

## The Mysterious Flame Of Queen Loana Umberto Eco

When Aislinn Amon's father disappears, her mother drags her from New York to Indiana where she is to attend a new boarding school - Source High. At Source High, Aislinn finds herself in a whole other world than what she knew. Everyone has something supernatural about them, including her. Soon, she finds that she's not the normal, rebel, messed up teenage girl she thought she was. Her friends try to help her along the way when trouble comes knocking on her door. People die, she finds herself falling in love with, something she swore she'd never do, and secrets start to form. Can Aislinn cope with everything that's happening? Can she handle the life she's been forced to deal with? Or will she crack under the heavy pressures laid upon her seventeen-year-old shoulders?

When she was found barely coherent and staggering over sand dunes, word spread fast that the prophecy had finally come to pass and Lacáruna had been delivered to initiate the next expansion of this world. The trouble is Lacáruna has been removed from the world she's intended to expand. Amy Darlidale must return to her mission before any harm can come to her friends. Fortunately, she knows the way back and, unlike the first time Amy found herself under a

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full moon in a starless sky, she knows what she's up against. In order to fulfill the Promise of a New Morphosis Amy understands that the actual prophecy has to be found, but the sense of order in this mysterious world continues to collapse. Fires rage, clans are being slaughtered and townsfolk massacred, and leaders have proclaimed a great evil has returned. Licha and Jandro, the young companions who have been with her from the start, along with the Trotéjo comrades who have sworn to protect her-Dack, who has saved her life more than once, and their new ally Sheng, a Palace Guard who has joined their quest, continue pushing forward as their obstacles multiply. Unsure what answers might be found in the first mythic journals of this world's origins, Amy searches for clues. But secretly she's begun seeing visions and receiving messages from forces unknown. As she tries to understand the extent of her power others are becoming aware of it as well. Soon a new group with its own mysterious agenda believes Amy may have another fated purpose and only she can save herself from their terrifying trap.

Alyssa takes on a new adventure after being forced to return to the Island of Lucina. Xavier King, the Guardian of Ashland, is the key suspect to helping her with her memory lost, but he is keeping a secret that will cause his relationship to ruin. Could her curiosity get her into trouble? He should expect her

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to break the rules, but why? He knows that she is the unseen god of Lucina.-this Amory everyone has been speaking of since the beginning. Alyssa challenges his lordship over the Guardians and Reapers. She finds his tactics very weak and counterattacks him with her sexy brown lips and her hips that are sure to please. Meanwhile, the Champions are plotting an ambush and calling it the Vampire Games as the Seekers race against the clock to save the mysterious man behind the mask. Willow's Packin' Heat! Willow Crier's got a gun and the whole town will hear her bang. During a monthly potluck at the gun club, a local war hero, Clancy, ends up fried to a crisp. Armed with binoculars and cast Iron, Willow uncovers hidden secrets long ago buried. While searching for the murderer, Willow is also searching for the perfect fried chicken recipe. A painful surgery earns her sympathy, and maybe a few kisses, from Steve, but it doesn't keep her off her feet for long. Instead she dives right into the case, pulling a fellow gun club member into an impromptu mud wrestling contest. Embry's engagement and Steve's investigative nature is delving up a past Willow isn't eager to remember. She manages to slip away from the memories to solve the case, and a romantic evening on the ferris wheel certainly helps to keep her distracted.

We are here to remember what happened and to declare solemnly that 'they' must never do it again.

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But who are 'they'? HOW TO SPOT A FASCIST is a selection of three thought-provoking essays on freedom and fascism, censorship and tolerance - including Eco's iconic essay 'Ur-Fascism', which lists the fourteen essential characteristics of fascism, and draws on his own personal experiences growing up in the shadow of Mussolini. Umberto Eco remains one of the greatest writers and cultural commentators of the last century. In these pertinent pieces, he warns against prejudice and abuses of power and proves a wise and insightful guide for our times. If we strive to learn from our collective history and come together in challenging times, we can hope for a peaceful and tolerant future. Freedom and liberation are never-ending tasks. Let this be our motto: 'Do not forget.'

"In the thrilling conclusion to the bestselling Raven's Shadow trilogy, Vaelin Al Sorna must help his queen reclaim her Realm. Only his enemy has a dangerous new collaborator, one with powers darker than Vaelin has ever encountered. The Ally is there, but only ever as a shadow, unexplained catastrophe or murder committed at the behest of a dark and vengeful spirit. Sorting truth from myth is often a fruitless task. After fighting back from the brink of death, Queen Lyrna is determined to repel the invading Volarian army and regain the independence of the Unified Realm. Except, to accomplish her goals, she must do more than rally her loyal

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supporters. She must align herself with forces she once found repugnant -- those who possess the strange and varied gifts of the Dark -- and take the war to her enemy's doorstep. Victory rests on the shoulders of Vaelin Al Sorna, now named Battle Lord of the Realm. However, his path is riddled with difficulties. For the Volarians have a new weapon on their side, one that Vaelin must destroy if the Realm is to prevail: a mysterious Ally with the ability to grant unnaturally long life to his servants. And defeating one who cannot be killed is a nearly impossible challenge, especially when Vaelin's blood-song, the mystical power that has made him the epic fighter he is, has gone ominously silent."

MITE (Book One) is the first of this gripping, thought provoking, Young Adult story of how a seemingly positive, beneficial breakthrough in medical technology with many wonderful applications can be corrupted for unscrupulous use by powerful companies and their corporate leaders and top scientists. MITE is a cautionary tale loaded with drama, corporate conspiracy, exciting adventures and a little teenage romance, Readers of author M.S. Antonucci's novel will be drawn to the charismatic characters and their thrilling conflict. The very real possibilities of MITE's fantasy technology and this absorbing story of its ominous effects on its innocent subjects will inspire readers of all ages to ask, "What if?" A father walking towards the lifeless

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body of his daughter, Kailey, a fate brought on by his own doing. He never thought that by enrolling her in a program meant for protection it would become her biggest source of danger. MITE tells a story of a young couple driven into the scientific community by their inability to naturally conceive. Once given a chance by a doctor with interests in a new form of surveillance, their fears of the world around them leads the young parents to enroll in his program; a decision that will change their lives and the life of their daughter. Spinning out of control, Allen begins a drunken overprotective surveillance over the course of his daughter's adolescence. As tragic events unfold, he is driven into an alcohol-induced madness which sends his daughter seeking freedom from his parental control. Soon, an overlooked stipulation in the contract between him and the doctor shifts Kailey from a patient to prey as the misguided program seeks to tie up loose ends. Now Kailey finds herself part of a hidden resistance of like-fated former patients coping with a life of lies and the reality of being hunted and their only option; to fight back.

Elizabeth II, at the age of 91, is the longest-reigning monarch ever to sit on the throne of England. Most people living today have no memory of a time when she was not Queen. But when she was born, no one knew she was destined to rule. Her father, the Duke of York, was only the second son of George V. His

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dashing playboy brother was Prince of Wales and heir to the throne. It wasn't until King Edward VIII abdicated his throne to marry Wallis Simpson in 1936 that the Princess Elizabeth, then ten years old, knew the course that her life was to take. From the unlikely romance that united her parents, to the abdication that nearly toppled the monarchy, this biography will introduce you to the Princess who came before the Queen. Set apart from other children and sheltered by her parents, her steadiness of character nonetheless enabled her to help fight the Nazis in World War II and overcome steep obstacles in order to marry the man she loved. These were the years that forged the character of the woman whose 65-year reign has seen her country through the second half of the 20th century and beyond.

"The country road to hell and back is paved with the good intentions and secrets of Southern women." Prodigal son Duddy Doogan has a promise to keep. He is going home, to a place where his eccentric storytelling kin await his first visit since his father went missing. Home to where a powerful river carves an age-old border between Florida and Alabama. Home to a family tree of hidden secrets, lies, memories, and skin colors-but there is nothing black and white about the mysteries buried in its roots. Haunted by the trauma of a terrifying childhood accident and the love of too many Southern women, Duddy must excavate the bones of his family history to put his own broken life back together. When tragedy

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suddenly strikes, a promise to return home becomes a dangerous quest to reclaim his father's remains from a long-lost psychotic uncle living deep in the Alabama swampland. For Duddy Doogan, a journey into the heart of darkness will lead him to a shattering revelation about his own past, a secret truth hiding in plain sight and powerful enough to alter the course of Perdido River history for generations to come. Note from the Author: I'm excited about my Southern fiction novel, *Perdido River Bastard*, a multi-generational, romantic mystery about myth and sin, memory and history, secrets and lies, family life and death, magic and illusion, rebirth and redemption, good and evil-the sublime beauty I call the Deep South. Inherent themes of race, prejudice, and bigotry kinda go with the territory, but this novel isn't about inciting revolution or calling for imposed societal atonement for past transgressions. It isn't about blaming others for things they can't possibly help, like the color of skin, the sins of fathers and mothers, or the broken pasts of their children. Simply put, this story is about finding love through forgiveness, a notion worthy of discussion to my mind, as it seems to be the one that people conveniently forget, easily ignore, and readily dismiss for being too quaint, too simple, or too idealistic. Personally, I think we all could use a little idealism in these current racially divisive times. What we're doing right now isn't working well for any of us, so my novel suggests a wholly different tactic to affect change, one espoused by few truly Great Leaders, one being a preacher from Alabama who died for a simple dream that has yet to come true. This novel is close kin to other kinds of Southern fiction

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I've enjoyed reading over the years - a completed jigsaw puzzle that's more than the sum of its parts. It's a fictional biography, a romance, a series of vignettes, an interracial love story, a son's quest to make peace with his missing father, and a cozy mystery about generations of powerful women, contemporary and otherwise, who haunt one man's life. GOODREADS tags: contemporary women, cozy mystery, family saga, literary romance, magic realism, multi-generational, multicultural, mystery-thriller-suspense, plot twist, quirky characters, race issues, romance, southern biography, women's fiction

Beth Chambers' life is no fairytale, even if she feels like a damsel in distress. After four years in a destructive relationship, Beth has decided enough is enough and leaves her girlfriend, taking with her only her dog Dudley, her broken spirit, and a shattered view of life. At her lowest point, she meets Amy Fletcher, a woman who has it all-and whom she believes would never want more than friendship. But what Beth fails to realise is that there are definitely two sides to every story. Could Amy Fletcher be Beth's Princess Charming? Could her story end with a happily ever after?

The Storefront Looked Quite Ordinary The sign out front said "Granters of wishes, fulfillers of dreams. Not everything here may be what it seems." Reece almost walked away, but something lured him inside. Reece Evans enjoys nothing quite as much as looking at his own reflection, but when he purchases a unique mirror from the strange disfigured old man who runs the cluttered antique store, he begins to see himself and his life in entirely different ways, and winds up on a journey

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that just might never end. "In the tradition of the mysterious shop of wonders, Satterfield offers a strong cautionary tale about power and responsibility." - Beverly A. Hale, author of *The Essence of Stone*, coming from Yard Dog Press Fall 2002.

**NALI** By Esther Henry In an era of darkness, mystery, tropical jungles and cannibalism, Nali tries to buck the ancient traditions, only to find herself deeply entrenched in them. As a young girl full of dreams, she is given to a tribal elder in marriage and quickly learns that her girlhood dreams could be shattered overnight. The rain forest held a secret refuge that only Nali knew, where she took her dreams and her delusions. Will she be forced to succumb to a subservient role the rest of her life, or can she overcome the hopelessness that comes with isolation, ignorance and tradition? Deep in the heart of New Guinea lies the village of Mendoka, beautifully camouflaged from the rest of the world. Although the village has yet to be discovered, the outside world would soon have an influence on their lives. An interruption to their peaceful simplicity would both terrify them and cause them to search for answers. Readers will be able to follow the lives of those who lived in a much simpler time and become immersed in the culture that controlled their everyday existence.

In the Depression year of 1931, on the golf links at Krewe Island off Savannah's windswept shore, two legends of the game—Bobby Jones and Walter Hagen—meet for a mesmerizing thirty-six-hole showdown. Another golfer will also compete—a troubled local war hero, once a champion, who comes with his

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mentor and caddie, the mysterious Bagger Vance. It is Vance, sage and charismatic, who will ultimately guide the match, for he holds the secret of the Authentic Swing. And he alone can show his protege the way back to glory. Written in the spirit of *Golf in the Kingdom* and *The Natural*, *The Legend of Bagger Vance* reveals the true nature of the game in a story that is unforgettable. Murder requires technique, it requires meticulous planning, and genuine care if you're going to do it right, right? Random acts of violence are not Alice's style, however when forced on her, well let's just play along....Meticulous Malice delves deeper into who Alice really is...let's play by HER rules...

Yambo, a sixty-ish rare book dealer who lives in Milan has suffered a loss of memory; not the kind of memory neurologists call 'semantic' (Yambo remembers all about Julius Caesar and can recite every poem he has ever read), but rather his 'autobiographica

Killian knows all about vampires and aliens. They're not real. But when a handsome swimmer climbs into her storm-tossed boat an hour from her summer destination, the worlds of fantasy and reality suddenly collide...

Cuttylea Island has no mall, no social scene, and no action. But it does have a mysterious stone tower, ageless islanders, and a secret as astonishing as a mermaid's tale... Before the summer is through, Killian will find the truth of her family's past...and the role she is destined to play in a centuries-old curse.

Praise for *DREAMING DANGEROUSLY* 5 out of 5 star reviews: Once I read the first page, I couldn't put it down until I finished it. *Dreaming Dangerously* is a book I would

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recommend to anyone to read... the Author is skilled.

-Dominique, Goodreads.com It really just blew me away how much I loved reading this book. Chani, Goodreads.com I loved Dreaming Dangerously. Mind reading is one of those things not all authors can write about. Dreaming Dangerously is a book I would highly recommend. - Kris Spor, Amazon customer Overview of DREAMING DANGEROUSLY: A teen mind-reader tries to keep her secret from the gossips at her high school. A popular boy who finds out. Her nightmares start to come true. She must learn to trust him before it's too late to stop the tragedy that awaits. FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS YOUNG ADULT SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY and can't get enough of Hunger Games, and Evermore, then you must read DREAMING DANGEROUSLY as your next YA thriller!! Other works by Kathleen Suzette Harsch: DARKNESS DESCENDS, book 2 of the Children of the Psi series is out now!

Morgen of Avalon She was King Arthur's healer, His love, The Faerie Queen destined to help him maintain peace throughout the land... Britannia is at long last a peaceful nation thanks not only to Arthur's successful military campaign, but also his clever negotiations with Cedric, the Saxon King. Unfortunately, the price for this long awaited freedom is steep. Arthur offers Morgen's daughter, Eliana, as a future bride for Cynric, the Saxon Prince. Few people know that Eliana suffers from a curse evoked by the lascivious Morgause, and that her life speeds well in advance of a normal pace. Desperate to safeguard the child from everyone who threatens her existence, Morgen spirits Eliana into an enchanted tower that hides its ever changing face from the world of mankind. There Eliana finds herself cut off from human interaction, witnessing life through the medium of a magical mirror until a dashing knight captures her attention and she longs for more. Will Eliana linger forgotten and

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alone? Somehow Morgen must lift the curse, even if it means pitting herself against Morgause and the forces of darkness. What of the love that blossoms between the High King and Faerie Queen -- despite their grievances? Will it finally reveal the wealth of their forgotten past? When King Cedric and his son arrive at court, Morgen is forced to make a dreadful choice. Can she support Arthur's peace treaty; allow him to join Eliana and Cynric in marriage? Or will she offer Eliana the chance to experience true love, even if it means she must sacrifice herself in the process? Set amidst the wonders of King Arthur's Camelot, *Child of Destiny*, is the second installment in author Carol Weakland's romantic fantasy series, *Morgen of Avalon*. Secrets are revealed in this magical utopia that boasts dragons, faeries, the legendary court of miracles, not to mention the long awaited return of Merlin and a re-imagining of Alfred Lord Tennyson's "The Lady of Shallott."

Sy Middleton, a teenager living in Manhattan, enters a secret world when he is initiated into Earth-tribe and becomes a Triber. In the Middle Realm, Tribers from Earth-, Fire-, Air- and Water-tribe train to enhance their powers and compete in monthly Lunar Festivals. The Zodiac Council has protected the Lower and Middle Realms from the Darkforce for thousands of years, but the balance of power has shifted, placing humanity at risk. The Darkforce has stolen the Book of Dreams. Sy and his friend Joshua Ryderson embark on a quest to find it...

'Anybody But Anne' is the fifth in the 'Fleming Stone' series of detective novels by prolific author Carolyn Wells. Wealthy David Van Wyck has decided to become a philanthropist and leave his entire vast fortune to the local community. Whilst a noble intention, his family are opposed to the notion as it would leave them penniless. Following a meeting to certify his intentions, David is found dead in a locked room. His beautiful

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wife Anne is the obvious suspect, but there are many others who would have reason to want David out of the picture. A thrilling whodunnit from the popular author. Carolyn Wells (1862-1942) was a prolific American novelist and poet, best known for her children's literature, mystery novels and humorous verse. Following school in New Jersey, Wells worked as a librarian, where she developed her love of reading. It was during 1896 that Wells' first book 'At the Sign of the Sphinx' was published. From 1900 she dedicated herself to her literary career, writing over 170 novels in total across a range of genres. Some of her most loved works include the 'Patty Fairfield' and 'Marjorie Maynard' series for girls, as well as the 'Fleming Stone' mystery series for adults. Wells is also well-known for her humorous nonsense verse, and was a frequent contributor of verse to magazines. She published an autobiography 'The Rest of my Life' in 1937. Wells died in New York City in 1942.

Retired federal agent Joe Nicoletti is ready for a change. He dreams of moving far from Washington, D.C. and living a quiet life. Moving to Missoula seems to be a dream come true. He never dreamed he'd become the suspect in a high profile murder case, forcing him to undertake the most important investigation of his life. But dreams can turn into nightmares when there is Murder in Missoula. A suspense novel of love and attraction, both natural and perverse, friendship and sacrifice, of innocence protected only by the premonition of evil, telepathy, dreams as harbingers of events yet to come, fate and destiny. All wrapped in this fast paced novel of murder and suspense.

An introduction to Eco's contributions to a wide range of academic disciplines, as well as to his literary works.

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One woman will take back her freedom. And rise. Violetta will

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never forget that day. Guilt shadows her every step as she prepares to take her father's throne. Sadly, he has other ideas. Violetta must marry or forfeit her royal birthright, but all she wants is to be free, to no longer relive the tragic events of her past. If only she can learn to love again, to put the past behind her and begin anew. Enter Emperor Ryore Frost. Handsome. Swave. And her sworn enemy. As Violetta feels new emotions stirring within, she finds herself inexplicably drawn to this mysterious man. Could she risk marrying her mortal enemy if it meant a chance at securing her freedom? Four Magical Realms. One troubled Princess. One love-starved Emperor. And a trio of assassins, lying in wait. Life is all about risk. Sometimes you embrace it. Other times, fate forces your hand. A. C. Burch's powerful collection of eight short stories transports the reader from Private Quarters, where a young musician must negotiate the competing demands of two strong-willed women, to a luxurious yacht in the Caribbean, where an embittered detective finds himself rejecting his Last Chance at love. A Book of Revelations is all about the cliff'the tipping point'the instant we must roll the dice or succumb to the status quo. Burch's characters face life with courage and humor in a tenacious search for meaning and fulfillment. Set in Provincetown, Palm Beach, Boston, Maine, Carnegie Hall, and the Caribbean, these memorable stories span not just distance but the range of life's experiences. In the darkness beyond life, something stirs. Now a childless mother must decide how far she will go to

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protect her dead daughter. Behind the oppressive reality of abuse, depression and suicide, there is light on the edge of the darkness. "The Devourer" is a psychological horror novel that goes beyond the classic paranormal genre.

Having suffered a complete loss of memory regarding every aspect of his own identity, rare book dealer Yambo withdraws to a family home nested between Milan and Turin, where he sorts through boxes of old records and experiences memories in the form of a graphic novel. By the author of Baudolino. Reprint. 75,000 first printing.

What do you do when the life you longed for becomes more than you can bear? When I stepped through the portal into my home realm of Aurelia, I thought I'd finally found happiness. I had a family that supported me, magic that made me feel whole, and a lead on finding the love of my life. I was learning about myself and who I was truly meant to be. But, Aurelia wasn't the perfect place I hoped for. There were people who wanted what I had, and would stop at nothing to make sure they got it. They desired to watch the world burn, and wanted to take me down with it. Would I survive it, or would I perish into the flames? This book contains sexual situations and strong language, so 18+ is recommended. It is the second book in The Aurelia Chronicles series. Gaby LeFevre is a suburban, Midwestern firecracker, growing up in the 80s and 90s and

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saving the world one homeless person, centenarian, and orphan at a time. With her crew of twin sister, Annie, smitten Mikhail, and frenemy Mel, she's a pamphlet-wielding humanitarian, tackling a broken world full of heroes and heroines, villains and magical seeds, and Northwyth stories. Beginning with a roadkill-burying nine-year-old and a gas-leak explosion, it follows Gaby as she traverses childhood and young adulthood with characteristic intensity and a penchant for disaster. Meanwhile, the large cast of compelling characters entertains and the Northwyth legends draw you into their magic.

Drew Maddox is a rough Private Investigator who believes what his eyes can see and his senses feel. He has very little use for imagination and flights of fantasy annoy him, yet when a naked woman suddenly appears on the road in front of his truck it sends his brain tumbling and his life into a spiral of myth he can barely comprehend. Pandimora wears her name well, causing her own flurries of Pandemonium just by existing. Born to a mother rumored to have the madness in her, Pandimora is different than most fairies in the Realm of Aisywel. She has little regard for the incredible histories of her people, nor of the supposed rules. While not an outright rebel, she skirts the laws of Faerie propriety, but no more so than when she overhears a conversation her ears should never have found. A high elder, one of the strongest and most magical of

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her people has committed a crime - and now he knows that she has heard, and seen him. Pandimora has fled, but not before the elder, Lukais wraps his dark tentacles of power around her, poisoning her and barring the doors to her realm - forever. Hurt and grieving, Pandimora awakens on a snowy road - moments from being hit by Drew Maddox's fast moving truck. Her senses muddled, her powers muffled and her entire sense of self shaken, Pandimora reaches out to Drew in desperation, finding in him the young boy she once danced with in a field. With cord of attachment fully realized between them, Faerie magic is at play, pulling them both deep into a mire of intrigue and deceit - one that sets this unlikely pair against an entire realm of mystical beings with their own rules, trials and meanings. "Find Me" is Book One in the new Faeries Lost Trilogy - an epic journey into the center of the unknown and the hearts of two souls that can never be.

“These Feathered Flames is a stunning debut as dark, lush, and captivating as the best fairy tales.”—Nina Varela, author of the Crier's War duology When twin heirs are born in Tourin, their fates are decided at a young age. While Izaveta remained at court to learn the skills she'd need as the future queen, Asya was taken away to train with her aunt, the mysterious Firebird, who ensured magic remained balanced in the realm. But before

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Asya's training is completed, the ancient power blooms inside her, which can mean only one thing: the queen is dead, and a new ruler must be crowned. As the princesses come to understand everything their roles entail, they'll discover who they can trust, who they can love—and who killed their mother. Books in the These Feathered Flames duology: These Feathered Flames This Cursed Crown

“A rich, sensual, bewitching adventure of good vs. evil with love as the prize.” ~Publisher's Weekly on ETERNITY 300 years ago, Raven St. James was hanged for witchcraft. But she revives among the dead to find herself alive. She is an Immortal High Witch, one of the light. A note from her mother warns that there are others, those of the Dark, who preserve their own lives by taking the hearts of those like her. Duncan Wallace's forbidden love for the secretive lass costs him his life. 300 years later, he loves her again, tormented by hazy memories of a past that can't be real. She tells him of another lifetime, claims to be immortal. Though he knows she's deluded, he can't stay away. And the Dark Witch after her heart is far closer than either of them know. If you liked the TV Series HIGHLANDER, you will LOVE this series. Don't miss Book 2, INFINITY. “A hauntingly beautiful story of a love that endures through time itself.” ~New York Times Bestselling Author, Kay Hooper “This captivating story of a love

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that reaches across the centuries, becomes as immortal as the lover's themselves, resonates with timeless passion, powerful magic, and haunting heartbreak." ~BN.com's official review

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To get ahead she'll have to become a man -- and a man, she always thought, never lets love get in the way... Clementine dreams of being a naturalist -- a career that leaves no time for romance. To sneak on an adventurous prospecting expedition, Clementine will have to convince everyone she's a man. A mysterious tonic offers her just that disguise. But "Calvin," as she calls herself now, had no idea what she was giving up. When Wesley, the expedition's gentle preacher, catches her eye, she can't get him out of her head; not his lush lips, wide brown eyes ... or broad chest. Dare she reveal her secret to him, and can she keep her career if she does? Among run-ins with cowboys, natural disasters, and traveling shows, Wesley's most fascinating adventure is meeting Calvin. Though Wesley's betrothed, the cute, clever naturalist threatens to make him fall into temptation...

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NOT FORGET! Word Queen Book Two features three stories: digraphs (th, sh, ch-tch, wh, ph, gh), QU, and oo, ou, ow, ue, ui, ew. The Word Queen is a mysteriously, irresistible character that ingrains the endless rules of decoding the English language into the minds of children. This exciting reading program, created by a National Board Certified teacher, instills the ability to read into kindergarten thru second grade students. Since only about 10% of text can be decoded using the basic 26 letter sounds of the alphabet, this is a much needed program in education today. It is easily implemented and designed to accommodate the time constraints of teachers. The Word Queen engages children holistically through real life interactions and creates an enthusiasm and eagerness to learn! Teachers say: "The kids are so excited, they don't even realize they are learning!"

When ancient gods ruled and Druids kept Faith alive, the Celts thrived as a democratic, matriarchal society. Then savage Roman soldiers swept across Europe, killing and enslaving. The Celts did not succumb without a fight. Their Old Ways survived centuries of ruthless domain until another menace loomed: a tortured god worshiped in cold stone buildings. The sacred shores of Avalon began to drift away, the mists threatened to hide the island from mortal eyes forever. Against the bleak backdrop of war, the gorgeous Scottish Highlands stood tall,

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sheltering its inhabitants from greedy invaders. Yet the reach of the eagle banners was long and the highlanders turned to the Goddess for protection. However, the sacred groves felt silent and grim as Avalon faded away. Once sad, peeling bells began to sound strangely comforting while the high walls of monasteries offered an alluring barrier from violence. Caught in the middle of this centuries-old war, a young High Priestess might be Avalon's last chance. Wise beyond her years and powerful like no other Priestess in her lifetime, Rowen had served the Goddess faithfully, forsaking her family and the company of her soulmate. When the Lady of the Lake asks for another sacrifice, it might be one too many for her scarred heart. How could she obey the Goddess without betraying Caddaric? Could she trust Eochaid, who embodied everything she despised and hated? Would she be able to fulfill her duties without losing her soul? Caddaric had been Rowen's companion in countless lives; but, now, they existed in different realms. Beautiful Rowen lived in the mortal world while sweet Caddaric remained in the sacred isle of Avalon, watching over her. Could he step aside to allow another man - a flesh and blood man - to become her protector? Eochaid had sworn to protect the Old Ways. The rude warrior never quite understood his faith yet his loyal heart belonged to the Goddess. A gorgeous, fiery High Priestess was not in his plans. He would

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risk his life to protect Rowen; but, would the Goddess safeguard his heart? Could he defend the bewitching maiden from himself? When stakes were so high that a simple mistake could cost their very world, a priestess, a Druid, and a warrior must learn to trust one another and the mysterious ways of the Goddess. Their success would save Avalon. Their failure would tear the island from the human realm forever, condemning it to oblivion. Failure was not an option. This is a standalone, historical/paranormal romance. Its mature themes - sexual violence, religion, and pagan rituals - might not be appropriate for audiences under 18.

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 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

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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?

Who says having all your dreams come true is a good thing? Serenity Winters is taking the summer off. After her last year included crushing on the wrong guy (again), having her best friend move all the way across the country, and an unexpected loss she's still not prepared to deal with, she deserves it. And a visit to see Maia in California seems the perfect getaway. Beaches, bonfires and boys? Yes please! But Rennie's dreams aren't so easy to elude. Sketching what she can remember of them helps some, but her drawings are taking on a life of their own and the dreams they represent are starting to come true. Enter Alex, who may or may not be perfect. (No, who is she kidding? He's perfect. Great hair, plus he can quote Hamlet and Yoda? Come on!) But Alex has secrets of his own, namely a hidden ability to transport himself through time using a book as a portal. Could it be that both Rennie and Alex are being drawn in to the same mystery? They better find out quickly, because her dreams are getting louder. And they know her by name.

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