

Scaricare Libri Gratis Per Ragazzi

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Newbery Honor and Coretta Scott King Author Award winner Renée Watson continues her charming young middle grade series starring Ryan Hart, a girl who is pure spirit and sunshine. Ryan Hart and her family are back in another installment of stories about a Black girl finding her way and her voice as she grows through change and challenges. In this book, Ryan finds herself waiting on lots of things -- like for her new sister to be born healthy, for her new recipes to turn out right, for that summer camp trip to go better than she fears! And of course Ryan is facing these new challenges and new experiences in her classic style -- with a bright outlook and plenty of spirit!

Wer ist er? Was will er? Er tritt einen Schritt näher an mich heran und ich begreife, dass ich ihn kenne. Ich habe ihn seit Jahren nicht mehr gesehen, aber ich habe ihn nie vergessen. Er ist dunkel, reich und mächtig und er hat ein Geheimnis. Ärger steigt in mir hoch. Wer glaubt er, dass er ist, dass er einfach so hier auftaucht? Aber als ich meinen Mund öffne, um ihn anzuschreien, berühren sich unsere Lippen und ich kann mich nicht von ihm lösen ... Was Leser/innen über Charlotte Byrd sagen: "Diese Bücher machen süchtig! Super heiß und aufregend, spannend mit Plottwists, die einen überraschen ..." ????? "Habe es in einem durchgelesen!" ????? "Unglaublich! Das Buch hat mich verrückt gemacht, mein Herz hat die ganze Zeit wie wild gepocht und ich bin immer noch gefangen in der Geschichte und fühle mich wie ein Laubblatt im Wind, das nur darauf wartet, wieder durch die Luft gewirbelt zu werden von einem der besten Gründe, mich von der Arbeit abzulenken und mich zu verlieren." ????? "Diese Buchreihe ist so aufregend und fesselnd. Die atemberaubenden Plottwists, die puren Emotionen und die nervenaufreibende Spannung nehmen mit jedem Buch dieser verlockenden Reihe weiter zu. Ich habe so sehr für Nicholas und Olivia mitgeföhlt. Die Figuren haben sich in mein Herz geschlichen, während sie gleichzeitig meinen Verstand durcheinander gebracht haben. Die fesselnde Geschichte zieht einen schnell in ihren Bann und bringt einen in die Welt des Paares. Bereite dich am besten jetzt schon auf den Cliffhanger und das Warten auf das sechste und letzte Buch in dieser erstaunlichen Reihe vor." ?????

"MESSAGGI DALLO SPAZIO è avvincente, inaspettato e fermamente radicato in forti profili psicologici supportati da elementi fantascientifici e pregni di suspense: cos'altro potrebbero desiderare i lettori? (Solo la rapida pubblicazione del secondo libro, L'arrivo.)" --Midwest Book Review Dalla scrittrice di Libri fantasy numero #1 al mondo, Morgan Rice, arriva il libro #3 di una serie fantascientifica da tempo attesa. Con il pianeta Terra distrutto, cosa ne sarà dei tredicenni Kevin e Chloe sulla navicella madre? Gli alieni li ridurranno in schiavitù? Cosa vogliono? Ci sono speranze di fuga? E Kevin e Chloe torneranno mai sulla Terra? "Pieno zeppo d'azione Lo stile della Rice è consistente e le premesse sono intriganti." --Publishers Weekly, parlando di Un'impresa da eroi "Un fantasy superiore... Un libro vincitore, raccomandato per coloro che amano lo stile epic fantasy alimentato da giovani protagonisti potenti e credibili." --Midwest Book Review, parlando de L'ascesa dei Draghi "Un fantasy pieno zeppo d'azione che si sicuro piacerà ai fan dei precedenti romanzi di Morgan Rice, insieme agli amanti di opera come IL CICLO DELL'EREDITÀ di Christopher Paolini.... I fan della fiction per ragazzi divoreranno quest'ultima opera della Rice e imploreranno di averne

ancora.” –The Wanderer, A Literary Journal (parlando de L’ascesa dei draghi) Il libro #4 nella serie sarà presto disponibile. Sono disponibili anche le molte serie di Morgan Rice nel genere fantasy, inclusa UN’IMPRESA DA EROI (LIBRO #1 ne L’ANELLO DELLO STREGONE), un libro scaricabile gratuitamente, con oltre 1.300 recensioni a cinque stelle!

A LIBRARY JOURNAL BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR When Berta Isla was a schoolgirl, she decided she would marry Tomás Nevinson--the dashing half-Spanish, half-English boy in her class with an extraordinary gift for languages. But when Tomás returns to Madrid from his studies at Oxford, he is a changed man. Unbeknownst to her, he has been approached by an agent from the British intelligence services, and he has unwittingly set in motion events that will derail forever the life they had planned. With peerless insight into the most shadowed corners of the human soul, Marías plunges the reader into the growing chasm between Berta and Tomás and the decisions that irreversibly change the course of the couple's fate. Berta Isla is a novel of love and truth, fear and secrecy, buried identities, and the destinies we bring upon ourselves.

I don't belong with her. Born into darkness, life made me a cynic incapable of love. But then Ellie waltzed in. Innocent, optimistic, kind. She's the opposite of what I deserve. I bought her, but she she stole my heart. Now my business is going up in flames. I have only one chance to make it right. That's where it happens...something I can never take back. I don't cheat on her. There's no one else. It's worse than that. Much worse. Can we survive this? Praise for Charlotte Byrd "This series thrilled me from the first page and had me completely engrossed. The pacing and plot was excellent. It had the perfect amount of twists and turns, luring me into the fantasy of this amazing book. The story was well-crafted, starting off with characters I fell in love with. I instantaneously bonded with the heroine and of course Mr. Black. YUM. It's sexy, it's sassy, it's steamy. It's everything. I loved every second of it and was so thrilled to have had such a treat." - Khardine Gray, bestselling romance author "Her words make me ache and yearn for more." - Dancer in the Dark "The story is dark and enticing, taking me deeper into a world from which I never want to emerge." - Lover of Alpha "Addictive and damaged, their love burns slowly but deeply." - Heroes and Alphas "Their chemistry sizzles right from the beginning. He's the gorgeous and dangerous stranger we all need in our life." - Making Words Up "Her words made me fall in love. It slayed me!" - Sizzling Books "Left my head spinning! I never wanted it to end!" - Heartbreakers and Heroes

Set 300 years before the events in A Song of Ice and Fire, FIRE AND BLOOD is the definitive history of the Targaryens in Westeros as told by Archmaester Gyldayn, and chronicles the conquest that united the Seven Kingdoms under Targaryen rule through to the Dance of the Dragons: the Targaryen civil war that nearly ended their dynasty forever.

A clay giant miraculously brought to life by a saintly rabbi saves a Jewish banker who has been falsely accused in the Prague of Emperor Rudolf II.

A new series about mind readers from a New York Times and USA Today bestselling author... Everyone thinks I'm a genius. Everyone is wrong. Sure, I finished Harvard at eighteen and now make crazy money at a hedge fund. But that's not because I'm unusually smart or hard-working. It's because I cheat. You see, I have a unique ability. I can go outside time into my own personal version of reality—the place I call “the Quiet”—where I can explore my surroundings while the rest of the world stands still. I thought I was the only one who could do this—until I met her. My name is Darren, and this is how I became entangled with all the

Russians and learned that I'm a Reader.

With Europe convulsed in wars over religion, a young theology student finds himself siding with heretics and the disenfranchised while confronting an agent of the Vatican who is determined to hunt down and destroy enemies of the faith, in a meticulously rendered historical thriller set against the backdrop of the Reformation. Reprint.

Um meinen Job zu retten, muss ich einen zurückgezogenen Schriftsteller interviewen, der nicht gefunden werden will. Als ich ihn finde, wird mir klar, dass er der arrogante und umwerfende Fremde ist, der als Einziger die Wahrheit über jene Nacht kennt. Er willigt ein, unter einer Bedingung zu sprechen: alles, was er sagt, ist vertraulich. Er hat seine eigenen Geheimnisse. Aber etwas passiert zwischen uns. Seine Berührung entfacht einen Funken. Seine Augen machen mich schwach. Ich kann mich ihm nicht entziehen. Das hier ist falsch. Das hier wird alles ruinieren. Aber er sieht mich auf diese Weise an, wie mich noch nie jemand angesehen hat ?Was Leser/innen über Charlotte Byrd sagen: "Diese Bücher machen süchtig! Super heiß und aufregend, spannend mit Plottwists, die einen überraschen ..." ????? "Habe es in einem durchgelesen!" ????? "Unglaublich! Das Buch hat mich verrückt gemacht, mein Herz hat die ganze Zeit wie wild gepocht und ich bin immer noch gefangen in der Geschichte und fühle mich wie ein Laubblatt im Wind, das nur darauf wartet, wieder durch die Luft gewirbelt zu werden von einem der besten Gründe, mich von der Arbeit abzulenken und mich zu verlieren." ????? "Diese Buchreihe ist so aufregend und fesselnd. Die atemberaubenden Plottwists, die puren Emotionen und die nervenaufreibende Spannung nehmen mit jedem Buch dieser verlockenden Reihe weiter zu. Ich habe so sehr für Nicholas und Olivia mitgeföhlt. Die Figuren haben sich in mein Herz geschlichen, während sie gleichzeitig meinen Verstand durcheinander gebracht haben. Die fesselnde Geschichte zieht einen schnell in ihren Bann und bringt einen in die Welt des Paares. Bereite dich am besten jetzt schon auf den Cliffhanger und das Warten auf das sechste und letzte Buch in dieser erstaunlichen Reihe vor." ?????

The dramatic story of neighbors in a small Danish fishing village who, during the Holocaust, shelter a Jewish family waiting to be ferried to safety in Sweden. It is 1943 in Nazi-occupied Denmark. Anett and her parents are hiding a Jewish woman and her son, Carl, in their cellar until a fishing boat can take them across the sound to neutral Sweden. The soldiers patrolling their street are growing suspicious, so Carl and his mama must make their way to the harbor despite a cloudy sky with no moon to guide them. Worried about their safety, Anett devises a clever and unusual plan for their safe passage to the harbor. Based on a true story.

The annual—and essential—collection of the newest voices in short fiction, selected this year by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah, Kali Fajardo-Anstine, and Beth Piatote. Who are the most promising short story writers working today? Where do we look to discover the future stars of literary fiction? This book will offer a dozen answers to these questions. The stories collected here represent the most recent winners of the PEN/Robert J. Dau Short Story Prize for Emerging Writers, which recognizes twelve writers who have made outstanding debuts in literary magazines in the previous year. They are chosen by a panel of distinguished judges, themselves innovators of the short story form: Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah, Kali Fajardo-Anstine, and Beth Piatote. Each piece comes with an introduction by its original editors, whose commentaries provide valuable insight into what magazines are looking for in their submissions, and showcase the vital work they do to nurture literature's newest voices.

"The innocence of childhood collides with the stark aftermath of war in this wrenching and ultimately redemptive tale of family, seemingly impossible choices, and the winding paths to destiny, which sometimes take us to places far beyond our imaginings." – Lisa Wingate, #1 New York Times Bestselling Author of *Before We Were Yours* and *The Book of Lost Friends*
"Ardone's beautifully crafted story explores the meaning of identity and belonging...recommended to fans of Elena Ferrante's Neapolitan novels." – The Library Journal "[The Children's Train] leaves you with a great sense of the importance of family and

the tough decisions that must be faced as a result of that love.” – Shelf Awareness Based on true events, a heartbreaking story of love, family, hope, and survival set in post-World War II Italy—written with the heart of *Orphan Train* and *Before We Were Yours*—about poor children from the south sent to live with families in the north to survive deprivation and the harsh winters. Though Mussolini and the fascists have been defeated, the war has devastated Italy, especially the south. Seven-year-old Amerigo lives with his mother Antonietta in Naples, surviving on odd jobs and his wits like the rest of the poor in his neighborhood. But one day, Amerigo learns that a train will take him away from the rubble-strewn streets of the city to spend the winter with a family in the north, where he will be safe and have warm clothes and food to eat. Together with thousands of other southern children, Amerigo will cross the entire peninsula to a new life. Through his curious, innocent eyes, we see a nation rising from the ashes of war, reborn. As he comes to enjoy his new surroundings and the possibilities for a better future, Amerigo will make the heartbreaking choice to leave his mother and become a member of his adoptive family. Amerigo’s journey is a moving story of memory, indelible bonds, artistry, and self-exploration, and a soaring examination of what family can truly mean. Ultimately Amerigo comes to understand that sometimes we must give up everything, even a mother’s love, to find our destiny. Translated from the Italian by Clarissa Botsford

Geralt is a witcher, a man whose magic powers, enhanced by long training and a mysterious elixir, have made him a brilliant fighter and a merciless assassin. Yet he is no ordinary murderer: his targets are the multifarious monsters and vile fiends that ravage the land and attack the innocent. He roams the country seeking assignments, but gradually comes to realise that while some of his quarry are unremittingly vile, vicious grotesques, others are the victims of sin, evil or simple naivety. One reviewer said: 'This book is a sheer delight. It is beautifully written, full of vitality and endlessly inventive: its format, with half a dozen episodes and intervening rest periods for both the hero and the reader, allows for a huge range of characters, scenarios and action. It's thought-provoking without being in the least dogmatic, witty without descending to farce and packed with sword fights without being derivative. The dialogue sparkles; characters morph almost imperceptibly from semi-cliche to completely original; nothing is as it first seems. Sapkowski succeeds in seamlessly welding familiar ideas, unique settings and delicious twists of originality: his Beauty wants to rip the throat out of a sensitive Beast; his Snow White seeks vengeance on all and sundry, his elves are embittered and vindictive. It's easily one of the best things I've read in ages.'

Sprouts are the ultimate in local food—harvested no further away than your kitchen counter, they are fresh, delicious, and versatile. *Homegrown Sprouts* is the complete guide to growing your own sprouts. Choose the right sprouter for you, be it a jar, a bag, or a tray, and learn the techniques to use it. Grow a wide variety of sprouts, including wheatgrass, leafy greens, mung beans, and alfalfa. Enjoy them on their own, or discover a variety of serving suggestions from salads to soups to juices. There’s even a chapter on sprouting for your pets. Whatever the season, *Homegrown Sprouts* will take you on a germinating journey that you won’t soon forget. When you learn how easy it is to grow nutrition-packed sprouts in your own home, you’ll want to use them in every dish you make!

Thoughtful teen fiction at its finest. *Kate Malone*: popular straight A student, long-distance runner, pillar of strength to her single-parent dad. She thinks she can handle anything. Until it all goes wrong. *Kate's* life is spiraling out of control - and *Kate's* about to find out how exhilarating that can be.

"*Cosima*" tells the story of an aspiring writer growing up in Nuoro, Sardinia during the last decades of the nineteenth century when formal education for women was rare and literary careers unheard-of. Based on Deledda's own life, the work describes a young woman's struggle against the dismay and disapproval of her

family and friends at her creative ambitions. Yet it also reads like a charming fable with details of family life, rural traditions and wild bandits, and it is as much a novel of memory as of character or action. Deledda's characters are poor country folk driven by some predetermined force. Their loves are tragic, their lives as hard and as rigidly controlled as nature itself in the hills of Sardinia. Deledda creates memorable figures who play out their lives against this backdrop of mountains and bare plains, sheepfolds and vineyards. Shimmering in the distance is the sea and escape - for a few - to the Continent or America. In 1926 Grazia Deledda became the second woman and the second Italian to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature. She wrote thirty-three novels, including "Reeds in the Wind," and many books of short stories, almost all set on Sardinia. Her work has become well known to English-speaking readers through Martha King's translations for Italica Press.

Sandokán, un joven príncipe malayo, subió al trono de Mulder, en la isla asiática de Borneo, cuando apenas tenía veinte años. Pronto comenzó a hacerse fuerte y a conquistar los reinos cercanos. Entonces, viendo amenazado su poder, los hombres blancos, principalmente ingleses y holandeses, se aliaron con el sultán de Varauni para derrotarlo. Las traiciones se sucedían y pronto se asesinó a toda la familia del joven soberano. Sandokán resistió todo lo que pudo, pero acabó siendo vencido por sus enemigos. Entonces, se dedicó a piratear por Borneo al mando de un puñado de valientes que no le habían abandonado. Era perseguido, y, con el paso de los años, se embarcó con sus "cachorros", como él cariñosamente les llamaba, hasta Mompracem, isla que convirtió en su hogar y que pronto se convertiría en el terror del mar de Malasia.

Royal Catch Gabriell am the crown prince of Villroy, heir to a kingdom, bound by duty to marry and produce an heir. I expected a quiet arrangement through royal channels, instead I got a palace full of women vying for my hand. And how do they "win" this barbaric game set up by my crafty mother? By figuring out how to save the kingdom's faltering economy through a series of challenges. This undignified circus is beneath a man of my stature! Proof being that a saucy, ill-mannered woman wearing body-hugging clothes is in the lead. I could never love someone like that, let alone marry her. Anna The plan sounded simple. I pose as my friend, pick up her inheritance, and return with the cash to keep her out of jail. (Apparently, being a princess in hiding is no excuse for identity theft.) So, yeah, I'm not exactly royal. I'm an orphan, a self-made woman, and proud of it.

Suddenly I'm in a battle royale with a bunch of crazy competitive women for "riches beyond our dreams." I'm in a time crunch, which means I need to win this competition fast. Only, that means winning over the judge; the smoldering hot grim-faced Gabriel. And now I find myself wanting to compete for more than just the money. But could a royal prince ever fall for a commoner like me?

"Morgan Rice has come up with what promises to be another brilliant series, immersing us in a fantasy of valor, honor, courage, magic and faith in your destiny. Morgan has managed again to produce a strong set of characters that

make us cheer for them on every page....Recommended for the permanent library of all readers that love a well-written fantasy.” --Books and Movie Reviews, Roberto Mattos (regarding Rise of the Dragons) From #1 Bestselling author Morgan Rice comes a sweeping new fantasy series. 17 year old Ceres, a beautiful, poor girl in the Empire city of Delos, lives the harsh and unforgiving life of a commoner. By day she delivers her father’s forged weapons to the palace training grounds, and by night she secretly trains with them, yearning to be a warrior in a land where girls are forbidden to fight. With her pending sale to slavehood, she is desperate. 18 year old Prince Thanos despises everything his royal family stands for. He abhors their harsh treatment of the masses, especially the brutal competition—The Killings—that lies at the heart of the city. He yearns to break free from the restraints of his upbringing, yet he, a fine warrior, sees no way out. When Ceres stuns the court with her hidden powers, she finds herself wrongfully imprisoned, doomed to an even worse life than she could imagine. Thanos, smitten, must choose if he will risk it all for her. Yet, thrust into a world of duplicity and deadly secrets, Ceres quickly learns there are those who rule, and those who are their pawns. And that sometimes, being chosen is the worst that can happen. SLAVE, WARRIOR, QUEEN tells an epic tale of tragic love, vengeance, betrayal, ambition, and destiny. Filled with unforgettable characters and heart-pounding action, it transports us into a world we will never forget, and makes us fall in love with fantasy all over again. Book #2 in OF CROWNS AND GLORY will be released soon!

This #1 New York Times bestseller is the first book in a new series set in Chris Colfer's Land of Stories universe, perfect for both new and longtime fans! When Brystal Evergreen stumbles across a secret section of the library, she discovers a book that introduces her to a world beyond her imagination and learns the impossible: She is a fairy capable of magic! But in the oppressive Southern Kingdom, women are forbidden from reading and magic is outlawed, so Brystal is swiftly convicted of her crimes and sent to the miserable Bootstrap Correctional Facility. But with the help of the mysterious Madame Weatherberry, Brystal is whisked away and enrolled in an academy of magic! Adventure comes with a price, however, and when Madame Weatherberry is called away to attend to an important problem she doesn't return. Do Brystal and her classmates have what it takes to stop a sinister plot that risks the fate of the world, and magic, forever? Fall in love with an all-new series from Chris Colfer, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Land of Stories, filled with adventure, imagination, and wonderfully memorable characters both familiar and new. A #1 New York Times bestseller An IndieBound bestseller A USA Today bestseller A Wall Street Journal bestseller Don't miss: A TALE OF WITCHCRAFT...

Equites, Book 4 in the Heku Series, starts off with the beginnings of a war. Damon and Emily are still fighting while the Equites defends itself against attacks from both the Valle and the Encala. An accident sends Emily to the hospital, and the tension with the Valle becomes more explosive. Emily suspects the heku

have a secret, and will go to any measure to find out what it is. She comes face-to-face with the darker side of the heku and quickly comes to terms with it. An agricultural coven takes her in and her views of the sinister heku begin to change. Emily's past with Keith comes back to haunt her, and a vile attack shows the Equites how far the Valle and Encala are willing to go to gain possession of the Winchester Heirs. Sam's loyalty comes into question as Emily finds a small niche out in the world with the mortals. Attacks on her become more dangerous, and she finds that the heku may not be as indestructible as she once thought. An ultimatum is placed that could upend the entire species.

* Over 140 million copies sold worldwide * Good for reluctant readers due to illustrative typeset * Educational edge as books contain facts about various places * Activity packs available to accompany certain titles* More fun and games online at www.geronimostilton.com/UK

With the Christmas season upon him, Detective Sergeant Bruce Robertson of Edinburgh's finest is gearing up socially—kicking things off with a week of sex and drugs in Amsterdam. There are some sizable flies in the ointment, though: a missing wife and child, a nagging cocaine habit, some painful below-the-belt eczema, and a string of demanding extramarital affairs. The last thing Robertson needs is a messy, racially fraught murder, even if it means overtime—and the opportunity to clinch the promotion he craves. Then there's that nutritionally demanding (and psychologically acute) intestinal parasite in his gut. Yes, things are going badly for this utterly corrupt tribune of the law, but in an Irvine Welsh novel nothing is ever so bad that it can't get a whole lot worse. . . .In Bruce Robertson Welsh has created one of the most compellingly misanthropic characters in contemporary fiction, in a dark and disturbing and often scabrously funny novel about the abuse of everything and everybody. "Welsh writes with a skill, wit and compassion that amounts to genius. He is the best thing that has happened to British writing in decades."—Sunday Times [London] "[O]ne of the most significant writers in Britain. He writes with style, imagination, wit, and force, and in a voice which those alienated by much current fiction clearly want to hear."—Times Literary Supplement "Welsh writes with such vile, relentless intensity that he makes Louis-Ferdinand Céline, the French master of defilement, look like Little Miss Muffet."—Courtney Weaver, The New York Times Book Review "The corrupt Edinburgh cop-antihero of Irvine Welsh's best novel since *Trainspotting* is an addictive personality in another sense: so appallingly powerful is his character that it's hard to put the book down....[T]he rapid-fire rhythm and pungent dialect of the dialogue carry the reader relentlessly toward the literally filthy denouement."—Village Voice Literary Supplement, "Our 25 Favorite Books of 1998" "Welsh excels at making his trash-spewing bluecoat peculiarly funny and vulnerable—and you will never think of the words 'Dame Judi Dench' in the same way ever again. [Grade:] A-."—Charles Winecoff, Entertainment Weekly

Over 21 million copies sold worldwide

It is told that not all of the 300 Spartan warriors died in the battle of Thermopylae. Two were saved, and they brought back a message to the city of Sparta in order to save them from further slaughter. Spartan is the saga of a family torn apart by a cruel law that forces them to abandon one of their sons - born lame - to the elements, while the other is trained in the caste of warriors. A thrilling tale, lavished with historical detail, from the author of the Alexander trilogy and *The Last Legion*, which became a 2007 film starring Colin Firth.

The romance between Tessa and Harry continues as forces try to tear them apart. By the author of *After Ever Happy* and *After We Fell*. Original.

The unforgettable, New York Times bestselling family saga from Markus Zusak, the storyteller who gave us the extraordinary bestseller *THE BOOK THIEF*, lauded by the New York Times

as "the kind of book that can be life-changing." NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY * THE WALL STREET JOURNAL "One of those monumental books that can draw you across space and time into another family's experience in the most profound way." --The Washington Post "Mystical and loaded with heart, it's another gorgeous tearjerker from a rising master of them." --Entertainment Weekly "Devastating, demanding and deeply moving." --Wall Street Journal The breathtaking story of five brothers who bring each other up in a world run by their own rules. As the Dunbar boys love and fight and learn to reckon with the adult world, they discover the moving secret behind their father's disappearance. At the center of the Dunbar family is Clay, a boy who will build a bridge--for his family, for his past, for greatness, for his sins, for a miracle. The question is, how far is Clay willing to go? And how much can he overcome? Written in powerfully inventive language and bursting with heart, BRIDGE OF CLAY is signature Zusak.

A body is discovered in a Milan apartment, and Inspector De Vincenzi investigates. The apartment happens to belong to an old university friend of his, Aurigi. When the body turns out to be that of Aurigi's banker, and a phial of prussic acid is discovered in the bathroom, suspicion falls on the apartment's owner, and De Vincenzi is agonisingly torn between his sense of duty and his loyalty to an old comrade... This intensely dramatic mystery from the father of the Italian crime novel, Augusto de Angelis, is the first to feature his most famous creation--Inspector De Vincenzi.

"In a real dark night of the soul it is always three o'clock in the morning." - F. Scott Fitzgerald A coming-of-age novel—a heady union of *Before Sunrise* and *Beautiful Ruins*—about a father and his teenage son who are forced to spend two sleepless nights exploring the city of Marseilles, a journey of unexpected adventure and profound discovery that helps them come to truly know each other. Antonio is eighteen years old and on the cusp of adulthood. His father, a brilliant mathematician, hasn't played a large part in his life since divorcing Antonio's mother but when Antonio is diagnosed with epilepsy, they travel to Marseille to visit a doctor who may hold the hope for an effective treatment. It is there, in a foreign city, under strained circumstances, that they will get to know each other and connect for the first time. A beautiful, gritty, and charming port city where French old-world charm meets modern bohemia, father and son stroll the streets sharing strained small talk. But as the hours pass and day gives way to night, the two find themselves caught in a series of caffeine-imbued adventures involving unexpected people (and unforeseen trysts) that connect father and son for the first time. As the two discuss poetry, family, sex, math, death, and dreams, their experience becomes a mesmerizing 48-hour microcosm of a lifetime relationship. Both learn much about illusions and regret, about talent and redemption, and, most of all, about love. Elegant, warm, and tender, set against the vivid backdrop of 1980s Marseille and its beautiful calanques—a series of cliffs and bays on the city's outskirts—*Three O'Clock in the Morning* is a bewitching coming-of-age story imbued with nostalgia and a revelatory exploration of time and fate, youth and adulthood. Translated from the Italian by Howard Curtis

"When you think that life cannot get better, Blake Pierce comes up with another masterpiece of thriller and mystery! This book is full of twists and the end brings a surprising revelation. I strongly recommend this book to the permanent library of any reader that enjoys a very well written thriller." --Books and Movie Reviews, Roberto Mattos (re *Almost Gone*) ALMOST GONE is book #1 in a new psychological thriller series by USA Today bestselling author Blake Pierce, whose #1 bestseller *Once Gone* (Book #1) (a free download) has received over 1,000 five star reviews. When 23 year old Cassandra Vale accepts her first job as an au pair, she finds herself placed with a wealthy family in a rural estate outside of Paris, and all seems too good to be true. But she soon discovers that behind the gilded gates lies a dysfunctional family, a twisted marriage, troubled children, and secrets too dark to air. Cassandra is convinced she's finally found a fresh start when she takes a job as an au pair in the idyllic

French countryside. Just beyond the Paris city limits, the Dubois manor is a grand relic of the past, the family its picture-perfect occupants. It's the escape Cassandra needs—until she uncovers dark secrets that prove things aren't as glamorous as they seem. Beneath the opulence lies a dark web of malice, one Cassandra finds all too familiar, triggering dreams from her own violent and tortured past, one from which she desperately runs. And when a grisly murder tears the house apart, it threatens to take down her own fragile psyche with it. A riveting mystery replete with complex characters, layers of secrets, dramatic twists and turns and heart-pounding suspense, ALMOST GONE is book #1 in a psychological suspense series that will have you turning pages late into the night. Book #2 and #3--ALMOST LOST and ALMOST DEAD—are also available!

"A picture book about moving to a new house and making new friends"--
Pinocchio, The Tale of a Puppet follows the adventures of a talking wooden puppet whose nose grew longer whenever he told a lie and who wanted more than anything else to become a real boy. As carpenter Master Antonio begins to carve a block of pinewood into a leg for his table the log shouts out, "Don't strike me too hard!" Frightened by the talking log, Master Cherry does not know what to do until his neighbor Geppetto drops by looking for a piece of wood to build a marionette. Antonio gives the block to Geppetto. And thus begins the life of Pinocchio, the puppet that turns into a boy. Pinocchio, The Tale of a Puppet is a novel for children by Carlo Collodi is about the mischievous adventures of Pinocchio, an animated marionette, and his poor father and woodcarver Geppetto. It is considered a classic of children's literature and has spawned many derivative works of art. But this is not the story we've seen in film but the original version full of harrowing adventures faced by Pinocchio. It includes 40 illustrations.

Barcelona, 1957. It is Christmas, and Daniel Sempere and his wife, Bea, have much to celebrate. They have a beautiful new baby son named Julián, and their close friend Fermín Romero de Torres is about to be wed. But their joy is eclipsed when a mysterious stranger visits the Sempere bookshop and threatens to divulge a terrible secret that has been buried for two decades in the city's dark past. His appearance plunges Fermín and Daniel into a dangerous adventure that will take them back to the 1940s and the early days of Franco's dictatorship. The terrifying events of that time launch them on a search for the truth that will put into peril everything they love, and will ultimately transform their lives.

I owe him a debt. The kind money can't repay. He wants something else: me, for one year. But I don't even know who he is... 365 days and nights doing everything he wants...except that. "I'm not going to sleep with you," I say categorically. He laughs. "I'm going to make you a promise," his eyes challenge mine. "Before our time is up, you'll beg me for it."

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