

Once Bitten

It isn't easy being an evil genius. Just ask Donovan Grant, author of the Internet's first foolproof copyright-protection software. Hollywood adores him, but he's no hero to the millions who loved downloading free copies of their favorite TV shows. Insanely rich, or maybe just insane, he blew his royalties on a private island in the Caribbean where he pursues his not-so-private obsessions, like photographing young ladies bound in expensive leather and posting the results on his no-cost web site, exsx.org. But when your sexual preference is dominance, nothing less than world domination will do. With the help of a wide-eyed apprentice from Glasgow, a ganja-sucking bodyguard, a jaded hacker, and a surly cheerleader-turned-dominatrix named Sindie, Grant is getting ready to launch his revenge on everyone who thinks he's nothing but a one-trick ponyboy who got lucky. Like Carroll Farmer, the take-no-prisoners tech reporter with a few axes to grind, preferably on whomever's tied to her bed tonight. Sparks (and other implements) fly when her editor/former flame sends her across the Atlantic to profile the reclusive Mr. Grant. Carroll is determined to uncover Donovan's secrets, but events and emotions conspire to expose a few of her own, resulting in a wild ride through the dark side of dreams made real. Dazzling, occasionally depraved and inevitably breathless, *Once Bitten* reads like a turbocharged duet between Carl Hiassen and the Marquis de Sade. Award-winning authors Adrian Hunter and Chelsea Shepard have concocted a seriously-sexy caper that spans the globe in search of nice vice, twisted truths, cruel love and freedom in restraint. Fast, fun and funny, *Once Bitten* puts the bon! back into bondage...where it belongs. Other Xlibris books by Adrian Hunter: *Crash Your Party Dress Something Just Clicked* For more information and sample stories, please visit <http://www.adrianhunter.com>

Animal behavior expert Daniel T. Blumstein delves into the evolutionary origins and diverse ecological contexts of fear. Fear protects organisms from threats, but at a cost in health and productivity. The various species manage these costs differently, providing lessons for humans as we seek to benefit from fear without succumbing to panic.

Bastian had to have been the most handsome man that Katherine had ever met. It really was unfortunate that he was also the most stubborn, controlling, downright infuriating jackass she'd ever known as well. Oh, and there was the fact that he was a werewolf – a werewolf who has bitten her. Sixteen-year-old Katherine Mayes had never believed in mythological creatures like werewolves or mermaids – certainly not those sparkly vampires that her friend Abby was obsessed with. Even when she's bitten by a massive animal after a reckless night of teenage adventure and her body begins to change in mystifying ways, she can't force herself to believe in what she's convinced is impossible. Little does she realize she's been infected with a disease a little more permanent than the rabies she feels fortunate to have not contracted. Lycanthropy. Her fierce denial is soundly shattered, however, when she is simultaneously saved and kidnapped by Bastian and his pack. Forced to leave small town Iowa behind and adjust to their way of life in a hidden society, Katherine must also deal with fighting the pull she feels towards the man – or wolf, rather – who has bitten her and disrupted her life so completely.

D'Arc takes readers to a world where military experiments have gone too far, in this

fresh, innovative zombie paranormal.

I used to think that my life was boring. I resigned myself to the rut I was stuck in. Then my entire existence was turned upside down. In the last six months, I've learned things that would get me committed to an asylum if I repeated them. First, I was kidnapped by vampires. Yes, vampires. Sounds crazy, right? My best friend, Donna, became one of the fanged after that little adventure and hooked up with a hot, Scottish vampire named Conner. They're even planning a wedding. Secondly, I learned not all vampires are evil. In fact, some of them are downright sexy. Alexander Dimitriades has it all. He's tall, dark, and handsome and manages to give me tingles in all the right place and also make me laugh. Unfortunately, to be with him, I would have to give up my humanity and I like being human. Then, there's the fact that the whole drinking blood thing gives me the heebie jeebies. To make matters worse, there are plans in motion to change the place vampires hold in the human world. And I'm caught in the middle, between the vampire I'm falling in love with and a group that wants to create a vampire dictatorship, with humans as slaves. Now, all I want is my calm, normal life back. As my friend, Ricki, likes to say, "Be careful what you wish for because it might come and bite you on the ass." I hate it when she's right. *This work contains BDSM elements/themes, spanking, bondage, anal play, and a bossy, persistent Greek vampire.

A riveting thriller reminiscent of *The Hot Zone*, this true story dives into the mystery surrounding one of the most controversial and misdiagnosed conditions of our time—Lyme disease—and of Willy Burgdorfer, the man who discovered the microbe behind it, revealing his secret role in developing bug-borne biological weapons, and raising terrifying questions about the genesis of the epidemic of tick-borne diseases affecting millions of Americans today. While on vacation on Martha's Vineyard, Kris Newby was bitten by an unseen tick. That one bite changed her life forever, pulling her into the abyss of a devastating illness that took ten doctors to diagnose and years to recover: Newby had become one of the 300,000 Americans who are afflicted with Lyme disease each year. As a science writer, she was driven to understand why this disease is so misunderstood, and its patients so mistreated. This quest led her to Willy Burgdorfer, the Lyme microbe's discoverer, who revealed that he had developed bug-borne bioweapons during the Cold War, and believed that the Lyme epidemic was started by a military experiment gone wrong. In a superb, meticulous work of narrative journalism, *Bitten* takes readers on a journey to investigate these claims, from biological weapons facilities to interviews with biosecurity experts and microbiologists doing cutting-edge research, all the while uncovering darker truths about Willy. It also leads her to uncomfortable questions about why Lyme can be so difficult to both diagnose and treat, and why the government is so reluctant to classify chronic Lyme as a disease. A gripping, infectious page-turner, *Bitten* will shed a terrifying new light on an epidemic that is exacting an incalculable toll on us, upending much of what we believe we know about it.

Alexa O'Brien has never been like other people. A hunter of supernatural rogues, she's a werewolf with unusual but extraordinary power. Power that fiercely draws her to Arys, a mysterious vampire who awakens her dark side. What they create together is dangerous and binding, forcing her to question the source of her abilities. She risks losing her remaining humanity as well as the one man she dares to love. When Alexa's womanizing former lover and pack Alpha is framed for murder, he turns to her for help.

She would like nothing more than to watch karma at work but as the body count rises, long buried secrets are exposed. Alexa is forced to face the painful truth that not everyone is who she thinks they are. Not even her.

Her mint and jasmine scent had the wolf going crazy, but the sound of her blood flowing through her veins was making the other animal even more insane. They both wanted her, and I would have to comply. In a world where vampires, werewolves, and witches run rampant, no one is truly safe. Adela is a normal human in a supernatural world, and that

Maggie Sneath's young nephew Barney has been doing renovation work out at Pingletoft Farm when he phones her to say the body of her pig-man husband Charlie has been discovered in a barn. A pig-man dead in a barn out in the flat wilds of Lincolnshire was a situation just ripe for a belligerent detective who never messes about, will leave political correctness with the fast-track graduate clever dicks back in Lincoln, crack a few yokel's heads together, sort out these country bumpkins and get it all done and dusted as soon as. Somebody somewhere had other ideas. Detective Chief Inspector Craig Darke has decided to send a woman! Lincolnshire Murder Mystery No 3

Being bitten is never a pleasant experience. Sometimes things bite out of fear, passion, or because they are very hungry. Whether they are vampires in need of companionship, werewolves expanding or culling their packs, or humans carrying diseases; these things bite with a purpose. This collection offers 21 tasty tidbits and a 3 part novella for your consumption. Authors serving up teeth include: Heidi Lengwenat, K. W. Taylor, Steven Gepp, William Greer, George Wilhite, Edward Ahern, Rob E. Boley, Jaimie Capelin, Ryan King, Suzanne Robb, Philip Roberts, Matt Kurtz, E. J. Tett, Stephanie L. Morrell, Henry Snider, John X. Grey, Milan Smith, Adam P. Lewis, Eric J. Guignard, Rebecca Snow, Quinn Hernandez, and Tara Sayers. Lila Connelly and her friends have gotten themselves into some trouble. They've managed to cast a drunken spell that brings a supernatural secret society already in political unrest—the Netherworld—to their doorsteps. One faction of the Netherworld, the warlocks, want them dead since the magic they've conjured has branded them as the warlocks' enemy number one: witches. Gabriel Azarov is a werewolf and owner of the bar that Lila and her friends frequent. He has been bringing Lila drinks for years and has always harbored secret feelings for her, feelings he's never acted upon since Lila's human status keeps her strictly hands-off. Everything changes when she saves his life, and he's honor-bound to return by protecting her from the warlocks who are hunting her. Only now their close quarters make it impossible to stay away from her. Or keep his hands to himself. Content Warning: This book contains graphic sexual content, strong language, and violent situations. It's a re-release of a previously published work.

Kita Nekai, on the run and the smallest of her shifter clan--a calico cat among lions and tigers--is being hunted. She was expected to accept her role as her father's successor whether or not her cat was up to the task of leading the clan. She disagreed. Now she's less than a step ahead of the hunters, bone-tired, cold, and living hand-to-mouth in the city of Haven. And that's the high point of her day. She's also drugged, "accidentally" turned into a vampire, and sentenced to death for recklessly creating a rogue shifter who tortures its human prey. She's got seventy-two hours to find the rogue, evade a city full of hunters, prove she's not responsible for the rogue, and keep the vampire council from killing her. All while sorting out an apprentice mage, a married ex-boyfriend shifter-hunter, and the vampire who made her. Danger stalks her, but an unexpected alliance with a sexy Spec Ops soldier could be the key to saving not just her life, but the safety of the world as we know it. She's a cop, unprepared for what she finds in an abandoned building... When police officer Sarah Petit investigates a disturbance in an abandoned building, she expects to find a few underage drinkers. Instead,

she's attacked by creatures straight out of a horror movie. He's a soldier, inescapably attracted to his latest recruit... Waking a week later in a hospital, Sarah is recruited by Special Forces soldier Captain Xavier Beauvoir. The so-called zombies who attacked Sarah are the result of military research gone terrifyingly wrong, and Sarah's immunity to the virus makes her the perfect person to help Xavier eradicate them. But his smooth Cajun accent, whiskey-colored eyes, and dizzying kiss are risky to her in a very different way. Together, they'll face danger, and find love... Sarah attracts danger like a magnet—and the smart, fearless cop attracts Xavier too, instilling a soul-deep need in him. Enlisting her aid is a necessary gamble, but vicious undead creatures are not the only enemy they face. And the only way to keep each other safe is to trust in an instant connection that could be their greatest strength—or the perfect way to destroy them both... Praise for Bianca D'Arc "...the story grabs you and then doesn't let you go." – GoodReads reviewer on *Once Bitten, Twice Dead* "I thought it was very cool and creepy the way Bianca built her military world around the zombie outbreak... Very different! Nice job!" – Author Lisa Kessler on *Once Bitten, Twice Dead* "It is fast paced and full of action. One of the best I've read..." – Amazon reviewer on *Once Bitten, Twice Dead* "...what a great find! I like a touch of sci-fi-fantasy with a little science and romance mixed in. This was good for all three... Excellent read." – Amazon reviewer on *Once Bitten, Twice Dead* Read the complete Guardians of the Dark series: 1. Simon Says 2. *Once Bitten* 3. *Smoke on the Water* 4. *Night Shade* 5. *Shadow Play*

Blaze might have survived her first deadly mission as part of The Circle of the Veil's mayhem task force but it will only get worse from here. If Blaze doesn't find a way to control her wild blood magic she'll bring more harm than good to the group. Nova is doing what he can to help but it comes with great risk for both of them, as does their budding affair. That's not the only forbidden attachment putting her in danger. When she accompanies Ghost on a job that goes horribly wrong, Blaze realizes that some attachments are worth the risk. Even if it means putting her own head on the chopping block. Adult reverse harem urban fantasy set in a supernatural assassin academy. *Assassins of Mayhem Academy* is set within the Alexa O'Brien Huntress world. Although there is some crossover you don't have to read Alexa first to enjoy this one.

If Katherine thought that her life would get any easier in the months following her realization that Bastian was her mate, she was wrong. But dealing with the man's hot and cold behavior – it was like he had two times of the month – and surviving the Recruiting Rites were pieces of cake compared to the fierce emotional storm that envelops her when a secret – a lie – is revealed that turns everything Katherine thought she knew on its head. Once betrayed, it's hard to bring herself to trust again. Once bitten, it's hard not to be shy. *Shy* is the second book of the *Once Bitten, Twice Shy* series.

Offers a comprehensive, region-wide analysis of the politics of taxation in Latin America to make reforms politically palatable and sustainable.

Vampires aren't real, right? People say I'm a weirdo. Sure, my idea of a party is a mini box of wine and hanging out with a feral raccoon, but it works for me. When I'm accused of murder, things get crazy. One, I learn that I have magic. Two, there's a secret magical city hidden right in London itself. And three, my only hope is a vampire who's sexy as sin and scary as the devil himself. He's called the Devil of Darkvale, and he all but owns Guild City. Some say I should just quit and turn myself in. Not a chance. I'm going to solve this murder myself, which means surviving in a new world of witch parties, magical guilds, and a vampire with a tortured past. The vampire and I are like colliding stars, and the heat is irresistible. I should avoid him, but if I want to save my own life, he's my only

hope.

. . . Not just another 'climber gets stuck on mountain but survives to tell the tale' book. The gripping accounts. . . are all there, but the other half of the book is all about the journey Nigel has made since. . . and his refusal to disappear into the crevasses of self pity and helplessness.--Carolyn Budding.

When Alan Reece qualified as a veterinary surgeon at the dawn of the new millennium, he had a plan: save the world, one animal at a time. Of course, no plan survives contact with the enemy, and Alan soon discovers he has far more enemies than he was expecting - aside from vicious pets, difficult owners, surly farmers, and children from hell, he finds himself working with an unhinged and jealous surgeon who makes it his personal mission ruin Alan's life. Battling long hours, life and death decisions, tragic cases, a complaint from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and an unexpected love triangle, Alan's hopes of saving the world are quickly replaced with a simple question: Can he even last a year in practice? Once Bitten... is the story of a young vet's first few months in practice, and how they changed his life forever.

Is it more than just a one-bite stand? Angie McCaffrey has endured her share of liquid lunches and boardroom shmoozefests to win new advertising clients. But her latest account--a cosmetics line for wannabe vampires--involves some unusual customer research at San Francisco's hippest private nightclub. The "undead" patrons are about as genuine as Macabre Factor's press-on fangs, but one thing is very real--the skin-tingling connection Angie feels with her clients' mysterious friend, Eric Taylor. Still, there are a few problems with this hot new romance. 1) Eric is rumored to have dated Angie's scheming boss, Lucy. 2) Lucy, missing for days, just turned up dead and bloodless. And, oh yeah, 3) Angie has suddenly developed a teeny aversion to sunlight. Is Eric a real vampire, a killer, or both? Angie's got a lot riding on the answer--her heart, her life, and maybe even her soul. . . "Clare Willis offers a clever twist on the world of vampires."

—Alexandra Ivy, author of Darkness Unleashed

A vampire held captive plots his escape with the help of an irresistible woman in the New York Times bestselling author's scorching hot paranormal romance. Ryder Duncan keeps his secrets close. With a twisted scientist starving him in a ten-by-twelve cell, it's not easy to conceal the abilities that set him apart from other vampires, or his plans for escape. But survival—and revenge—are worth waiting for. Until the so-called doctor tempts his appetites with something special: a woman with a soft Southern accent and a scent like delectable flowers. Sabine Acadia didn't volunteer to be dinner. She was kidnapped and tossed into the cage of a monster. A monster with fierce green eyes, a body that speaks of ruthless power, and a touch as gentle as a caress. Ryder knows things about Sabine—secrets she doesn't even know about herself. And she'd better learn fast. Because while they might soon escape this prison, she's fighting an urge to set all her desires free . . .

As a psychologist for the Los Angeles police department, Jamie Beaverbrook has

seen it all. Or so he thinks until the night a full moon brings out the crazies, including Terry Ferriman. Trouble is, Terry isn't exactly crazy. But how else can the police explain finding the girl in an alley off Sunset, crouched over a man's lifeless body, her mouth smeared with blood? After an interview that is unsettling at best, the good doctor decides to dig deeper into Terry's story. What he discovers is that a world he previously imagined to exist only in horror movies is actually flourishing in the shadows of L.A. Vampires are real, walking among — and feeding on — humans every day. Beaverbrook knows he should be frightened, but his fascination with Terry is all-consuming. And when he realizes that a shadowy government organization has captured several vampires, including Terry, Beaverbrook must decide just whose side he is on...

Liza is Paladin, third in power in the Redstar pack. Half witch, half werewolf, but without the ability to change forms, she has an acrimonious history with Caleb, the Alpha's heir. Then one explosive night, they explore her interest in submission, but he leaves the pack. And her. Five years later, the Alpha orders Liza to bring Caleb home. The years of distance have not dulled his anger at her, or the heat that once flared between them. Caleb is biding time before returning to Redstar. It's pleasurable spent with his lover Zach. When Liza shows up, once again at his father's bidding, he's angry and hurt, but he still wants her. This time he isn't letting her go. Zach takes one look at the woman and knows she's the one for them. But can he accept that her delicious submission in bed goes no further than the bedroom door?

An erotically charged, addictive thriller from the future queen of suspense. Living in Toronto for a year, Elena is leading the normal life she has always dreamed of, including a stable job as a journalist and a nice apartment shared with her boyfriend. As the lone female werewolf in existence, only her secret midnight prowls and her occasional inhuman cravings set her apart. Just one year ago, life was very different. Adopted by the Pack when bitten, Elena had spent years struggling with her resentment at having her life stolen away. Torn between two worlds, and overwhelmed by the new passions coursing through her body, her only option for control was to deny her awakening needs and escape. But now the Pack has called Elena home to help them fight an alliance of renegade werewolves who are bent on exposing and annihilating the Pack. And although Elena is obliged to rejoin her "family," she vows not to be swept up in Pack life again, no matter how natural it might feel. She has made her choice. Trouble is, she's increasingly uncertain if it's the right one. An erotically charged thriller, *Bitten* will awaken the voracious appetite of every reader, as the age-old battle between man and beast, between human and inhuman forces, comes to a head in one small town and within one woman's body.

Izzy Konnig has everything: a successful career as a federal prosecutor, a house in the trendy part of town, and Emma, a beautiful girlfriend who requires no commitment. Then one night Emma accidentally bites her, and Izzy Konnig finds herself turning into a werewolf. Panicked, Izzy bolts, only to be grabbed by a

gang of rival wolves and forced into an underground fighting ring. If she wants to return to the life she loves, it's going to take everything she's got-and more.

Angel Manning is a pretty normal girl (albeit she runs an infamous underground organization). Her life is turned upside down the moment she is Bitten, and turned into one of the rarest things in the world - a surviving She-Wolf. She soon finds that no everything is as it seems in the world of the Supernatural - a world that she has literally only just become part of.

In the tradition of "The Silence of the Lambs," French, bestselling author of "Beneath the Skin" and "The Red Room," delivers what promises to be the psychological blockbuster of the season about a kidnap victim that no one will help.

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I've got one thing to say to the fated mate who wants to kill me: Bite Me. I can handle anyone who walks into my pub. Except him--the most powerful vampire who ever lived. The First. Dark, damaged, and hot as hell. He says I'm his one and only Vampire Bride, and that five years ago, I buried him alive. Obviously he's crazy, because I don't remember any of that. All I know is that if I want to escape his vengeance, I have to help him infiltrate a deadly secret society. I'm going to use the time to prove that I didn't try to kill him, and that I'm not his Vampire Bride. Because if I am, he'll kill me. But his wrath starts to falter as our mutual hate turns to heat. Now, I'm starting to wonder if maybe he's right. But whatever happens in the end, there's no escaping our twisted fate.

I'm Jaz Parks. My boss is Vayl, born in Romania in 1744. Died there too, at the hand of his vampire wife, Liliana. But that's ancient history. For the moment Vayl works for the C.I.A. doing what he does best--assassination. And I help. You could say I'm an Assistant Assassin. But then I'd have to kick your ass. Vayl and I have to take out a Miami plastic surgeon with ties to terrorism. But the assignment gets complicated when it turns out he's in cahoots with a supernatural nasty powerful enough to bring America to her knees.

Presents information on the cult television series including interviews with the cast and crew, episode guides, and trivia.

Linda is flying out to view her property in Majorca, bequeathed by her exhusband, Alan. She has no idea about what trouble lies ahead. Alan, a drug dealer, abandoned her and their baby, Beth, six years ago. On take-off Linda panics and clutches the hand of the man in the next seat. He, Ryan, is returning to his Garden Centre business. He recognizes her plight and offers his help. They view the property, and seeing its potential, Ryan offers to buy it, but two men seem anxious to gain access, which necessitates police intervention. Later, when Linda returns to sign paperwork, she takes her mother Monica and Beth for a holiday. There are sinister events—an attempt to kidnap Beth, a catastrophe at sea, and strangers lurking near the property. There are happy times too, and good friendships are forged, but Linda and Ryan find it difficult to commit romantically. They have too many bad memories. Beth makes an exciting discovery that

solves many problems, but will Linda ever solve hers? This story has laughter and tears and shows that true friendship is a treasure.

Thrills, chills, and a smoldering sexy hero combine to unforgettable effect in Bianca D'Arc's irresistible new novel of paranormal romance. . . When police officer Sarah Petit investigates a disturbance in an abandoned building, she expects to find a few underage drinkers. Instead, she's attacked by creatures straight out of a horror movie. Waking a week later in a hospital, Sarah is visited by Special Forces soldier Captain Xavier Beauvoir. The zombies who attacked Sarah are the result of military research gone terrifyingly wrong, and Sarah's immunity to the virus makes her the perfect person to help Xavier eradicate them. But his smooth Cajun accent, whiskey-colored eyes, and dizzying kiss are risky to her in a very different way. Sarah attracts danger like a magnet--and the smart, fearless cop attracts Xavier too, instilling a bone-deep need that's undermining his steady façade. Enlisting her aid is a necessary gamble, but vicious undead creatures are not the only enemy they face. And the only way to keep each other safe is to trust in an instant connection that could be their greatest strength--or the perfect way to destroy them both. . .

Once Bitten, Twice Prepared is one woman's journey with two breast cancer diagnoses, 14 years apart, and how her spirituality, personal development and a range of techniques helped her take back control and get through her second diagnosis easier and with a new positive outlook.

Fauvinard is a Parisian barrister with no work to speak of, whose formidable mother-in-law noses shamelessly into both his private and business affairs. He and his colleague Tardivaut fabricate a case to create an alibi for their extra-marital affairs. It transpires that both their mistresses live in the same apartment block, and that, unknown to them, Tardivaut's mistress, Zizi, is also involved with Fauvinard's lecherous and narcoleptic uncle. Fauvinard's mistress CEsarine, meanwhile, appears to be an accomplice in a jewellery robbery. When Fauvinard does land a case of his own, his client, who is seeking a divorce, turns out to be the wife of another of CEsarine's lovers. Add a vengeful maid, a vicious, man-hating poodle and a bone-headed Police Commissioner, and Reggie Oliver's adaptation of the 1875 French farce *Le Procès Veauradieux* reaches hilarious heights of brilliantly controlled mayhem.

"The dragon's blood that saved her had one little unforeseen consequence—it turned her into a vampire. Leslie always wanted to be number one at something, and the Readers' Cruise was her chance to make a big splash into the romance writing world. Until she fell into the Atlantic Ocean. With her life hanging in the balance, it would take a miracle to save her from death's icy grip. That miracle is Alistair McLeod, a handsome dragon-shifter, who shouldn't exist. But now she's counted among the living dead. Marked and hungry, Leslie awakens as an unwilling vampire and a new member to the Order—the supernatural security force for a secret society of the shadow world. Danger, intrigue, and murder are her new reality. And when women end up drained, their bodies mangled by a vampire's bite, Leslie is the Order's top suspect. These murders threaten everything the Order stands for, which means the Order now threatens her. To save her life, Leslie must now embrace her magical destiny—or fall victim to a deadly menace. The Order of the Dragon series is best enjoyed when read in reading order. 1. Zero Hour: Prequel 2. Once Bitten 3. Twice as High 4. Three Little Words "

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