, surrounded by four horny werewolves, she knows she's in deep trouble. Until a tall, handsome werewolf rescues her--then demands payment. Hot, sweaty, intimate payment. Grady is a half-breed whose human mother abandoned him to his werewolf father, so he knows human women just aren't safe to fall in love with. The wolf within him wants Mika as his mate, but Grady will not give in. Never. Ever. He's willing to fight his emotions and his beast, no matter how much sexy Mika tempts him. But neither of them expected her Uncle Omar to assign Grady to protect her from other males? 24/7, in her home, sleeping just down the hall. Mika decides to make the best of her vacation and keep the hot wolf in her bed. Grady can't resist the scorching sex, but he is determined to resist the bond.

Tammy has always tried to be prepared for any calamity life might send her way but she never imagined a sexy, lion man-beast in her future. He's huge, got the most exotic, golden cat-eyes she's ever seen, and she's so terrified she's speechless for the first time in her life. He's stalking closer, growling at her, and she's too terrified to even flee. Valiant hates humans. But when he gets a whiff of the adorable human female who has invaded his territory, he starts rethinking. Her fear scents of pure, sweet temptation and the closer he gets, the more appealing she becomes. Once he's got his hands on her, he isn't about to let her go. One thought will change his life. Mine! Before Tammy can regain her senses, she's flat on her back in Valiant's bed. Now he just has to use every inch of his big, buff body to convince her that she should stay with him forever.

After barely surviving a horrific accident, then being held captive for years by Earth Government, Venice must escape the planet. She thinks she's found the answer to her prayers when she contracts to be a deep-space bride--only to find herself facing an even bigger nightmare. Hiding from her con man "husband" aboard his space station, she comes across an intimidating cyborg...one who could just be her last hope. Deviant is humiliated when his father suggests he visit a pleasure center to make use of a sex bot. True, the defects he was born with have assured female cyborgs will never consider adding him to a family unit. But he still has his pride. The woman who enters the room, however, is incredibly lifelike, and she quickly has Deviant feeling things he'd never dreamed--right until the moment he finds out she's human. Sort of... Venice needs Deviant's help to get off the space station. Deviant is lonely, and in need of someone to teach him how to pleasure a female. They strike a bargain, one that has Venice giving up her freedom. But soon it's her heart that's at greater risk. It's easy loving Deviant...even

when others are determined to make it difficult.

Book 9 in the New Species series. While each New Species book is a standalone, the greatest enjoyment will come from reading them in series order. Beauty resents being labeled Gift Species. Everyone is way too overprotective, males aren't even allowed to speak to her and so far true freedom eludes her. Then a big, sexy Species officer mistakes her for the enemy and takes her to the ground. Shadow is dumbfounded. He has a Gift pinned under him—a big no-no. But Beauty is fascinated and wants to know Shadow a lot better. She is full of newly discovered, unrequited passion and he's just what she needs to satisfy her curiosity. For Shadow, sex means pain and revulsion. For Beauty, it was enslavement and ridicule. Two lonely souls who have never known a lover's touch, together in a cabin in the woods. Each touch, every discovery brings them closer to a life they never thought possible...beyond even their dreams.

Jeanie loves a New Species and is willing to pay for that love with pain, tears and heartbreak. She'll do anything to keep 710 alive but she never wants him to know how she suffered for him. He's the reason for her mission in life—freeing others like him. True has a new life working with the NSO to rescue his people. A good life, until he encounters a dying woman—the female who betrayed him. True should feel gratified that she's finally going to pay for her crimes, but she claims to be a victim too. He is still irresistibly drawn to the pretty little human who touched his heart and made him want her. When he clasps her hand to offer comfort, his instincts kick in and True will fight everyone to protect her.

Thanks to a father obsessed with myths, legends, and the paranormal, Jadee Trollis was dragged around the world in his pursuit of everything from ghosts to Sasquatch as a child. She thought she'd gotten away from all that craziness, but a trip to Alaska to visit her father turns into a nightmare when Jadee ends up trapped in her father's tricked-out RV, hiding from the dangerous Vampires outside. Lavos comes to her rescue. He growls, has strange but beautiful eyes, and he's not human. But he is the hottest man she's ever seen, and the normal life Jadee craves more than anything means never seeing Lavos again. It seems her new normal may be back in Alaska, waiting in her VampLycan's arms.

Growing up mostly human in a Lycan pack has been hard for Shay. Shunned and distrusted by most, she wouldn't have survived without the support of her foster family and alpha. She's had a longtime secret crush on Trayis, her alpha's VampLycan half-brother. Shay thinks he's hot and finds the courage to approach Trayis during one of his infrequent visits. She's hoping for just one night of ecstasy before she spends her life alone, unwanted. Trayis is stunned when he realizes the sweet, timid Shay is interested in bedding him. He's also furious when some pack women attempt to humiliate her in front of him. He's more than happy to pick her over one of them. She might not be his type but it's just sex. He's up for that. What he doesn't plan on is how she makes him feel. So much for a simple vacation and a one-night stand.

When veterinarian Trisha Norbit is brought to a trauma center for a special patient, she discovers her patient is a half-man, half-wolf hybrid named Slade, who promises to protect her in exchange for his freedom.

For most, a plane crash means the end of life. For Dusti Dawson, it's just the beginning...Dusti and her sister Batina survived the crash, thanks to a couple of brothers who are equal parts menacing and muscled. She'd be grateful...if they hadn't turned out to be delusional kidnappers, who believe Dusti's grandfather is some monstrous half-breed creature bent on murder. Turns out Vampires, Lycans, and Gargoyles do exist—and they've been crossbreeding to form two hybrid races. Drantos, the man Dusti can't stop lusting after, is one of the most dangerous of all. VampLycans Drantos and Kraven were sent to eliminate a threat to their clan. But when that threat turns out to be mostly human women, clueless of their lineage, plans change—especially after Drantos gets a taste of Dusti's blood. Now, he'll die to protect her. Even if that means walking away from everything he knows to keep her at his side. Is her strong desire for Drantos reason enough to endure danger coming from all sides? Or should Dusti cut and run the first chance she gets? Author Note: VLG stands for Vampires, Lycans, Gargoyles...and breeds in between. Living in Alaska's harsh, pristine territories, these creatures live and love fiercely. These are their stories.

Kat has a boss who wants dirt on the NSO. She is sent to Homeland undercover but everything goes wrong as soon as she enters the front gates. She is arrested by a big, powerful, sexy New Species but she is not frightened. He turns her on and things heat up fast between them. Now, she just hopes he does not break her heart. Darkness admires Kat has courage but he cannot trust anything she says. He has not been with a female for years because he knows he is too damaged. He is not mate material, despite his desire to possess her in every way. Darkness fears losing control, the one thing that defines his life. He does not think he can tear down the protective walls he has built, even for her.

When his Veslor grouping answers a distress call on planet Biter, Roth discovers a sole survivor. The little female isn't rational and latches onto him like a lifeline. That surprises Roth, since most humans fear him. This one won't let him go, but he must resist his desire for her. It's the only honorable thing to do. Stuck on an alien planet, her facility sabotaged and all her coworkers dead or dying, Vera Wade isn't sure she'll make it out alive. They've all been exposed to a drug that is making them crazy. She's slowly losing all hope, until an alien shows up. He feels real, but he's probably just another hallucination. A sexy one who seems too good to be true. Now she just needs to convince Roth that their attraction is definitely real, once the drugs leave her system? before the unknown person trying to kill her finishes the job.

Zandy's had too much to drink and is in the wrong place at the wrong time. When next her eyes open, a beautiful man-creature is holding her in his arms. He's just too tempting to resist; she wraps herself around his body, determined to have him. But when this angel turns out to be flesh and blood, reality crashes in—she's seducing a New Species.

Tiger's shock quickly turns to intense passion when the human female kisses him, despite the fact she's trying to get his clothes off while he's engaged in a task force operation. But he and Zandy can't keep their hands off each other, and the taste and feel of this little human just leaves Tiger wanting more....

Shannon is a quarter puma but can't shift. She's just a human with a few extra genes. But she knows how dangerous shifters are, and now she's their prey, captured by a group

of werewolves for a deadly hunt. Anton's body responds fervently to Shannon, and he vows to protect her with his life. Not only to discover she's the enemy. But it's mating heat, and he's about to lose all control to that driving sexual need.

Dr. Allison Baker is obsessed with saving the comatose New Species male and there's only one option left. Alli will break every rule and put her life in danger by tempting 880 to wake, using only her feminine scent and touch. She just has to kidnap him and crawl into bed with him to make it work, caressing him and wrapping her sweet body around his, teasing his senses. He lies silent and still, listening and evaluating each arousing touch, fighting his body's reaction. 880 has chosen a new name-- Obsidian-- the personification of dark and dangerous. And soon he'll fight to keep Alli, no matter what.

Career military man Cavas Vellar has joined his older brother, Cathian, aboard The Vorge for one purpose-to rescue their youngest littermate. Their father has resorted to having him kidnapped to hide one of his most vile secrets. They need to go down onto a planet full of criminals, find Crath, and rescue him. This mission is the most important one Cavas has ever led. Jill was betrayed when Earth sold her into alien slavery. She owes her life to Cavas and the Vorge crew for taking her out of a cell and to their ship. When she learns why they were on that planet to begin with...she feels it's her duty to help them find their missing brother. Even if it means losing her recently gained freedom. One determined alien on a mission. One woman who notices how sexy he is. This is their story.

The sixth title in the New Species series. Wrath knows he's too dangerous and emotionally damaged to ever be with a female. Lauren has never met a man this truly spectacular, and she decides to taste every inch of his amazing body. Wrath wants to explore that plan, too. Lauren has to make him unleash his desire and Wrath has to get past his fear to give them a chance at a future together.

Drugged and kidnapped by Vampires, presumed dead by his clan, powerful VampLycan Veso must rely on a creature he dislikes almost as much as the suckheads who nabbed him if he hopes to escape- a human. But when Glenda proves more resourceful than most of her kind, he agrees to see her safely through the Alaskan wilderness. He'll have to fight an overwhelming attraction to the inquisitive beauty every excruciating step of the way. Glen doesn't know which is worse: learning she's the distant relative of a Vampire who fancies himself a king (um...what?!), or the fact that said relative is trying to force her to birth his queen by mating her with a half Vampire, half Lycan. Veso is scary, has claws, but he's also key to her survival. She just wishes that she didn't notice all his muscles or the way her body responds to his. He has promised to keep her alive but she might lose her heart in the bargain.

Betrayed by the love of her life at sixteen, causing her to flee her home, Amber Daniels' taste in men hasn't improved over time. With a bitter divorce under her belt, she returns home to support her sisters and dying mother. It takes one day before she finds herself in trouble with the local werewolves—and being rescued by her childhood crush. One hot look and the pain returns...overshadowed only by the desire. But Amber's older, wiser, and unwilling to be burned yet again. Desmon Nightwind was an angry youth the night his world exploded and he lost his mate. Now pack alpha, he's no longer an untried teen, but still wholly unprepared for Amber's return to Hollow Mountain. He lost her once. No amount of pack politics, family strife, or alpha obligations will make him let her go a second time. He'll do whatever it takes to claim and protect his human mate. Even battle neighboring wolves using anything at their disposal to start a war. They don't fight fair...and neither will Desmon.

"Where you are is home..." At age fourteen, Zelda Rossi witnessed the unthinkable, and has spent the last ten years hardening her heart against the guilt and grief. She channels her pain into her art: a dystopian graphic novel where vigilantes travel back in time to stop heinous crimes-like child abduction-before they happen. Zelda pitches her graphic novel to several big-time comic book publishers in New York City, only to have her hopes crash and burn. Circumstances leave her stranded in an unfamiliar city, and in an embarrassing moment of weakness, she meets a guarded young man with a past he'd do anything to change... Beckett Copeland spent two years in prison for armed robbery, and is now struggling to keep his head above water. A bike messenger by day, he speeds around New York City, riding fast and hard but going nowhere, his criminal record holding him back almost as much as the guilt of his crime. Zelda and Beckett form a grudging alliance of survival, and in between their stubborn clash of wills, they slowly begin to provide each other with the warmth of forgiveness, healing, and maybe even love. But when Zelda and Beckett come face to face with their pasts, they must choose to hold on to the guilt and regret that bind them, or let go and open their hearts for a shot at happiness. The Butterfly Project is a novel that reveals the power of forgiveness, and how even the smallest decisions of the heart can-like the flutter of a butterfly's wings-create currents that strengthen into gale winds, altering the course of a life forever.

When nurse Ellie discovers that her employer is creating human/animal hybrids for experiments, she saves one of them from a sadistic doctor and promises to set him free. When the experiment, codenamed Fury, manages to escape, he kidnaps Ellie and brings her to a secret compound called Homeland with other escaped hybrids, intending to use her as part of his plan of vengeance.

Batina Dawson wants two things most in her life. She's determined to become a partner at her law firm and secure her younger sister's financial future. That's why she talked Dusti into flying to Alaska, to mend fences with their terminally ill, rich grandfather. It seemed to be a perfect plan--until things go wrong. The plane crashes and their lives are saved by two large, muscled brothers. Kraven is a spiked-haired menace with a handsome face and a killer body. He also believes she's in danger from her own grandfather, and that Vampires and Lycans once bred, making him a VampLycan. He even claims her mother was one too. He may have kidnapped Bat, but his misguided hero complex is almost sweet. She knows exactly what defense she'll use if he becomes one of her clients. Insanity. Kraven is frustrated. Bat refuses to stop arguing with him at every opportunity. She's stubborn, mouthy, and oh so sexy. She might be right when she accuses him of being crazy--she's driving him nuts. But she's in danger and he'll stop at nothing to keep her safe. Author Note: VLG stands for Vampires, Lycans, Gargoyles...and breeds in between. Living in Alaska's harsh, pristine territories, these creatures live and love fiercely. These are their stories.

Brit wants to get on with her life and leave her rough past far behind. Most of the cowboys who end up in her care are cranky old ex-rodeo stars. But not the new guy. He's a tall, mouthwatering hunk with the hottest body she's ever seen. And she can see it all, since not one inch of that incredible flesh is hidden from her gaze. The blunt, crude man shocks Brit a bit when he flat-out tries to get her into his bed...immediately. Brit is the sexiest woman River has ever come across. Every time he thinks he's starting to tame her, she tries to bolt from his life. He's a man who always gets what he wants and the more time he spends with the mouthy, stubborn woman, the more convinced he becomes that he can never give her up. Good thing for him he's not above chaining a woman to his bed if that's what it takes to keep her right where he wants her--under him.

\*\*\*Notice - This book was previously published as a short story called 'Captain of Nara's Heart' in an anthology. It has been updated and expanded into novella length. When Nara Barns and her tiny crew find themselves with a choice between jail or the sex-slave auction block, it's an easy choice. Especially when they plan to escape their buyers as soon as possible, anyway. Even better, Nara's buyer wants her for just six days, long enough to get him through his heat until women from his planet can come to his aid. Six days and then freedom? Sign her up. However, Nara's completely unprepared for the impact Captain Cathian Vellar has on her body. To survive his heat, the Tryleskian must feed-and Nara is his favorite meal. Her body can

barely withstand the rapture. Soon, her heart is just as engaged. But enduring the pinnacle of Cathian's heat he could kill Nara, and he refuses to risk her life.

Brand meets his dream girl in college—a half-human, half-leopard shapeshifter who cannot shift. Werewolves and cats are natural enemies but the power of their sexual chemistry overwhelms them. She steals his heart and makes him whole. When she abandons him it fractures his world and he knows no woman can ever take her place. Though many seek his attention, he is cold and unattainable. The love they share is soul deep but the fate of Charma's family lies in her hands. The memory of every heated touch they share will cut out both their hearts when she leaves him but to save them all, she must run. After nine years of desolation and heartbreak Charma is back. She risks forfeiting her life to warn Brand of an impending attack but she doesn't hesitate. Brand has her in his arms once more and he will never lose her again.

Accused of consorting with demons in her home town, Xandrie flees, only to find herself in a greater danger. She's a mere human woman, thrust in a brutal tournament pitting vicious dragons females against each other. Yet, she can't find it in herself to give up, as the winner will Claim the throne, and more importantly, the hand of the enticing Dragon King. Age of Gold is a series of fantasy romance novels. The first volume may be read as a standalone. Disclaimer Unlike many fantasy books, To Claim a King is NOT a clean read. Expect swear words and adult situations. If you enjoy your books free of f-words, this one isn't for you.

Everyone knows that all's fair in love and war. But these two will learn that sabotage is a dish best served naked. A sexy, compulsively readable romantic comedy that dives headlong into the thrill and doubt of modern love, Dating You/Hating You by New York Times bestselling author Christina Lauren is the story of what two high-powered agents will—and won't—do to get everything they ever wanted. Despite the odds against them from an embarrassing meet-awkward at a mutual friend's Halloween party, Carter and Evie immediately hit it off. Even the realization that they're both high-powered agents at competing firms in Hollywood isn't enough to squash the fire. But when their two agencies merge—causing the pair to vie for the same position—all bets are off. What could have been a beautiful, blossoming romance turns into an all-out war of sabotage. Carter and Evie are both thirtysomething professionals—so why can't they act like it? Can Carter stop trying to please everyone and see how their mutual boss is really playing the game? Can Evie put aside her competitive nature long enough to figure out what she really wants in life? Can their actor clients just be something close to human? Whether these two Hollywood love/hatebirds get the storybook Hollywood ending, or just a dramedy of epic proportions, you get to enjoy Christina Lauren's heartfelt, hilarious story of romance in the modern world.

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