

## Regatul Spinilor Si Al Trandafirilor

Outside a glittering party, I saw a man in the dark. I didn't know then that he was an assassin. A hit man. A mercenary. Ronan radiated danger and beauty. Mercy and mystery. I wanted him, but I was already promised to another man. Ronan might be the one who murdered him. But two warring families want my blood. I don't know where to turn. In a mad world of luxury and secrets, he's the only one I can trust.

For anyone who spends time in the backcountry, understanding not only what sorts of dangers you can run into out there but also exactly what those risks can do to you is part of being a smart, well informed outdoor traveler. In *Lost and Stranded*, author Timothy Sprinkle breaks down the perils that can befall hikers, hunters, and other outdoor enthusiasts. There are animal encounters, weather events (lightning strikes), parasites (giardia), biting insects (bees/wasps), winter hazards (avalanches), natural disasters (forest fires), hypothermia, dehydration, disorientation, and much, much more to worry about. Although these risks are generally well known, what's less understood by many adventurers is what exactly happens to you when, say, you become malnourished in the backcountry. What does it feel like? How does the condition progress? How long do you

generally have before the body shuts down? What helps or hurts when you're fighting for survival? Lost and Stranded will answer these questions and many more by taking an inside look at more than two dozen outdoor hazards. Each one will include a narrative section that dramatizes the experience of a certain situation based on real-world events. From there, information from expert sources—medical doctors, first responders, wildlife experts, and others—will fill in the details around exactly how each scenario plays out on the ground, followed by suggestions on how to avoid or survive each risk factor, making this book is a vital resource for outdoor travelers.

Divine cocktails and delicious mixed drinks—hangover not included! Festive, sophisticated cocktails for everyone? Yes, please! With alcohol-free options so refreshing to drink, simple to make, and for any season or occasion, going dry has never been easier: Celebrate Dry January in style with an Espresso Mint Martini Spoil yourself at breakfast with a Blood Orange Sunrise Toast the mother-to-be with a bubbly Paloma Fizz Keep your summer picnic kid-friendly with a refreshing Raspberry and Lavender Shrub Thank the oft-forgotten designated driver with an eye-opening Chile and Lime Margarita Plus, for the new mocktail mixologist, Dry comes complete with a guide to essential equipment, easy-to-find ingredients, simple syrup recipes, and more. Cheers!

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From the award-winning author of *Tiny Sunbirds*, *Far Away*, the story of a young boy who believes two things: that his Nigerian birth mother loves him like the world has never known love, and that he is a wizard Elijah, seven years old, is covered in scars and has a history of disruptive behavior. Taken away from his birth mother, a Nigerian immigrant in England, Elijah is moved from one foster parent to the next before finding a home with Nikki and her husband, Obi. Nikki believes that she and Obi are strong enough to accept Elijah's difficulties—and that being white will not affect her ability to raise a black son. They care deeply for Elijah and, in spite of his demons, he begins to settle into this loving family. But as Nikki and Obi learn more about their child's tragic past, they face

challenges that threaten to rock the fragile peace they've established, challenges that could prove disastrous.

Evil remembers... Falkenberg, Sweden. The mutilated body of talented young jewellery designer, Linnea Blix, is found in a snow-swept marina. Hampstead Heath, London. The body of a young boy is discovered with similar wounds to Linnea's. Buchenwald Concentration Camp, 1944. In the midst of the hell of the Holocaust, Erich Hebner will do anything to see himself as a human again. Are the two murders the work of a serial killer, and how are they connected to shocking events at Buchenwald? Emily Roy, a profiler on loan to Scotland Yard from the Canadian Royal Mounted Police, joins up with Linnea's friend, French true-crime writer Alexis Castells, to investigate the puzzling case. They travel between Sweden and London, and then deep into the past, as a startling and terrifying connection comes to light. Plumbing the darkness and the horrific evidence of the nature of evil, Block 46 is a multi-layered, sweeping and evocative thriller that heralds a stunning new voice in French Noir. 'A bold and intelligent read' Laura Wilson, Guardian 'Compelling' Women's Own 'Dark, oppressive and bloody but it's also thought-provoking, compelling and very moving' Metro 'A bold and audacious debut from a very talented writer. Heralds the beginning of a thrilling new series' R J Ellory 'A real page-turner, I loved it'

Martina Cole 'A great serial-killer thriller with a nice twist ... first rate' James Oswald 'Cleverly plotted, simply excellent' Ragnar Jónasson

I Am the MessengerKnopf Books for Young Readers

Life and a dismal last name are the only two things Beyah's parents ever gave her. After carving her path all on her own, Beyah is well on her way to bigger and better things, thanks to no one but herself. With only two short months separating her from the future she's built and the past she desperately wants to leave behind, an unexpected death leaves Beyah with no place to go during the interim. Forced to reach out to her last resort, Beyah has to spend the remainder of her summer on a peninsula in Texas with a father she barely knows. Beyah's plan is to keep her head down and let the summer slip by seamlessly, but her new neighbor Samson throws a wrench in that plan. Samson and Beyah have nothing in common on the surface. She comes from a life of poverty and neglect; he comes from a family of wealth and privilege. But one thing they do have in common is that they're both drawn to sad things. Which means they're drawn to each other. Beyah and Samson agree to stay in the shallow end of a summer fling. What Beyah doesn't realize is that a rip current is coming, and it's about to drag her heart out to sea.

Ten-year-old Mafalda hides the fact that she is going blind from her family and friends

in this lyrical, bittersweet debut novel from Italian author Paola Peretti that shows you how to overcome the darkness—even when you can't see the light at the end of the tunnel. There are a lot of things ten-year-old Mafalda cares a lot about. Like, counting the stars in the night sky, playing soccer, and climbing the cherry tree outside her school. Mafalda even goes so far as to keep a list of all these things, because soon she won't be able to do them anymore—because she's going blind. Even with her bad eyesight Mafalda can see that people are already treating her differently—and that's the last thing she wants. So, she hides the fact that her vision is deteriorating faster than anyone predicted, and she makes a plan: When the time is right, she'll go live in the cherry tree, just like her favorite book character. But as Mafalda loses her sight, surprising things come in to focus. With the help of her family and friends both old and new, Mafalda discovers the things that matter most.

Sarah J. Maas's global #1 bestselling THRONE OF GLASS series reaches new heights in this sweeping fourth instalment. Everyone Celaena Sardothien loves has been taken from her. Now she returns to the empire – to confront the shadows of her past ...

Bloodthirsty for revenge on the two men responsible for destroying her life, and desperate to find out if the prince and his captain are safe, Celaena returns to Rifthold. She has accepted her identity as Aelin Galathynius, the lost Queen of Terrasen. But before she can reclaim her throne, there are dark truths to learn and debts to be paid. Aelin must stay hidden beneath her assassin's hood and draw on her mortal strength

as Celaena to prevent the King of Adarlan from tearing her world apart. Only then can she fight for her people. Readers will be held rapt as Celaena's story builds to an agonising crescendo, packed with heart-pounding action and searing romance. This new edition of one of the most influential self-help books of the 20th century includes study questions, meditations, and action items for a whole new generation. Designed for personal reflection and group study, it will become the essential edition of this classic text for the 21st century. Shinn begins with the following: "Most people consider life a battle. It's not a battle, though; it's a game. And like most games, it can't be played successfully without understanding the rules." She explores the six essential rules of the game: The Laws of Expectancy, Substitution, Karma, Non-Resistance, Use, and Love. This essential user's manual provides a roadmap for making informed decisions and fully embracing a life of success and happiness. StarHearts, as fans of Josephine Angelini call themselves, will stay up all night reading *Dreamless*, the second book in the bestselling *Starcrossed* series. The saga mixes mythology, romance, action, and intrigue in a completely original way. *Dreamless* continues the story of Helen Hamilton, a shy girl living on Nantucket Island whose desire for an ordinary life was thwarted when she discovered she is a Scion, a descendant of a Greek god and a mortal. Each Scion has a power, and Helen's is the ability to travel to Hades. Helen is determined to use her talent to stop a war amongst the gods and change her destiny, which is to live a life patterned after that of the tragic

Helen of Troy. But her quest may cost her Lucas Delios, the boy she loves. A rich set of feminist perspectives on the varied and often contradictory nature of state practices, structures, and ideologies Growing socio-economic inequality and exclusion are defining features of the twenty-first century. While debates on globalization, free trade, and economic development have been linked to the paradigm of “neo-liberalism,” it does not explain all the forms of social change that have been unfolding in comparative contexts. *Feminists Rethink the Neoliberal State* provides a timely intervention into discussions about the boundaries, practices, and nature of the post-liberalization state, suggesting that an understanding of economic policies, the corresponding rise of socio-economic inequality, and the possibilities for change requires an in-depth reconceptualization. Drawing on original field research both globally and within the United States, this volume brings together a rich set of perspectives on the varied and often contradictory nature of state practices, structures and ideologies in the post-liberalization era. The essays develop an interdisciplinary approach that treats an understanding of historically-specific forms of inequality—such as gender, race, caste, sexuality and class—as integral to, rather than as after-effects of, the policies and ideologies associated with the “neoliberal project.” The volume also tackles central questions on the restructuring of the state, the state’s power operations, the relationship between capital and the state, and its interactions with the institutions and organizational forms of civil society in the post-liberalization era. As such,



Feminists Rethink the Neoliberal State examines both what is distinctive about this post-liberalization state and what must be contextualized as long-standing features of modern state power. A truly international and interdisciplinary volume, *Feminists Rethink the Neoliberal State* deepens our understanding of how policies of economic liberalization shape and produce various forms of inequality.

The constellations come to life in this imaginative fantasy adventure debut. Honorine's life as a maid at the Vidalia mansion is rather dull, dusting treasures from faraway places and daydreaming in front of maps of the world. But everything changes when she catches two brutish sailors ransacking Lord Vidalia's study, and then follows a mysterious girl with wings out into the night.... Suddenly, Honorine is whisked into the middle of a battle between the crew of a spectacular steamship and a band of mythical constellations. The stars in the sky have come to life to defend themselves against those who want to harness their powers. Much to her surprise, Honorine is the crux of it all, the center of an epic clash between magic and science, the old ways and the new. But can this spirited young girl bring both sides of a larger-than-life fight together before they unleash an evil power even older than the stars?

The gorgeous and darkly compelling sequel to *The Crown's Game*—perfect for fans of *Red Queen* and *Shadow and Bone*. A *New York Times* bestseller! Magic is growing, shadows are rising, and the throne is at stake... Russia is on the brink of great change. Pasha's coronation approaches, and Vika is now the Imperial Enchanter, but the role

she once coveted may be more difficult—and dangerous—than she ever expected. Pasha is grappling with his own problems—his legitimacy is in doubt, the girl he loves loathes him, and he believes his best friend is dead. When a challenger to the throne emerges—and with the magic in Russia growing rapidly—Pasha must do whatever it takes to keep his position and protect his kingdom. For Nikolai, the ending of the Crown's Game stung deeply. Although he just managed to escape death, Nikolai remains alone, a shadow hidden in a not-quite-real world of his own creation. But when he's given a second chance at life—tied to a dark price—Nikolai must decide just how far he's willing to go to return to the world. With revolution on the rise, dangerous new magic rearing up, and a tsardom up for the taking, Vika, Nikolai, and Pasha must fight—or face the destruction of not only their world but also themselves.

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Discover the sweeping romantic fantasy for yourself.

The #1 New York Times bestselling sequel to Sarah J. Maas's stunning and seductive *A Court of Thorns and Roses*.

New York Times Bestseller \* New York Public Library Best Book of 2016 \* Chicago Public Library Best Book of 2016 \* Kirkus Best Book of the Year Fans of acclaimed author Kendare Blake's *Anna Dressed in Blood* will devour *Three Dark Crowns*, the first book in a dark and inventive fantasy series about three sisters who must fight to the death to become queen. In every generation on the island of Fennbirn, a set of triplets is born: three queens, all equal heirs to the crown and each possessor of a coveted magic. Mirabella is a fierce elemental, able to spark hungry flames or vicious storms at the snap of her fingers. Katharine is a poisoner, one who can ingest the deadliest poisons without so much as a stomachache. Arsinoe, a naturalist, is said to have the ability to bloom the reddest rose and control the fiercest of lions. But becoming the Queen Crowned isn't solely a matter of royal birth. Each sister has to fight for it. And it's not just a game of win or lose...it's life or death. The night the sisters turn sixteen, the battle begins. The last queen standing gets the crown. Don't miss *Five Dark Fates*, the thrilling conclusion to the series, coming in September!

DON'T MISS *BRIDGE OF CLAY*, MARKUS ZUSAK'S FIRST NOVEL SINCE THE BOOK THIEF AND AN UNFORGETTABLE AND SWEEPING FAMILY SAGA. From the author of the extraordinary #1 New York Times bestseller *The Book Thief*, I Am the

Messenger is an acclaimed novel filled with laughter, fists, and love. A MICHAEL L. PRINTZ HONOR BOOK FIVE STARRED REVIEWS Ed Kennedy is an underage cabdriver without much of a future. He's pathetic at playing cards, hopelessly in love with his best friend, Audrey, and utterly devoted to his coffee-drinking dog, the Doorman. His life is one of peaceful routine and incompetence until he inadvertently stops a bank robbery. That's when the first ace arrives in the mail. That's when Ed becomes the messenger. Chosen to care, he makes his way through town helping and hurting (when necessary) until only one question remains: Who's behind Ed's mission? Follow Chaol on his sweeping journey to a distant empire in this next instalment of the THRONE OF GLASS series by global #1 bestselling author Sarah J. Maas. Chaol Westfall has always defined himself by his unwavering loyalty, his strength, and his position as the Captain of the Guard. But all of that has changed since Aelin shattered the glass castle, since Chaol's men were slaughtered, since the King of Adarlan spared him from a killing blow, but left his body broken. Now he and Nesryn sail for Antica – the stronghold of the southern continent's mighty empire and of the legendary healers of the Torre Cesme. It's Chaol's one shot at recovery, and with war looming back home, Dorian and Aelin's survival could depend on Chaol and Nesryn convincing Antica's rulers to ally with them. But what they discover there will change them both – and be more vital to saving Erilea than they could have imagined.

“A heartwarming, sparkling romantic comedy about what happens when what your

heart wants and what your parents want don't match...Melissa de la Cruz enchants and delights in her usual style. Completely unputdownable!” —Sandhya Menon, New York Times bestselling author of *When Dimple Met Rishi* “A refreshingly modern love story, *29 Dates* serves up a funny and heartfelt rom-com about finding love and figuring out life on your own terms.” —Maurene Goo, author of *I Believe in a Thing Called Love* and *The Way You Make Me Feel* How many dates will it take to find The One? Ji-su’s traditional South Korean parents are concerned by what they see as her lack of attention to her schoolwork and her future. Working with Seoul’s premiere matchmaker to find the right boyfriend is one step toward ensuring Ji-su’s success, and going on the recommended dates is Ji-su’s compromise to please her parents while finding space to figure out her own dreams. But when she flubs a test then skips out on a date to spend time with friends, her fed-up parents shock her by shipping her off to a private school in San Francisco. Where she’ll have the opportunity to shine academically—and be set up on more dates! Navigating her host family, her new city and school, and more dates, Ji-su finds comfort in taking the photographs that populate her ever-growing social media account. Soon attention from two very different boys sends Ji-su into a tailspin of soul-searching. As her passion for photography lights her on fire, does she even want to find The One? And what if her One isn’t parent and matchmaker approved?

In 1922, Howard Carter peered into Tutankhamun’s tomb for the first time, the only light coming from the candle in his outstretched hand. Urged to tell what he was seeing

through the small opening he had cut in the door to the tomb, the Egyptologist famously replied, "I see wonderful things." Carter's fabulous discovery is just one of the many spellbinding stories told in *Three Stones Make a Wall*. Written by Eric Cline, an archaeologist with more than thirty seasons of excavation experience, this book traces the history of archaeology from an amateur pursuit to the cutting-edge science it is today by taking the reader on a tour of major archaeological sites and discoveries. Along the way, it addresses the questions archaeologists are asked most often: How do you know where to dig? How are excavations actually done? How do you know how old something is? Who gets to keep what is found? Taking readers from the pioneering digs of the eighteenth century to today's exciting new discoveries, *Three Stones Make a Wall* is a lively and essential introduction to the story of archaeology.

Read the books that inspired the CW show! All four thrilling novels in *The 100* series are now available in this paperback boxed set. Ever since nuclear war destroyed our planet, humanity has been living on city-like spaceships hovering above the toxic surface. As far as anyone knows, no one has stepped foot on Earth in centuries--that is, until one hundred juvenile delinquents are sentenced to return and recolonize the hostile land. The future of the human race rests in their hands, but nothing can prepare the 100 for what they find on this strange and savage planet. Don't miss the book series that inspired the hit TV show. New York Times bestseller *The 100*, *Day 21*, *Homecoming*, and *Rebellion* are gathered together for the first time in this striking box

set, perfect for fans and series newcomers alike.

Sarah J. Maas's sexy, richly imagined series continues with the journey of Feyre's fiery sister, Nesta. Nesta Archeron has always been prickly-proud, swift to anger, and slow to forgive. And ever since being forced into the Cauldron and becoming High Fae against her will, she's struggled to find a place for herself within the strange, deadly world she inhabits. Worse, she can't seem to move past the horrors of the war with Hybern and all she lost in it. The one person who ignites her temper more than any other is Cassian, the battle-scarred warrior whose position in Rhysand and Feyre's Night Court keeps him constantly in Nesta's orbit. But her temper isn't the only thing Cassian ignites. The fire between them is undeniable, and only burns hotter as they are forced into close quarters with each other. Meanwhile, the treacherous human queens who returned to the Continent during the last war have forged a dangerous new alliance, threatening the fragile peace that has settled over the realms. And the key to halting them might very well rely on Cassian and Nesta facing their haunting pasts. Against the sweeping backdrop of a world seared by war and plagued with uncertainty, Nesta and Cassian battle monsters from within and without as they search for acceptance-and healing-in each other's arms.

Prepare to be inspired with this fantastically great new series for young readers. In this first book, read the true stories of amazing scientists and discover things that are out of this world. Women have been responsible for many of the world's

most groundbreaking scientific discoveries. Kate Pankhurst, descendent of Emmeline Pankhurst, tells the stories of some incredible female scientists whose hard work and persistence changed our understanding of science, and transformed people's ideas of what women can do. As a child Mae Jemison imagined herself reaching for the stars and that's exactly what she did: she became the first African-American woman to go into space. When Elizabeth Blackwell was told women weren't allowed to be doctors, she didn't take no for an answer. Tu Youyou spent months on a remote island during the Vietnam War to try and invent a treatment for malaria - and she did it. Including comic strips, family trees, maps and more, *Fantastically Great Women Scientists and Their Stories* is a celebration of women who made some of the world's most important scientific breakthroughs. Women featured: Mae Jemison, Marie Curie, Elizabeth Blackwell, Janaki Ammal, Caroline Herschel, Katia Krafft, Tu Youyou and Rosalind Franklin.

"Jennifer L. Armentrout is a master of weaving rich contemporary realism with magic and mayhem. Her characters will grab hold of your heart and refuse to let go. Every page left me wanting more."—New York Times bestselling author Brigid Kemmerer

**BOOK ONE IN THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING**

**HARBINGER SERIES Meet Trinity Marrow, a girl with an explosive secret whose**



hiding place has just been discovered... Eighteen-year-old Trinity may be going blind, but she can see and communicate with ghosts and spirits. Her gift is the reason she's been in hiding for years in a compound guarded by Wardens—shape-shifters who protect humankind from demons. If the demons discover the truth about Trinity, they'll devour her to enhance their powers. When Wardens from another clan arrive with reports that something is killing both demons and Wardens, Trinity's world implodes. Not the least because one of the outsiders is the most annoying and fascinating person she's ever met. Zayne has secrets of his own—but working together becomes imperative once demons breach the compound and Trinity's secret comes to light. To save her family and maybe the world, she'll have to trust Zayne. But all bets are off as a supernatural war is unleashed... The Harbinger Series: Storm and Fury Rage and Ruin Grace and Glory Can't get enough of Zayne? Read about his past in The Dark Elements series: The Dark Elements Series: Bitter Sweet Love (ebook-only prequel) White Hot Kiss Stone Cold Touch Every Last Breath The sexy, action-packed first book in the #1 New York Times bestselling Court of Thorns and Roses series from Sarah J. Maas. When nineteen-year-old huntress Feyre kills a wolf in the woods, a terrifying creature arrives to demand retribution. Dragged to a treacherous magical land she knows about only from legends,

Feyre discovers that her captor is not truly a beast, but one of the lethal, immortal faeries who once ruled her world. At least, he's not a beast all the time. As she adapts to her new home, her feelings for the faerie, Tamlin, transform from icy hostility into a fiery passion that burns through every lie she's been told about the beautiful, dangerous world of the Fae. But something is not right in the faerie lands. An ancient, wicked shadow is growing, and Feyre must find a way to stop it, or doom Tamlin-and his world-forever. From bestselling author Sarah J. Maas comes a seductive, breathtaking book that blends romance, adventure, and faerie lore into an unforgettable read.

Twins Alex and Becky are excited to take their puppy, Cooper, on vacation to the ocean. But a walk along the cliffs turns out to be more of an adventure than anyone could have imagined.

Enter the world of Throne of Glass Experience the vivid imagery of Sarah J. Maas's expansive world in her breathtaking New York Times bestselling Throne of Glass saga. Celaena on the rooftops of Rifthold, Chaol in the gardens of the glass castle, Manon riding her wyvern through the Crossing, and many other favorite moments, characters, and objects from the vibrantly detailed realm of Throne of Glass come to life. With stunning original black-and-white drawings, The Throne of Glass Coloring Book is a must-have companion for any reader

looking to be swept up in the adventure of a lifetime. Awards for the Throne of Glass Series Queen of Shadows A Good Reads Choice Award winner for Best Young Adult Fantasy/Sci-Fi for 2015 Heir of Fire A USA Today bestseller Crown of Midnight A New York Times and USA Today bestseller Throne of Glass A Kirkus Best Teen Book of 2012; Amazon.com Best Book of 2012; YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults; MTV Hollywood Crush Best YA Book of 2012 Nominee A tender addition to the #1 New York Times bestselling Court of Thorns and Roses series by Sarah J. Maas, bridging the events of A Court of Wings and Ruin and upcoming books. Feyre, Rhysand, and their friends are still busy rebuilding the Night Court and the vastly altered world beyond, recovering from the war that changed everything. But Winter Solstice is finally approaching, and with it, the joy of a hard-earned reprieve. Yet even the festive atmosphere can't keep the shadows of the past from looming. As Feyre navigates her first Winter Solstice as High Lady, her concern for those dearest to her deepens. They have more wounds than she anticipated-scars that will have a far-reaching impact on the future of their court. Bridging the events of A Court of Wings and Ruin with the later books in the series, A Court of Frost and Starlight explores the far-reaching effects of a devastating war and the fierce love between friends. An English coastal town is the setting for this unfinished novel, the inspiration for

the ITV series, by the author of *Pride and Prejudice*. Believed to be influenced by a town visited by Jane Austen herself, *Sanditon* is the story of Mr. Parker, an ambitious man intent on building a seaside resort town that will attract fashionable society; of Charlotte Heywood, a beautiful young woman who finds herself invited to Sanditon through an accident of fate; Mr. Parker's extended family, including the handsome Sidney Parker and his three comical siblings; and the wealthy Lady Denham, who aims to marry off her impoverished nephew to an heiress from the West Indies. The final unfinished novel by Austen, *Sanditon* has inspired numerous adaptations and continuations, including the recent television series by prize-winning screenwriter Andrew Davies.

One of the most charming Cinderella stories of all time! Lord Bannor the Bold has never feared anything in his life--until the war ends and he finds himself a reluctant papa to a dozen unruly children. He sends his steward out to find them a mother--some meek, plain creature who won't tempt him to get her with child. But his steward returns with a spirited beauty who makes him think of nothing else. Lady Willow is everything Bannor has sworn to resist. He never dreams she will join forces with those mischievous imps of his to teach him just how sweet surrender can be! Book 1 in Teresa Medeiros's *ONCE UPON A TIME* Series, which includes *Charming the Prince*, *The Bride and the Beast* and *Fairest of*

Them All Praise for New York Times bestseller CHARMING THE PRINCE “What joy! The magic that comes from Teresa Medeiros’s pen makes you smile with satisfaction, sigh with pleasure and wish Charming the Prince never came to an end.” –Romantic Times “Ms. Medeiros gives her fans another wonderfully witty and charming tale...purely delightful!” The Old Book Barn Gazette “From the opening page of Charming the Prince, the reader knows the fun has just begun...humorous and entertaining. You’ll be charmed by Charming the Prince.” –Rocky Mountain News “Nobody writes humor with more heart or passion with more pleasure. Medeiros is magic!” –New York Times bestselling author Christina Dodd ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDITION Medieval romance, Humorous romance, Historical romance, Knight romance

Despite the Roman Empire's famous 500-year reign over Europe, parts of Africa and the Middle East, Italy does not have the same long national history as states such as France or England. Divided for much of its history, Italy's regions have been, at various times, parts of bigger, often antagonistic empires, notably those of Spain and Austria. In addition, its challenging and varied terrain made consolidation of political control all the more difficult. This concise history covers, in very readable fashion, the formative events in Italy's past from the rise of Rome, through a unified country in thrall to fascism in the first half of the twentieth century right up to today. The birthplace of the

Renaissance and the place where the Baroque was born, Italy has always been a hotbed of culture. Within modern Italy country there is fierce regional pride in the cultures and identities that mark out Tuscany, Rome, Sicily and Venice to name just a few of Italy's many famous regions. Jeremy Black draws on the diaries, memoirs and letters of historic travellers to Italy to gain insight into the passions of its people, first chronologically then regionally. In telling Italy's story, Black examines what it is that has given Italians such cultural clout - from food and drink, music and fashion, to art and architecture - and explores the causes and effects of political events, and the divisions that still exist today.

"The day I returned to Templeton steeped in disgrace, the fifty-foot corpse of a monster surfaced in Lake Glimmerglass." So begins *The Monsters of Templeton*, a novel spanning two centuries: part a contemporary story of a girl's search for her father, part historical novel, and part ghost story. In the wake of a disastrous love affair with her older, married archaeology professor at Stanford, brilliant Wilhelmina Cooper arrives back at the doorstep of her hippie mother-turned-born-again-Christian's house in Templeton, NY, a storybook town her ancestors founded that sits on the shores of Lake Glimmerglass. Upon her arrival, a prehistoric monster surfaces in the lake bringing a feeding frenzy to the quiet town, and Willie learns she has a mystery father her mother kept secret Willie's entire life. The beautiful, broody Willie is told that the key to her biological father's identity lies somewhere in her family's history, so she buries herself in

the research of her twisted family tree and finds more than she bargained for as a chorus of voices from the town's past -- some sinister, all fascinating -- rise up around her to tell their side of the story. In the end, dark secrets come to light, past and present day are blurred, and old mysteries are finally put to rest. *The Monsters of Templeton* is a fresh, virtuoso performance that has placed Lauren Groff among the best writers of today.

From bestselling author and illustrator Kate Pankhurst, descendent of Emmeline Pankhurst, comes another 'smart, informative, inclusive and accessible' book about trail-blazing women. This time, it's women who have helped protect our natural world from way before it was on a political agenda. Discover their untold stories. Tackle the plastic problem with Isatou Ceesay by recycling waste into beautiful objects. Marvel at the intelligence of chimpanzees with Jane Goodall. Learn why it's important to shop fair trade and cruelty-free with Anita Roddick and *The Body Shop*. Resist devastating deforestation and plant seeds of change with Wangari Maathai. We're in an age when young people like Greta Thunberg are calling for those in power to 'wake up' and take action. Written with hope and encouragement, this book shows that all actions, big and small, can be powerful in the fight against climate breakdown.

The book that started the phenomenon. Sarah J. Maas's global #1 bestselling *THRONE OF GLASS* series has taken the world by storm. Meet Celaena Sardothien. Beautiful. Deadly. Destined for greatness. In the dark, filthy salt mines of Endovier, an eighteen-

year-old girl is serving a life sentence. She is a trained assassin, the best of her kind, but she made a fatal mistake. She got caught. Young Captain Westfall offers her a deal: her freedom in return for one huge sacrifice. Celaena must represent the prince in a to-the-death tournament - fighting the most gifted thieves and assassins in the land. Live or die, Celaena will be free. Win or lose, she is about to discover her true destiny. But will her assassin's heart be melted?

These are the things that I've always wanted: To get the top grades in my class. To make my grandmother proud. And most of all, proof that I could succeed where the rest of my family had not: a Stanford acceptance letter, early admission. My mother and my sister were obsessed with boys and love and sex. So obsessed that they lost sight of their futures, of what they wanted. And in the end, they lost everything. I'll never let a boy distract me. I promised myself that. But that was before Tate. Before the biggest pop star on the planet took an interest in me. Before private planes and secret dates and lyrics meant for me alone. There's so much I don't know. Like why he left music. Where he goes when we're not together. What dark past he's hiding. But when we kiss, the future feels far away. And now...I'm not sure what I want.

The 5th SS was an elite German fighting unit of the fearsome Waffen SS consisting of volunteers from all over Northern Europe. Though they suffered terrible casualties in the bloody combat on the Eastern Front, they were well known for their courage and dedication in battle. This is the story of Hans Gruber and Sven Eriksson, two volunteers



from Sweden in the Wiking SS. Their lives, their loves and the horrors of war. With the same wicked humor and delicious charm that have won her millions of devoted fans, Sophie Kinsella, author of the #1 New York Times bestseller *Shopaholic & Baby*, returns with an irresistible new novel and a fresh new heroine who finds herself in a life-changing and utterly hilarious predicament... When twenty-eight-year-old Lexi Smart wakes up in a London hospital, she's in for a big surprise. Her teeth are perfect. Her body is toned. Her handbag is Vuitton. Having survived a car accident—in a Mercedes no less—Lexi has lost a big chunk of her memory, three years to be exact, and she's about to find out just how much things have changed. Somehow Lexi went from a twenty-five-year-old working girl to a corporate big shot with a sleek new loft, a personal assistant, a carb-free diet, and a set of glamorous new friends. And who is this gorgeous husband—who also happens to be a multimillionaire? With her mind still stuck three years in reverse, Lexi greets this brave new world determined to be the person she...well, seems to be. That is, until an adorably disheveled architect drops the biggest bombshell of all. Suddenly Lexi is scrambling to catch her balance. Her new life, it turns out, comes complete with secrets, schemes, and intrigue. How on earth did all this happen? Will she ever remember? And what will happen when she does? BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Sophie Kinsella's *Wedding Night*.

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