

Shock And Awesome Lexi Graves Mysteries 4 Camilla Chafer

Love and new beginnings blossom in Mystic Creek, Oregon, from the New York Times bestselling author of Huckleberry Lake. Lane Driscoll has been having nightmares where she's chased by a strange man. When she has a threatening run-in with someone who looks just like the man from her dreams, she decides to leave her hometown until she figures out what's going on. Lane seeks refuge in beautiful Mystic Creek, where she gets a job working at the local perfume shop. Soon after she arrives, a handsome customer seems to think he recognizes Lane, but calls her by the wrong name. When Jonas Sterling, a local psychologist, encounters his ex-girlfriend, Veneta, in town, he can't believe his eyes. He hasn't seen her for years. Jonas is even more baffled when it turns out the woman is a total stranger to him. There's no way two people could look so similar without being related. Jonas discovers Lane was adopted at the age of three and is now twenty-six years old—the same as the woman he dated. After initial shock at the idea she could have a twin, something clicks inside Lane—and now she needs to locate her missing sister. A romance blossoms as Jonas

agrees to help her. But when the man from Lane's nightmares shows up in her dreams again, Jonas and Lane realize Veneta may be in grave danger, and their search for Lane's sister turns into a heart-pounding race.

Mitzy Neuhaus is the top selling Realtor in Portland, but even her office is dead in this economy. Foreclosed is the word no homeowner wants to hear and Mitzy is determined to save the incredible mansion on her street from that fate. But with the homeowner desperate to keep Mitzy away from his property and Alonzo, the dangerously hot rival investor trying to snatch it out from under her, Mitzy knows she has to work fast, or the economy won't be the only thing dead...

From the New York Times bestselling authors of the Masters of Ménage series They are the Perfect Gentlemen of Creighton Academy- privileged, wealthy, powerful friends with a wild side. But a deadly scandal is about to tear down their seemingly ideal lives . . . Maddox Crawford's sudden death sends Gabriel Bond reeling. Not only is he burying his best friend, he's cleaning up Mad's messes, including his troubled company. Grieving and restless, Gabe escapes his worries in the arms of a beautiful stranger. But his mind-blowing one-night stand is about to come back to haunt him . . . Mad groomed Everly Parker to be a rising star in the executive world. Now that he's gone, she's sure her job will be the next thing she mourns, especially after she ends up accidentally sleeping with her new

boss. If only their night together hadn't been so incendiary - or Gabe like a fantasy come true . . . As Gabe and Everly struggle to control the heated tension between them, they discover evidence that Mad's death was no accident. Now they must bank their smoldering passions to hunt down a murderer - because Mad had secrets that someone was willing to kill for, and Gabe or Everly could be the next target . . . 'Blake and Black know just when to turn up the burner to corching.' Under the Covers Book Blog

Meet Lexi Carmichael, geek girl extraordinaire I spend my days stopping computer hackers at the National Security Agency. My nights? Those I spend avoiding my mother and eating cereal for dinner. Even though I work for a top-secret agency, I've never been in an exciting car chase, sipped a stirred (not shaken) martini, or shot a poison dart from an umbrella. Until today, that is, when two gun-toting thugs popped up in my life and my best friend disappeared. So, I've enlisted the help of the Zimmerman twins—the reclusive architects of America's most sensitive electronic networks—to help me navigate a bewildering maze of leads to find her. Along the way, my path collides with a sexy government agent and a rich, handsome lawyer, both of whom seem to have the hots for me. Hacking, espionage, sexy spy-men—it's a geek girl's dream come true. If it weren't for those gun-toting thugs... This book is approximately 112,000

words Carina Press acknowledges the editorial services of Alissa Davis Other Books in the Lexi Carmichael Mystery Series: No One Lives Twice (Book 1) No One To Trust (Book 2) No Money Down (Book 2.5) — Novella No Place Like Rome (Book 3) No Biz Like Showbiz (Book 4) No Test for the Wicked (Book 5) No Woman Left Behind (Book 6) No Room for Error (Book 7) No Strings Attached (Book 8) No Living Soul (Book 9) No Regrets (Book 10) And Coming Soon: No Stone Unturned (Book 11) No Title Yet (Book 12 — LOL!)

A Diamond in the Rough is Marilyn Lands third and most passionate novel set against the glamorous world of the Diamond Industry. When Jake Lyons finds himself the sole survivor of his family, he emerges from the ashes of destruction a complex and compelling Hero whose tragic loss during the Blitz leads him to join the Royal Air Force to fight for Britain. At Wars end, he returns to England a highly decorated RAF Ace Pilot only to face a series of life shattering decisions, as he tries to pick up the pieces of his young life without the woman he loves more than life itself. Upon his Uncle Benjamins death in South Africa, and as sole heir to his estate, he becomes the recipient of an intricately carved chest containing thousands of cut and polished diamonds, no mention of which was made in his Will. Left with doubts that the cache was perhaps sent to him in error or the spoils of a heist during the War, he sets out to determine to whom it

belongs. From London to New York, South Africa to Israel, from his old world of diamonds to his new world of aviation, the twists, turns, and surprises her readers have learned to expect uniquely define the profound personal story of a true Diamond in the Rough.

From award-winning author, Ilona Andrews, an all-new novel set in the New York Times #1 bestselling Kate Daniels World and featuring Julie Lennart-Olsen, Kate and Curran's ward. Atlanta was always a dangerous city. Now, as waves of magic and technology compete for supremacy, it's a place caught in a slow apocalypse, where monsters spawn among the crumbling skyscrapers and supernatural factions struggle for power and survival. Eight years ago, Julie Lennart left Atlanta to find out who she was. Now she's back with a new face, a new magic, and a new name—Aurelia Ryder—drawn by the urgent need to protect the family she left behind. An ancient power is stalking her adopted mother, Kate Daniels, an enemy unlike any other, and a string of horrifying murders is its opening gambit. If Aurelia's true identity is discovered, those closest to her will die. So her plan is simple: get in, solve the murders, prevent the prophecy from being fulfilled, and get out without being recognized. She expected danger, but she never anticipated that the only man she'd ever loved could threaten everything. One small misstep could lead to disaster. But for Aurelia, facing

disaster is easy; it's relationships that are hard.

A sweeping novel of intrigue and identity, of love and legacy, as a young woman discovers that her own fate is irrevocably tied—for better or worse—to literature's greatest star-crossed lovers. Twenty-five-year-old Julie Jacobs is heartbroken over the death of her beloved aunt Rose. But the shock goes even deeper when she learns that the woman who has been like a mother to her has left her entire estate to Julie's twin sister. The only thing Julie receives is a key—one carried by her mother on the day she herself died—to a safety-deposit box in Siena, Italy. This key sends Julie on a journey that will change her life forever—a journey into the troubled past of her ancestor Giulietta Tolomei. In 1340, still reeling from the slaughter of her parents, Giulietta was smuggled into Siena, where she met a young man named Romeo. Their ill-fated love turned medieval Siena upside-down and went on to inspire generations of poets and artists, the story reaching its pinnacle in Shakespeare's famous tragedy. But six centuries have a way of catching up to the present, and Julie gradually begins to discover that here, in this ancient city, the past and present are hard to tell apart. The deeper she delves into the history of Romeo and Giulietta, and the closer she gets to the treasure they allegedly left behind, the greater the danger surrounding her—superstitions, ancient hostilities, and personal vendettas. As Julie crosses

paths with the descendants of the families involved in the unforgettable blood feud, she begins to fear that the notorious curse—"A plague on both your houses!"—is still at work, and that she is destined to be its next target. Only someone like Romeo, it seems, could save her from this dreaded fate, but his story ended long ago. Or did it? Praise for Juliet "One of those rare novels that have it all . . . I was swept away"—Sara Gruen, author of *Water for Elephants* "Juliet leads us on a thrilling treasure hunt through present-day Italy that makes the classic tragedy itself spellbinding all over again."—Elle "Boldly imagined, brilliantly plotted, beautifully described, Juliet will carry you spellbound until the gripping end."—Susan Vreeland, author of *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* "The Shakespearean scholarship on display is both impressive and well-handled."—The Washington Post

Private investigator Lexi Graves is on cloud nine. She's just got engaged to her boyfriend-slash-boss Solomon, got her old job back, and her best friend is about to give birth to a baby. Nothing could make life better... but a blast from her past could make everything a whole lot worse. Anthony Simon Steadman isn't a man Lexi ever thought she'd see again. For a start, he's her ex-fiance. Then, there's the small problem of their shock break-up that left her with some crazy life decisions to live down. So when he calls, desperate for her help, she's not sure

she's ready to forgive-and-forget. Does she really want to get involved in her ex's shady life when her own life is going so well? But when he's murdered after claiming someone is out to kill him, the stakes are raised and Lexi is left no choice but to find out who wanted her ex dead... asides from her. With the jerk's murder to solve, and unwillingly entering into a battle with her competitive sister to throw the perfect engagement party, plus being on call to take Lily to the hospital at a moment's notice, the road to the aisle has never looked longer.

Lexi Graves Mysteries: Armed & Fabulous
Who Glares Wins
Command Indecision
Shock and Awesome
Weapons of Mass Distraction
Laugh or Death
Kissing in Action
Trigger Snappy
A Few Good Women

All Lexi wants to do is get through the day at her boring temp job with Green Hand Insurance. That's until she discovers the vice president, Martin Dean, in a pool of blood and herself at the center of an investigation into insurance fraud. Millions of dollars are missing, the chief suspect is dead and her mysterious, sexy, new boss is not what he seems. Recruited by the joint task force working on the case, all Lexi has to do is work out who killed Dean and where the missing millions are. That's easier said than done when her sister insists upon the baby shower to end all baby showers, her wise-ass cop family just wants to keep her safe, someone keeps leaving her creepy gifts, and all the

clues point to a seedy sex club on the wrong side of town. As the bodies start to pile up, Lexi is on a race against time to find the killer and the money, before she's the next one in the murderer's sights. Lexi Graves Mysteries: Armed & Fabulous Who Glares Wins Command Indecision Shock & Awesome

The Private Investigator's Handbook Rule #1: Don't break the law Rule #2: See Rule #1 ... And then there's Addison Holmes, who makes up her handbook as she goes along. Addison is licensed to carry and she means business. The only thing getting in her way is a sexy detective, a neighborhood watch from hell, a dead billionaire, a black market sperm bank, and a long lost heir. Piece of cake...

Lexi Graves Mysteries Volume Two comprises books three to six in the series: Shock and Awesome, Weapons of Mass Distraction, and Laugh or Death. Shock & Awesome (Book 4) When a thief who preys on the super rich women of a high-end dating website turns up in Montgomery, it's up to Private Investigator, Lexi Graves, to lure him out before he goes to ground. To make matters worse, he's evaded capture numerous times, and this might be the last chance to catch him before he retires altogether from the high stakes game. Newly single and thoroughly confused, the last thing Lexi wants to do is date a string of men whose photos are optimistic, to say the least. But one on her short list is the thief and a rogue. Faux-dating a string of Not The Ones could help her discover not only

which one he is, but also help her decide whom and what she wants in her personal life. Will it be her sexy, mysterious, boss, Solomon? Or handsome cop, Maddox? Posing as a wealthy, glamorous, eligible bachelorette, complete with walk-in closet of designer clothes, sports car, and mansion, can be fun and games, but Lexi may have met her match when she becomes the next target in the thief's sights. After all, he'll stop at nothing to get what he wants. Along with her cash and borrowed jewels, this master thief might also want to steal her heart in the ultimate sting. But as the case comes together, tragedy strikes, causing Lexi to question what is more important to her: racing to the aid of her best friend, or solving the case, no matter the cost.

Weapons of Mass Distraction (Book 5) When a client drops dead during Lexi's spin class, she's not too surprised. After all, it's a tough class. But within days, another death occurs, this time, on the treadmill. Then, when her running partner bites the dust, it becomes personal. Sent undercover, Lexi takes a job as Montgomery's newest gym instructor in a bid to find the killer. With her professional and personal lives headed on a collision course, Lexi is glad to take the case. Now she only has to convince her boss, and new boyfriend, Solomon, that she's ready to solve her own case after she learns a disturbing connection between the victims. Faced with complex and dangerous circumstances, Lexi needs all of her past

experience in order to catch the killer before another person falls victim. To make matters even more challenging, Lexi's best friend, Lily, is planning for better or worse with Lexi's brother. Just one problem: all the local wedding boutiques have been repeatedly targeted by a highly organized gang of thieves. Roped into surveillance, rather than taking any chances and losing her best friend's dress, which would ruin the wedding, Lexi risks having too much to handle. The only thing she has to do is put a killer behind bars, save the dress, and save the day... Piece of cake! Laugh or Death (Book 6) When a broken man arrives in town, desperate to locate his missing girlfriend, loved-up PI Lexi Graves can hardly wait to reunite the lost lovers. However, the further Lexi delves into the case, the more she begins to sense the missing woman doesn't want to be found. To make matters worse, just as Lexi and her boss slash boyfriend are enjoying a romantic date, their restaurant is robbed by a pair of thieves. Her best friend, Lily, owns a bar that also falls prey to the gang. Following Lily's hunch about who's behind it, Lexi eagerly rushes to help her friend solve the case. Between stakeouts, shootouts, and the determination to prove true love wins all, Lexi redoubles her efforts. She enlists her friends and family network to bring the lost lovers together once more, while doling out to the thieves their rightful comeuppance. But just as Lexi begins closing in on her...

Shock and Awesome Armed and Fabulous

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Previously published as *Alibi* in April. From USA Today bestselling author Camilla Chafer comes a brand new mystery. Welcome to Calendar where life is sweet, but death is murder. Vanessa Wright never planned to return home to Calendar. But her relationship ends, her job disappears, and she suddenly inherits a former inn from her great aunt, so she concludes it's finally time for her to return to the sleepy mountain town. Although it was where she grew up, she has no plans to stay there for long. All she must do to get her life back on track is fix up the inn and find a buyer. The Blackberry Inn has lost some of its charm and good looks over the years, going from gorgeous, Victorian-era splendor to being relegated to a dilapidated fixer-upper. It's going to be one helluva a job to restore it to its former glory. Fortunately, Vanessa isn't afraid of a little hard work. She boldly confronts her first night alone in the big, old house with determination and courage, until she finds a dead body on the veranda. The indications are that a man might have broken in. Who could the failed burglar be? What could he possibly want from the old inn? When successive attempts are made to scare Vanessa out of the house, she has to find out what the victim's mystery accomplice is seeking and quickly, or she could become his next victim. With the help of her contractor and old friend, Nate Minoso, Vanessa tries to solve the dead man's murder. She also has to find out what he intended to steal. More

importantly, she must make a big decision in her life: is it finally time to put down roots? Or should she turn her back on her hometown, and Nate, forever? Twelve cozy mysteries... one deadly town!

J.J. Graves is back in Bloody Mary, but she's a long way from feeling at home. Between her bodily scars from being the target of a murderer and the emotional scars left by her parents, she doesn't know who she can trust. But death doesn't stop for anyone. The first murder is grisly. The second even more so. And though things are shaky between them, she and her best friend, Jack, have no choice but to join forces and find the killer. Because the life of someone they love dearly hangs in the balance.

National bestselling author Sheila Connolly presents a stand-alone story, only available digitally... After part-time librarian Sarabeth Dodson discovers elderly Edith Hathaway dead in a snowdrift in small-town Strathmere, Pennsylvania, she enlists the help of Police Chief Vanessa Hutchins to get to the bottom of the mystery. With no footprints around the body and no purse, what was the retired school teacher doing out in the middle of nowhere in the snow? The answer may have something to do with the library book Edith failed to return... Includes a preview of the first book in Sheila Connolly's brand-new County Cork Mystery series—Buried in a Bog. Also includes excerpts from the first book in the Orchard

Mystery series—One Bad Apple—and the first book in the Museum Mystery series—Fundraising the Dead.

When dealing with demons, the devil's in the details... Stealing mystical and arcane artifacts is a dangerous business, especially for a human, but Zoey Wharton is an exceptional thief. The trick to staying alive is having friends in all the wrong places. While having a witch and a werewolf on the payroll helps, being partners with a vampire really opens doors. Zoey and Daniel were childhood sweethearts until a violent car crash took his life and left her shattered. When Daniel returned from the grave as a vampire, his only interest in Zoey was in keeping her safely apart from the secrets of his dark world. He has vowed to protect her, but his heart seems as cold as the night he calls home. Five years later, a mysterious new client named Lucas Halfer offers Zoey a fortune to steal the Light of Alhorra. The search for the Light leads Zoey into the arms of an earthbound faery prince. Devinshea Quinn sweeps her off her feet, showing her everything the supernatural world has to offer, but Daniel still calls to her heart. As the true nature of the Light is revealed, Zoey discovers Halfer is a demon and much more than money is at stake. Per her contract, she must give him the Light or spend an eternity in Hell. What's a girl to do except fight for her soul...and her heart. A Thieves Novel by Lexi Blake Instant #1 New York Times Bestseller Instant USA TODAY Bestseller The long-anticipated sequel to Sister Souljah's million copy New York Times bestseller The Coldest Winter Ever. Winter Santiago hit time served. Still stunning, still pretty, still bold, still loves her father more than any man in the world, still got her hustle and high fashion flow. She's eager to pay back her enemies, rebuild her father's empire, reset his crown, and ultimately to snatch Midnight

back into her life no matter which bitch had him while she was locked up. But Winter is not the only one with revenge on her mind. Simone, Winter's young business partner and friend, is locked and loaded and Winter is her target. Will she blow Winter's head off? Can Winter dodge the bullets? Or will at least one bullet blast Winter into another world? Either way Winter is fearless. Hell is the same as any hood and certainly the Brooklyn hood she grew up in. That's what Winter thinks. A heartwarming, heart-burning, passionate, sexual, comical, and completely original adventure is about to happen in real time—raw, shocking, soulful, and shameless. True fans won't let Winter travel alone on this amazing journey.

Return to Sea Haven in the first novel in #1 New York Times bestselling author Christine Feehan's Sisters of the Heart series, as a diver and the man she rescues are engulfed in a storm of dangerous desire. On the shores of Sea Haven, six women touched by great loss have come together in a sisterhood strengthened by the elements—a bond each will need as new love and danger enter their lives... The last thing Lev Prakenskii remembers is being lost in the swirling currents of the ocean. Just as quickly, he is saved—pulled ashore by a beautiful stranger. But Lev has no memory of who he was—or why he seems to possess the violent instincts of a trained killer. All he knows is that he fears for his life, and the life of his unexpected savior. Rikki has always felt an affinity for the ocean and the relentless flow of the tides. Now, she can't deny the seductive pull of the enigmatic man she rescued. But soon they will be bound by something even stronger: the tantalizing secrets that threaten to engulf them both in a whirlpool of dizzying passion and inescapable danger.

The Sumerians, the pragmatic and gifted people who preceded the Semites in the land first known as Sumer and later as Babylonia, created what was probably the first high civilization in

the history of man, spanning the fifth to the second millenniums B.C. This book is an unparalleled compendium of what is known about them. Professor Kramer communicates his enthusiasm for his subject as he outlines the history of the Sumerian civilization and describes their cities, religion, literature, education, scientific achievements, social structure, and psychology. Finally, he considers the legacy of Sumer to the ancient and modern world. "There are few scholars in the world qualified to write such a book, and certainly Kramer is one of them. . . . One of the most valuable features of this book is the quantity of texts and fragments which are published for the first time in a form available to the general reader. For the layman the book provides a readable and up-to-date introduction to a most fascinating culture. For the specialist it presents a synthesis with which he may not agree but from which he will nonetheless derive stimulation."—American Journal of Archaeology "An uncontested authority on the civilization of Sumer, Professor Kramer writes with grace and urbanity."—Library Journal He is watching her... The chillingly brilliant read from Mark Edwards and Louise Voss, the bestselling authors of *Catch Your Death*.

Nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's *The Great American Read*. Renowned hip-hop artist, writer, and activist Sister Souljah brings the streets of New York to life in a powerful and utterly unforgettable first novel. I came busting into the world during one of New York's worst snowstorms, so my mother named me Winter. Ghetto-born, Winter is the young, wealthy daughter of a prominent Brooklyn drug-dealing family. Quick-witted, sexy, and business-minded, she knows and loves the streets like the curves of her own body. But when a cold Winter wind blows her life in a direction she doesn't want to go, her street smarts and seductive skills are put to the test of a lifetime. Unwilling to lose, this ghetto girl will do anything

to stay on top. The Coldest Winter Ever marks the debut of a gifted storyteller. You will never forget this Winter's tale.

Previously published as Mayhem in May. Tess Hernandez knew her promotion to manager of Calendar's Town Museum was in the bag... right up until the moment the board appointed one of their member's spoiled nephew, Lance, the position instead. Despite her shock, Tess is determined to show she's still the best person for the job, after all Lance did steal her ideas! So when Lance is found dead on the opening night of the new exhibition Tess curated, all signs point to Tess as the culprit. After all, she badly wanted him gone. But was she the only one? Worried that she'll be arrested any moment, single mom Tess is determined to bring the real killer to justice and uncover the secrets she fears Lance has taken with him to the grave.

Take three wacky aunts, two talking animals, one nervous bride, and an upcoming hit, and you've got the follow-up to JB Lynn's wickedly funny Confessions of a Slightly Neurotic Hitwoman Knocking off a drug kingpin was the last thing on Maggie Lee's to-do list, but when a tragic accident leaves her beloved niece orphaned and in the hospital, Maggie will go to desperate lengths to land the money needed for her care. But the drug kingpin is the least of her worries. Maggie's aunts are driving her crazy, her best friend's turned into a bridezilla...and a knock on the head has given Maggie Dr. Dolittle abilities—she can talk to animals.

Unfortunately, they talk back. It's just another day in the life of this neurotic hitwoman...

In the tradition of About a Boy comes a feel good sports and holiday novel from #1 New York Times bestselling author Mike Lupica. Josh Cameron has it all: a World Championship ring with the Boston Celtics, an MVP award, a clean-cut image, and the adoration of millions. What he doesn't have is family. Until the day 12-year-old smartaleck Molly Parker confronts him in a

parking lot and claims to be his daughter—the only daughter of Jen Parker, Josh's college sweetheart and the still the only girl he's ever loved. Trouble is, Jen Parker died last year, and now Molly has tracked down the father she never knew, the one her mother never wanted her to know about. Josh Cameron cares about two things only: himself, and basketball. The last thing this superstar wants or needs is a 12-year-old daughter. Yet this isn't just any 12-year-old. Mr. World Champion has finally met his match. “[T]his novel is . . . an enjoyable read with interesting peeks into the world of professional basketball. It will appeal to young teen sports enthusiasts as well as kids just looking for a good story.” –VOYA “Lupica delivers a winning novel, creating a realistic character in Molly. Young readers will also enjoy the look inside Josh's pampered sports-superstar world.” –Booklist “Lupica is an extraordinarily smooth writer with a great ear for witty repartee.” –Publisher's Weekly

"The Starling family is scattered across the country. Parents Richard and Lisa live in Ithaca, New York, and work at Cornell University. Their son Michael, a shoe salesman, resides with his elementary school teacher wife, Diane, in Dallas. His brother, Thad, an aspiring poet, makes his home in New York City with his famous painter boyfriend, Jake. But for years they've reunited for vacation each summer at their North Carolina lake house. Now that's about to end, as Richard and Lisa have decided to retire, move to Florida, and sell the lake house. Before they do, the group will spend one final weekend at the lake. However, what's supposed to be a joyous farewell takes a nightmarish turn when they witness a neighbor boy drown. The stress of this tragedy unlooses a series dramatic revelations among the Starlings: Michael's alcoholism, Thad's and Jake's open relationship, Richard's infidelity, Diane's pregnancy, Lisa's loss of a daughter before the birth of her two sons. As the weekend unfolds, the family's

strength is tested, and each member is forced to reckon with who they are and what they want out of life. Set in contemporary America, *Lake Life* is a sprawling domestic novel in the mold of John Updike's *Rabbit* series, Jonathan Franzen's *The Corrections* and Elizabeth Stroud's *Olive Kitteridge*--

I hadn't planned on writing a book when I quit the Hells Angels. After forty years in the Hells Angels, George Christie was ready to retire. As president of the high-profile Ventura charter of the club, he had been the yin to Sonny Barger's yang. Barger was the reckless figurehead and de facto world leader of the Hells Angels. Christie was the negotiator, the spokesman, the thinker, the guy who smoothed things out. He was the one who carried the Olympic torch and counted movie stars, artists, rock musicians, and police chief captains among his friends. But leaving the Hells Angels isn't easy, and within two weeks of retirement, he was told he was "out bad"—blackballed by his fellow Angels, prohibited from wearing the club patch, and even told he should remove his Death Head tattoo. Now Christie sets out to tell his story. *Exile on Front Street* is the tale of how a former Marine gave up a comfortable job with the Department of Defense and swore allegiance to the Hells Angels. In this revealing, hard-hitting memoir, he recounts his life as an outlaw biker with the world's most infamous motorcycle club.

"Somin and Junu are helping Miyoung and Jihoon heal from their recent trauma when a new supernatural threat arises"--

Only a few weeks into her new job as a private investigator, Lexi Graves thinks she may have bitten off more than she can chew with her first solo cases. In between going undercover as a plush pony at a "Bronie" conference and following her cheating brother-in-law, she's got a saboteur-turned-killer to catch and a missing woman to find. Two of her cases may be

connected, but how?

Posing as a glamorous, eligible bachelorette with closet, car and home to match may be fun and games, but Lexi may have met her match when she becomes the next in the thief's sights. After all, he'll stop at nothing to get what he wants. Along with her cash and borrowed jewels, this master thief might want to steal her heart in the ultimate sting.

Lexi Austin is living a fantasy. At the stroke of midnight, in the most romantic country in the world, a masked stranger sweeps her into his arms. But when the man turns out to be Quentin Reddick, Lexi's best friend since college, the celebrity chef knows she's in trouble. He may be the most irresistible man on the planet, but the powerhouse attorney is also the world's hardest partying bachelor. The sensual woman he kissed on New Year's Eve is a world away from the fast-talking tomboy Quentin always thought of as a kid sister. Back home in Atlanta, he plans to show Lexi that he's a one-woman man. As desire reignites—even hotter than before—he'll tempt her with his passion. Seduce her with his love. And together, they'll ring in the new year—and every year—in each other's arms....

Private Investigator Lexi Graves couldn't be happier. All she has left to do is wrap up a case between a fighting married couple before she can focus solely on adding the finishing touches to her own wedding. That case is a snap to solve but a woman suddenly enters the detective agency with a puzzling request and Lexi decides to take a last-minute look into the matter. After all, the only other critical decision she has to make right now is choosing her bridal gown. Lexi's client claims to have observed strange changes in her friend's behavior but Lexi can't find anything to suggest any serious problem, despite sharing the same hunch that something isn't quite right. The deeper Lexi looks into it, the more concerned she gets, and the

more likely it appears that her client's friend could be in serious danger. Proving it, however, seems nearly impossible. Just to complicate things a little further, two men from Lexi's past approach her with a desperate plea for her help after a priceless item is stolen. Certified, top secret discretion is required, lest a national incident be inadvertently triggered. Solving her cases before her wedding day arrives is a challenge by itself, of course, but if Lexi fails, the fallout could be far greater than she ever imagined.

When private investigator Lexi Graves quit her job she never thought working freelance would be so hard. Struggling to make a name for herself as a solo investigator, she's intrigued when her wealthy new client claims she's being stalked and Lexi is her last hope for help. Without any evidence the police don't believe Juliet is being victimized, and both her boyfriend and best friend are skeptical. Yet, Juliet is convinced she is being watched and that someone is playing tricks on her. Is she simply paranoid or is something more sinister at play? Initially the case appears easy: simply watch the client and find out if someone else is watching her too. Yet before Lexi can make serious headway, her client is arrested for a crime she claims she didn't commit and Lexi's case collides shockingly with that of her boyfriend and ex-boss Solomon putting them on opposite teams. The more evidence Lexi finds, the more she is convinced her client's stalker is not only very real but has sinister motives. Way in over her head, and with her parents and best friend helping out, Lexi must make find out why her client is being targeted, and by whom, before it costs Juliet not only her freedom but everything she holds dear. Previously published as *Murder in March* Ava March has a big secret. The ultra-reclusive author behind the sensational *Miranda Marchmont* romantic novels has decided she doesn't want to write anymore bodice rippers, not when she could be writing daring thrillers instead.

When Ava's loudmouth agent, Esther Drummond, comes to town, she is bound and determined to persuade her star author to write a few more glamorous novels rather than the books Ava prefers to write. Naturally, Ava knows she must refuse. The only problem that arises is when Ava's eyes land on Esther's hotshot publisher, Mark Boudreaux, whom she brought along as backup. He's exactly like the kind of hero Ava wishes she could meet in real life. Just as Ava plucks up the courage to turn Esther down, she discovers her agent's dead body. To make matters even worse, Esther has been killed in exactly the same way that Ava described in her rejected manuscript. With Ava as the prime suspect with an apparent motive for murder, and cherry-picked manuscript pages appearing around town, Ava's quiet, former existence is at risk of being ripped away. There's only one thing this wannabe thriller writer can do: Ava must channel her inner action heroine and solve the murder before her life becomes no more than a terrifying footnote.

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*.

"For Franco Tolle, the golden boy of Europe's jet-set society, life is just a playground-- filled with racing speedboats on the azure Mediterranean Sea. When you're rich and famous money is no object ... and to hell with the consequences! But he once took a risk with a price bigger than he was willing to pay. In a rush of red hot infatuation, he put a glittering diamond wedding ring on Lexi Hamilton's finger, yet within months they were leading separate lives. Now Franco's daredevil life has caught up with him-- and he'll to risk it all for the one thing he craves ... his estranged wife!"--P. [4] of cover.

Maggie Lee is not your average hitwoman. For one thing, she's never killed anyone. For another, after hitting her head in the car accident that killed her sister, her new best friend is a talking lizard—a picky eater, obsessed with *Wheel of Fortune*, that only Maggie can hear. Maggie, who can barely take care of herself, is desperate to help her injured and orphaned niece get the best medical care possible, so she reluctantly accepts a mobster's lucrative job offer: major cash to kill his monstrous son-in-law. Paired with Patrick Mulligan, a charming murder mentor (who happens to moonlight as a police detective), Maggie stumbles down her new career path, contending with self-doubt, three meddling aunts, a semi-psychic friend predicting her doom, and a day job she hates. Oh, and let's not forget about Paul Kowalski, the

sexy beat cop who could throw her ass in jail if he finds out what she's up to. Training has never been so complicated! And, this time, Maggie has to get the job done. Because if she doesn't . . . she's the mob's next target.

After PI Lexi Graves is approached to investigate an accident which has left the homeowner, Sophie Takahashi, in a coma, she quickly realizes the case isn't quite as clear cut as first appears. For one thing, Sophie's injuries are inconsistent with her supposed accident. Secondly, her husband is suspicious she might not be who she says she is. Who really is the woman in the hospital bed? And why would someone want to hurt her? As Lexi ponders the merits of the case, she's caught up in a bank robbery. The heist crew are clearly professional, yet not a penny is stolen. With the police and FBI sniffing around, the nervous bank manager needs their help. There's only one small problem: he won't tell them what's missing. Tracking down a mystery attacker, confirming an identity, and solving a bank robbery? Just a regular week for Montgomery's most peppy PI!

Metaphor pervades discourse and may govern how we think and act. But most studies only discuss its verbal varieties. This book examines metaphors drawing on combinations of visuals, language, gestures, sound, and music. Investigated texts include advertising, political cartoons, comics, film, songs, and oral communication. Where appropriate, the influence of genre and cultural factors is thematized.

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