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GOLIATH'S HEAD tells of a search for courage and hope amidst crushing oppression. Avi Schneider is a Jewish boy growing up in Russia on the eve of early-twentieth-century revolution. He is nine years old when he meets his own personal devil, Viktor Askinov, a brutal youngster who relishes tormenting Jews. In the following years, Avi is the object of his tormentor's obsession. Fourteen years later in 1905 the Tsar instigates riots - pogroms - against the poor, teeming Jewish villages. Now a husband and father, Avi takes to the barricades to defend his village from the mob coming to kill the men, rape the women, and burn down his village. Armed, he again faces Viktor Askinov, who is leading the mob. But he has been warned that if he kills Viktor Askinov, he puts his beautiful young wife Sara and newborn son Itzhak in deadly peril. Avi must decide this night what he stands for. Is it survival at any cost, for himself and those he loves? Or is it righteous vengeance for his people?

She's a cold fish desperate to break a curse. He's a college student without direction. Lady Hel, the goddess of death, has given up on love and has no use for it. After all, she's the ruler of Helheim, the realm of the undead! She doesn't need anyone...until she crosses Odin, the All-Father of the Norse gods. For her betrayal, she's exiled, cursed to look for her reincarnated one, true love, who died long ago. Now, stripped of her throne and most of her powers, will Lady Hel find love to remove the curse, or will she forever powerlessly suffer in turmoil, agony, and anguish? Harley Andersen is a seven-year college senior with no idea what to do with his life. So far, all he's come up with is killing time. When his best friend dares him to hop the gate of what's supposed to be a haunted house, he encounters a woman who steals a lot more than his breath. What she's offering Harley could give him the future he's missing. It'll just require a trip to the past. Hellish is a standalone book in the HELL CHRONICLES. Readers will recognize characters from the DRAGON SERIES, but you don't need to read them first to enjoy this new adult fantasy that turns the Beauty and Beast tale on its head. Hellish is the prequel to the novel Hellbent. Grab your copy now and fall in love! *** Read the rest of the Hell Chronicles and find out what readers are loving! *** The Hell Chronicles • Hell for the Holidays (Prequel, standalone short story) • Hellish • Hellbent • Helltown • Hellbound • Hellraiser

One of the most prolific authors in the history of history's most widely read magazine, The Reader's Digest, award winning Roving Editor John G. Hubbell, recalls the adventures and thrills of four exciting decades of writing for an immense worldwide audience. One of the greatest thrills, he says, was hearing the founding Editor-in-Chief, the legendary DeWitt Wallace, instruct him on the day he brought him aboard to go wherever he had to go to find the information he needed for a story; "if you have to go to Timbuktu to get a paragraph to make a story right, you don't have to ask anyone's permission. Just be sure that when you bring in a story that it is definitive, that it contains everything that is worth knowing about the subject." Armed with that charge, Hubbell takes his reader where no reporter had gone before: *Through the Strategic Air Command's survival training program in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.* Through the training tank at the U.S. Navy's Submarine Training School, a ten-story-high silo filled with a quarter million gallons of water in which hopeful undersea warriors must prove they are not claustrophobic, and learn how to avoid

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a lung-destroying pulmonary embolism while escaping a downed boat.*On a realistic orbital flight around the world on NASA's fantastic space flight simulator.*On an exciting ride on the Navy's first nuclear-powered attack submarine.*To the discovery of a newly developing U.S. Army group called "Special Forces," which the world will soon come to know as "The Green Berets."*To the discovery of an until-then supersecret six-year-old Navy group called SEALs.*Through an objectively detailed investigation of the Kennedy Administration's behavior during the Cuban Missile Crisis.*To southeastern Spain to find the facts when the U.S. loses a hydrogen bomb.*To the facts about the Johnson Administration's conduct of the Vietnam War.*To the facts about the alleged "peace" that has obtained in Korea since the end of the Korean War, and about the North Korean seizure of the U.S.S. Pueblo and the Court of Inquiry that followed.*To the details of the American Prisoner of War Experience in Vietnam, in a work that the Washington Post characterized as "the standard book on the subject."If you were one of the millions who valued DeWitt Wallace's Reader's Digest, you'll love "Writing for Wally."

Trisha, a mid-level manager, dreams of grandeur: a sprawling professional network, a close-knit family, corporate success and domestic bliss. Dev, next-in-line to CEO, hopes for total detachment from work and devises a cunning delegation system run by email-forwards. Their circumstances are challenged when a looming organizational restructure forces them to re-evaluate their personal goals and their on-again-off-again relationship. Set in an India stuck between tradition and modernity, Means to an End, follows Trisha and Dev, as they struggle to fulfill the expectations of their company, their family and the society.

Sometimes, the things that a child hears about himself or herself is confusing to him or her. That is the case with the young boy in Almond Eyes. As a young child, he is constantly told that he has "beautiful Almond Eyes". He doesn't understand what this means until he asks his mother. She explains that his eyes are shaped like almonds because he is Korean. The boy then notices the different eye shapes of all of his friends. This is a wonderful book about celebrating the differences among friends.

When told "Luca, you're growing like a weed!", 2 year old Luca responds "I'm not a weed, I'm Luca". Journey with Luca as she discovers herself among all of her silly family's comparisons.

Based on the hottest, most in-demand seminar offered by the legendary story master Robert McKee -- Storynomics translates the lessons of storytelling in business into economic and leadership success. Robert McKee's popular writing workshops have earned him an international reputation. The list of alumni with Academy Awards and Emmy Awards runs off the page. The cornerstone of his program is his singular book, Story, which has defined how we talk about the art of story creation. Now in Storynomics, McKee partners with digital marketing expert and Skyword CEO Tom Gerace to map a path for brands seeking to navigate the rapid decline of interrupt advertising. After successfully guiding organizations as diverse as Samsung, Marriott International, Philips, Microsoft, Nike, IBM, and Siemens to transform their marketing from an ad-centric to story-centric approach, McKee and Gerace now bring this knowledge to business leaders and entrepreneurs alike. Drawing from dozens of story-driven strategies and case studies taken from leading B2B and B2C brands, Storynomics demonstrates how original storytelling delivers results that surpass traditional advertising. How will brands and their customers connect in the future? Storynomics provides the answer.

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This collection explores monetary institutions linking Europe and the Americas in the seventeenth to nineteenth centuries. What happens when a safety app isn't enough to protect a child? Is there really such a thing as a Grechtzoar? What really is the nature of happiness? How do we quantify it? These questions and more are answered in the pages of breakout author Emily Eckart's "Pale Hearts," a collection of short stories. Emily's writing has something for everyone, and her heartfelt stories leave the reader with a sense of longing for a place and time they may never have known.

Life is created by a series of events. If you can find some way to pull 20 extra minutes out of your life, you'd better use them wisely. Where will you discover this time, and when you find this time, how will you use it? Just 20 minutes a day will convert into a powerful 121 hours a year. That is a huge piece of time that you can use to gain new capacities and expand. The advantage is seen when we make a day by day decision and submit those 20 minutes to something beneficial. You can awaken 20 minutes before, take 20 minutes from lunch, after work, or just before bed - the decision is totally up to you. Just do it! Remove all excuses and distractions. Imagine if you just use 20 minutes a day to create a spark for your business. That small spark can turn into a major flame! How do you create this spark for your business? It's through promotion. Promotion isn't something that ought to be done randomly, just when you think you have sufficient energy to do it. Honestly, as an entrepreneur who's always busy, you're never going to have room schedule-wise. Consequently, you need to make time for what's important. This implies doing something intentional each and every day. Before you think you don't have room schedule-wise to do that, reconsider. Showcasing doesn't need to be hours of your day. Instead, it's something you can do in as little time as 20 minutes a day.

Kamari Grade was a well-known troubleshooter for the most discerning clients. But when called to investigate one of the most powerful men in financing, she's thrown into the world of Huron Base. Financiers were usually polished in word and deed, but there was a sexy arrogance to Huron that blared former thug and it wasn't an image he wanted to forget. When the lovely troubleshooter crossed his path she was everything he loved about his life-challenge, drive, determination, strength, success, beauty ... For a man who could acquire anything, the allure of such a conquest was irresistible.

If you're striving to make products and services that your customers will love, then you'll need a customer-driven organization. As companies transform their businesses to meet the demands of the digital age, they find themselves grappling with uniquely human challenges. Organizational knowledge becomes siloed, employees move to safeguard their expertise, and customer data creates polarization and infighting between teams. All of these challenges widen the distance between the people who make your products and the customers who use them. To meet today's challenges, companies need to do more than build processes for customer-driven products. They need to create a customer-driven culture. With the help of his friend and mentor Monty Hammontree, Travis Lowdermilk takes readers through the cultural transformation of the Developer Division at Microsoft. This book shows readers how to "hack" their culture and reduce the distance between them and their customers' needs. It's a uniquely personal story that's told amidst a cultural revolution at one of the largest software companies in the world. This story acts as your guide. You'll learn how to: Establish a Common Language: Help employees change their thinking and actions Build Bridges, Not Walls: Treat product

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building as a team sport Encourage Learning Versus Knowing: Help your team understand their customers Build Leaders That Build Your Culture: Showcase star employees to inspire others Meet Teams Where They Are: Make it easy for teams to to adopt vital behavior changes Make Data Relatable: Move beyond numbers and focus on empathizing with customers

Hayden Patterson's got one rule - one and done. Disappointment's been his closest companion his entire life, and he's not about to be one of "those" guys. So far, his commitment to never sleeping with a woman more than once has kept him from hurting anyone - except himself. When he finds a new job, he thinks things will get better. Delaina Flournoy just wants to be wanted. It's bad enough that war destroyed her marriage, but she's not sure why someone wants to destroy what's left of her family. Her daughter, Kacey, becomes the subject of Hayden's investigation into bullying, and it doesn't take Hayden long to realize two things. Kacey's no bully. And Delaina is dangerous to his resolve. He doesn't want to get involved, but it may be too late. An unexpected threat turns things from hot to frightening for the teenage girl, her mother, and a security agent who's made it his personal mission to see that they're safe. But it may be harder than he ever anticipated, especially when the weakest point in the whole disaster is his heart. A novella in the first spinoff series from the Love Under Construction series, One Broken Promise reminds us that some promises need to be broken.

Chase Banter had thought she'd adjusted completely to the demands of parenthood. She's not disconcerted by her four year-old daughter's budding genius, or the first encounter with the PTA. Her writing career has hit bumpy roads on her latest tour, though, and then things don't go so well when denizens of the PTA mention books and banning in the same sentence. Her BFF Lacey has a plan. It's simple: world-wide domination. Empower their inner lesbian superhero and take over. It's a Lesbian Nation rumble as they raise the forces of revolution. The PTA isn't going to know what hit them! Join Saxon Bennett on yet another Goldie Award winning wild ride through the quirky life of Chase Banter.

If you would ask us, whether this is just another book about modeling, we would probably feel inclined to say: yes and no. Yes, it is a lot about modeling, but no, it is also about programming, methodological software design, and rapid prototyping via methods from model driven engineering. It will also be one of the first complete references and teaching guides for Story Driven Modeling. Story Driven Modeling is an agile software development method using objects and scenarios and special modeling steps to facilitate system analysis and design. Most parts of this book can be done with pencil and paper and with standard UML tools and standard software development environments. However, some steps are best supported by the rapid prototyping tool Fujaba or the Story Driven Modeling library SDMLib. The title of this book does not include Object Oriented Modeling on purpose. Object Orientation, Object Oriented Design, Object Oriented Analysis, and other object oriented methods all refer somehow to class diagrams and inheritance. Instead of this, we will actively use objects for modeling, analysis, and design. We will learn to think in objects. This book is foremost planned to be a textbook for software modeling courses. It offers a very interactive and agile approach to modern software design. In this book, we introduce the Objects First principle which is the foundation of the Story Driven Modeling development method. This is not to be mistaken with an object oriented development method. You will see that

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the Object First method slightly differs from traditional object oriented methods. With this book, we address a majority of readers dealing with or wanting to learn software development. This includes teachers and students for introduction to Object Orientation, Systems Modeling, Object Oriented Design, or Model Driven Engineering. This book should also be insightful for people interested in modeling and program design and beginning programmers. We expect from the reader some very basic programming skills, preferable in Java, though most of the presented concepts in this book can be also applied in any other object oriented language. However, all the examples presented in this book focus on Java as the example language.

One of the most common questions new writers ask professionals is how they wrote their book—what was their process for storytelling? Did they use an outline to plan the book, or write it from the seat of their pants? But really the question should be about the general principles and nature of storycraft—does every part of a story have what it needs to keep readers turning the pages? Bestselling author and creator of StoryFix.com Larry Brooks changes the sound of the writing conversation by introducing a series of detailed criteria for novelists of every level and genre to refer to while writing, regardless of their preferred writing method. Beginning with the broadest part of the story, the early checklists help writers to ensure that their novel is based on a premise rather than an idea, and gradually hones in on other elements to keep the story moving forward including: · dramatic tension · narrative strategy · scene construction Readers won't know or care about the process. But what Brooks offers here is a chance for readers to make the most of whichever process they choose, and in doing so cut years off their learning curve.

Ever witness a miracle up front? Do you know anybody who has seen many and lived to tell it all? If your answer is no, you should read my book "Wounded." It is based on a true story of one man's struggles throughout his life. It will take you to the depths of poverty like no other. It will display how hard it is for someone to survive lacking the basic needs in life. The main character is a man named Santiago Jim Nunez. He is a Mexican American born in East Los Angeles, CA in 1949. He lived through foster homes since the age of six years old till he was 18 years old. His struggles continued when he went to fight in the Vietnam War. He was critically wounded and returned home. Only to discover a world where nobody cared about the veterans coming back from Nam. The aftermath and pain that came with it was draining. The lengthy battles with the VA to the constraints of money and resources. The battle between good and evil showdowns the ultimate test of faith. The battle is constantly fought throughout the entire book. This story is through the eyes of a young, battle weary soldier, adjusting to civilian life. The horrors that came home with Jim were relentless. They also took a toll on his personal relationships and his family. With nowhere to turn for help and the VA's lack to acknowledge veteran issues, Jim turned to the Lord for help. His faith would be tested in the most crucial times of his life. Throughout all the good and bad times, Jim never lost his faith. It is the biggest reason he conquered his demons and is here to share his story today. His story is one that is not here to glamourize his mistakes. What it is here for is to instill hope and faith in others who feel alone. To help those who have gone through the same pitfalls as he has. Others who feel like they have no place to turn for help. The same way he felt when he came back from Vietnam. It is here to give thanks to the many who helped him with his struggles along the way. It is here to give thanks to the Lord for all his blessings he has endured through life. The great

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changes he made to make life worth living and fighting for.

When one thinks of a den, one tends to think of comfort. A cozy room in the house—a quiet, comfortable place, a room for conversation, reading, or writing. One doesn't tend to think of high adventure, dragons, vampires, airships, or paranormal creatures. And yet, that's just what you'll find in these pages. Stories of adventure and mystery! Paranormal, dark, and atmospheric tales! The fantastical and the imaginative, the dystopian and post-apocalyptic, and everything in between! So settle in to the coziest room in your house, plop down into your favourite armchair, and dive in to the Den of Antiquity. Featuring stories by Jack Tyler, E.C. Jarvis, Kate Philbrick, Neale Green, Bryce Raffle, N.O.A. Rawle, David Lee Summers, William J. Jackson, Steve Moore, Karen J. Carlisle, B.A. Sinclair and Alice E. Keyes.

"I love you, Easton. You are not dumb, but frankly, I am way better than you." What is a nerd? Someone who loves books for leisure? Someone who wears oversized glasses? Someone who is a loner? Maybe... maybe not. Meet Neveah Gail Huber, proud nerd of Alger High School. Don't let her title fool you. She is fierce, bold, outspoken, and competitive AF with a whole ton of ego to spare. She is alone by choice. If you lack brains, she won't look at you. Meet Easton Eugene Dale, almighty jerk of the school and resident heartthrob. He and his jock squad rule the school corridors by day and the woods by night. Breed to be the next alpha of his werewolf pack, he gets what he wants whenever he wants. Everyone loves him, but he loves none. Neveah had it all planned out—impress the teachers with her superior intelligence, graduate on top of the class, and whip Easton and company's bums. She wants everything to be orderly and logical that way, but destiny seems to have other ideas. What will happen when the fates pair them together? Will little miss witty be as sharp when her "reality" bubble bursts, and she is thrown into the world of the unexplainable? Will this human and werewolf pair hit it off despite a not-so-good past?

Do you ever feel like you could do more with your life, but you don't know where to start? Do great ideas keep going through your mind, barely changing from year to year? Do you need the tools to get you going in the right direction? This book has one purpose: To help you make your dream come true, no matter how big that dream might be. To change your life you need the desire to change and the commitment to make that change possible through action. Mind to Mind Conversations will help start you on the path to a new life.

Our choices seal our fate. Hannah Reed is about to learn just how important one little decision can be. Hannah's plans for a nice, quiet senior year of high school are rapidly disintegrating. It all starts when she innocently bursts in on Ethan Flynn in the change room of the clothing store where she works. Ethan's presence in Hannah's world is subtle but constant, and when he saves her life, they become linked by the workings of an ancient society and Ethan's sworn duty to protect Hannah. Working together to figure out what destiny wants with Hannah, the two of them stumble on a baffling mystery that leaves even Ethan questioning what is in store for her future. With Ethan's help, Hannah learns there is far more to this life, to her life, than she ever realized. As they attempt to untangle Hannah's unique past and emerging abilities, an unknown danger from Ethan's past looms ever closer. While racing to put together the pieces of the puzzle before it's too late, Hannah wrestles with the idea that she is anything but average,

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and that perhaps she is also more to Ethan than just a job. Hleo is the first book in the series with the same name. A story of destiny and how one decision can change everything. When you buy a copy of Hleo, your one decision also has the ability to change the lives of others across the globe. \$3.00CAD from every copy of Hleo purchased goes towards the amazing efforts of the Because I am a Girl Education initiative. Fighting to bring literacy and safe learning resources to girls living in some of the poorest nations in this world.

A tale of forbidden romance, adventure, and unprecedented betrayal awaits you in *The Royal Rogue*. Let your heart pound to the rhythm of clashing swords and thundering hooves in this adrenaline fueled adventure. Set within the fabled city of Nevaharday, the story begins with Jaycent Connor, a reluctant prince who refuses to assume his father's title after a mysterious illness took his parents lives. The lords of the land couldn't sway the prince to ascend the throne and assume his rightful place as ruler. The harder they tried, the farther the prince seemed to drift into a realm of apathy and solitude. Then the nightmares began. Terrible, brutal dreams that crossed the threshold into reality as the prince found himself waking up to the wounds he had sustained in his sleep. Rest became impossible as the life of Nevaharday's only heir teetered in the balance. Healers were baffled, their remedies useless. So Prince Connor took matters into his own hands. He sought the help of an outlawed band of horse folk known as "the gypsies." Particularly, a green eyed beauty named Levee Tensley. Together they unravel the truth. The prince was never ill. Neither were his parents. It all led back the magic and lies of an illusionist bent on seizing his kingdom and extinguishing the Connor line. However, the more they uncover, the more they wonder: can they stop him? Or are their efforts too little, too late? Whether you're a fantasy connoisseur, horse lover, or casual reader, Carlton's debut novel will have you enchanted from the first paragraph to the very last page. Her race of "horse folk" are original, charming, and so believable, they will pull you right into the story.

This is a story of Robert Bagley's biography - his: family, faith, entrepreneurship, corporate sales experience, and then diving into being a full time reseller on Amazon and back to corporate America (due to "Lessons Learned") - putting his Amazon business back to part time. This is not a "how-to" book for how to sell on Amazon and Ebay, just sharing my story and a few best practices I learned along the way. Please don't purchase this book if you want a step-by-step tutorial on how to be a re-seller on Amazon and Ebay. As a young professional, Robert Bagley climbed and overcame many corporate mountains eventually earning a high six-figure income with several Fortune 500 companies. Still, something was missing from his vocational career and he knew that he needed to add a small business to his lifestyle. This would bring a change that not only involved a lot of personal risks, but a good amount of faith as well. And, not just faith in himself. And so he embarked on what would prove to be the most incredible game-changing season of his life. You'll be inspired, motivated, challenged, and moved-to-action by Robert's life-story and how selling on Amazon and eBay pulled his career toward a whole new path of becoming an eCommerce entrepreneur.

FUN FACT: "Becoming Zara" is a standalone novella, but if you're following the character of Samantha Bradford as she crosses off the items of her bucket list (the Single Wide Female Series), this is the book that Samantha publishes to complete her bucket

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list item #18 (Publish a Book). Note: You can download #1 Learn Pole Dancing of that series for free. *** Hi, I'm Zara...warrior princess. I don't usually tell that last bit to strangers, but I say it in my head all the time. It's one of the many mantras that have helped me to get to where I am today. And believe me when I say that I've come a long way. Besides, if you're a woman and you happen to have ever struggled with issues of self-esteem, we're probably gonna be fast friends anyway, so I won't hold anything (much) back. Oh, and Zara wasn't the name I was born with-but you'll find out more about that in the book. I don't know about you, but my own struggle with my weight has held me back a bit in life. And my self-esteem took a real nose dive after my fiance dumped me-via text, no less. (I know, right? Jerk!...but I don't usually dwell on things in the past, so let's just move right along from that, shall we?) So, I'm still a work-in-progress for sure, but I'm really starting to figure it all out-how to be more of who I'm meant to be every day-including the bumps, the lumps, and my bruised ego along the way. Oh and I love my sisterhood (more about that later) - the women who join me in believing that we are all capable of being strong, amazing, warrior princesses-just the way we are right now."

Henry's rushed approach to life creates problems at every turn. Readers will enjoy following Henry through his day to see if he discovers the importance of doing things carefully.

Dad saves the day is a story about John and Tom as they walk through their woods for adventure. Written by 8 year old Arthur Reilly as he dips his toe into the literary world.

Elizabeth Morrison has ascended the ranks of her industry and now runs one of the most successful publishing companies in the US. But even after three decades, she has never been able to get past the devastating end of her relationship with the beautiful and brilliant Ruth Abramson. As Elizabeth approaches her 30th college reunion, she must face the woman who long ago acceded to the demands of her father, a famous Russian dissident, and married the young man who'd been chosen for her. It doesn't make it any easier that Ruth, now divorced and living openly as a lesbian, is the class luncheon speaker. As the two women face one another and attempt to reconcile their past, Elizabeth finds she must wrestle with a number of issues she has avoided confronting. And she must carefully decide whether she is more distrustful of Ruth or of herself. Is she headed for another fall with this woman? Or does she want to get close again, so she can be the one to walk away? When it comes to reuniting with the love of your life, it's not always easy to know the difference between getting back together and just getting back.

When Brad Sorenson crossed paths with Zoe O'Loughlin at a high school graduation party, the connection was undeniable. He noticed her when no one else did; she inspired him to want more out of life. But it would be years before they'd meet again...and in the most unlikely of places. Brad was looking for a good time online, not love. But Zoe was so sweet, so kind. Everything about her was perfect-until she fell in love with him. Zoe doesn't know why Brad left her standing in an airport; he won't return her calls or texts. With her self-esteem and dreams shattered, she can't imagine ever loving anyone else. When a single phone call changes Brad's life forever he wants just one thing: to make amends with the only woman that's ever mattered. Will his first love give him a second chance or will Zoe turn her back on love for good? She emerged as innocent as any newborn. The party of starbursts and sparkles came to a standstill. In awe, millions of heavenly beings paused. Shine Star, Princess of the Universe, was the most precious and rare of all creations. As an expression of perfect happiness, thus was the king's daughter born. A magical love story unfolds in Vikrant Malhotra's wondrous debut, The Stories of Goom'pa: Book One. Meet

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Goom'pa. He is a Poofy, a small furry creature who resides on Earth in a place called Palidon, on the edge of the Miron National Forest. His world is a quiet one-until he spies Shine Star, a glorious star in the sky and the daughter of Prime Ray, the king of the universe. Enchanted by her elegance, Goom'pa knows he is willing to do anything to win the love of this celestial beauty. As the two meet and fall in love, Shine Star's father worries about his only daughter. Exploiting that concern is the Star Lord, Rath, who wants nothing more than to wrestle control of the universe away from Prime Ray. Will Goom'pa and Shine Star find a way to be together? Or will Rath's evil plan doom them all?

Lacey Talbot had a safe and loving childhood despite being raised in a residential home for kids, and the day she met Charlotte and Oli Hart, it felt like she had been truly blessed. Now training to be qualified in social care, she's giving back to the system that saved her from a life of danger and poverty. So why does she feel like she needs more when she has everything she never thought possible? A career, family love and friends who would be there for her no matter what, just don't seem enough. Lacey wants a love to call her own, to start living her life for real but there is one thing missing, someone to love - a guy who will return the love that she deserves just as hard. Tommy Sevens, is the dependable local business owner. He's never short of female company but his bachelor life is turned upside down by an unexpected visitor. When he reaches out for help, he ends up with more than he bargained for when Lacey comes to the rescue. What starts out as a professional relationship, turns into so much more when Tommy realizes he can't resist Lacey anymore. She's a beautiful, unforeseen surprise who makes him want a different life, despite what he thinks he deserves, and he's that guy that Lacey has been yearning for. The one thing that stands in the way of their happily ever after are his close friends, Lacey's foster parents. *Deserved* is the second book in the soul mates series and tells the stories of those who find passion and love when they least expect it.

Envious of her best friends lavish lifestyle, a young woman wonders how different her life would be if she had an opportunity to change her past.

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Since the times of magic, Bob Conner's WWII fighter plane was as close as he could get to dancing among the clouds and nestling in the shoulders of his mighty emerald dragon. It had been thousands of years since the magic was buried deep within the Earth to protect it from mankind. Now the world has changed forever as it has been rediscovered, and once again brought to the Earth's surface. Now that the magic has been released, it is up to those few elves and dwarfs that have stayed behind to put things back. With the help of three special women and a small air force of vintage aircraft, this courageous group battles the darkness and it is the light that ushers in a whole new age of enchantment.

"Every one of us-- regardless of where we were born, how we were brought up, how many setbacks we've endured or privileges we've been afforded-- has been conditioned to compete to win. Ironically, the people who create fulfilling lives and careers--the ones we respect, admire and try to emulate--choose an alternative path to success. They have a powerful sense of identity. They don't worry about differentiating themselves from the competition or obsess about telling the right story. They tell the real story instead. Whether you're an individual or you're representing an organisation or a movement, a city or a country, 'Story Driven' gives you a framework to help you consistently articulate, live and lead with your story. This book is about how to stop competing and start succeeding by being who you are, so you can do work you're proud of and create the future you want to see"--Page 4 of cover.

Freddy is torn between her need for a normal adolescent dating life and the responsibility she has always felt for her mentally challenged Uncle Joey. When Joey is accused of the murder of a local 6 year old girl, Freddy works to clear his name. But can she accomplish this

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without alienating the man she loves? A real page-turner; you will be riveted to the mystery as well as the circuitous paths Freddy's love life takes on her way to maturity. An excellent choice for a book club!

Sometimes bad ideas succeed, and we can't stop them. Sometimes good ideas fail and we can't save them. But we can learn from those failures and improve our chances of success in the future. In the intervening years, I've realised that there is no such thing as a bad idea or a good idea. There is only the wrong story or the right story. The right story is one that is trusted. It is believed because it is told by the right person, for the right reasons, in the right way, at the right time, to the right people. The success or failure of our ideas depends on us telling the right story. We can only do that by being clear about the change we want to create, and why-and then bringing enough of the right people with us on the journey. It's up to us, the changemakers of today and tomorrow, to galvanise those people we hope to bring on the journey with us. That's what this book is about. It's not just about helping you to change someone's mind. It's about how you can get better at articulating the change you want to create and understanding the people you want to influence-so you can build upon what they already believe and ultimately shape the future you and they want to see.

Since high school everyone thought Jake Bender would end up behind bars; after all, he comes from a long line of bad boys. He spent years away from the place he called home. When he finally comes back, everyone thinks he's just a punk kid all grown up who's now running a dive bar called The Night Club. What they don't know is he heads up a special task force, which cleans up neighborhoods and makes them safe again. Stormy Ryan has always felt more comfortable with her books than with people. She loves to spend her days within the pages of her books. When her second-hand bookstore is robbed for the third time in as many months, her employees quit leaving her to run the shop on her own. With the pressure of having to deal with her shop and people, not to mention the declining neighborhood, she is at the end of her rope. When closing up her shop late one night, she is held up and the neighborhood bad boy saves her, putting both of them at the forefront of a psychotic's obsession. Being bad has never looked so good.

Seven billion people on earth; it was only a matter of time before you discovered the truth. Your legends--your myths and religions--have called us by many names. Since the beginning, our kind has walked among you as your protectors. We are the only ones who know who you are and why you are here. He wasn't meant to disappear; you weren't meant to know why. Our objective was clear: hunt them, kill them and leave. Once you know, there will be no going back. They will come for you. Are you ready?

Our lives are spent watching the clock. We go to sleep by it. Wake up to it. Rely on it. Race it. It's easy to forget that we're only given so much. We ignore it because we're convinced we'll always have more. I am proof that we aren't promised anything. The clock owes us nothing. I know this because not only was Time my name, I wasn't given enough of it. Sure I had challenges but I vowed to make the most of it, of my young life. My limitations wouldn't hold me back. Time was on my side. Then I was told otherwise. Now the clock was working against me. I would face this disease alone. Then he walked in and changed everything. He gave me a reason to fight. He helped me prepare. Like others before me, when time slowed I wasn't ready. I begged for more. But the clock, it stopped for no one. On the day my world went black, I refused to take him with me. Only he didn't listen. I was a doctor. A bringer of bad news. I read the chart. She was fucked. My hands, they were tied. I was a doctor who could not heal what was beyond that door. I had no hope to offer her. But I wanted this over with. The sooner the better. I walked in, looked up and saw color. Not one. All of them. They surrounded her. She was a patient. You did not cross that line. I would not cross that line. I should have kept my eyes closed. Life was easier when you didn't see. But they were open now. They saw her. They saw everything. Suddenly invisible lines ceased to matter. For me, Time mattered. How far would you go to make sure the one you loved had enough of it? Would you

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challenge the clock? Help them prepare? Could you watch them suffer? Could you accept a life without them in it? Or, would you follow them into the darkness? I did. This is our story.

Who do you trust when your world unravels and everything you believed is a lie? For the past fifteen years, The Office of Civilian Safety and Defense has guarded the public against the rampant threat of terrorism. Teenagers Tommy and Careen have never known life without the government-approved Civilian Restrictions. For them, there's no social media. No one is allowed to gather in public places or attend concerts or sporting events. Only a small, select group of adults have driving privileges. It's a small price to pay for safety. Now a new, more deadly, terrorist threat looms: airborne chemical weapons that can be activated without warning. The OCSD is ready with an antidote to counteract the effects of the toxins. Three drops a day is all it takes. It's a small price to pay for health. Tommy and Careen obediently take the antidote; neither considers stopping when strange things begin to happen. The day the disaster sirens signal the dreaded attack, Tommy shares his last dose with Careen, even though doing so might hasten his death. It's a small price to pay for a friend. Follow Tommy and Careen as they uncover a web of lies and deceit reaching to the highest levels of the United States government and join an underground resistance group that's determined to expose the truth.

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