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When Mari accidentally overhears that Trystan is in love, she can't believe it. He's pining over some girl that doesn't know he's alive. The confident swagger and endless stream of girls is a facade. It conceals his loneliness and hides how messed up he's really become trying to flee from a life that's battered him to his core. Trystan tries to figure out how to make it clear how much he loves her. But every insincere kiss, every broken promise haunts him because she knows them all. Now Trystan has to prove to the one girl who thinks true love is real that she's not just another conquest. Mari keeps his secret, but quickly learns about an even bigger secret about Trystan Scott—one that is impossible to keep.

A special fiftieth anniversary edition of Kurt Vonnegut's masterpiece, "a desperate, painfully honest attempt to confront the monstrous crimes of the twentieth century" (Time), featuring a new introduction by Kevin Powers, author of the National Book Award finalist *The Yellow Birds*. Selected by the Modern Library as one of the 100 best novels of all time *Slaughterhouse-Five*, an American classic, is one of the world's great antiwar books. Centering on the infamous World War II firebombing of Dresden, the novel is the result of what Kurt Vonnegut described as a twenty-three-year struggle to write a book about what he had witnessed as an American prisoner of war. It combines historical fiction, science fiction, autobiography, and satire in an account of the life of

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Billy Pilgrim, a barber's son turned draftee turned optometrist turned alien abductee. As Vonnegut had, Billy experiences the destruction of Dresden as a POW. Unlike Vonnegut, he experiences time travel, or coming "unstuck in time." An instant bestseller, *Slaughterhouse-Five* made Kurt Vonnegut a cult hero in American literature, a reputation that only strengthened over time, despite his being banned and censored by some libraries and schools for content and language. But it was precisely those elements of Vonnegut's writing—the political edginess, the genre-bending inventiveness, the frank violence, the transgressive wit—that have inspired generations of readers not just to look differently at the world around them but to find the confidence to say something about it. Authors as wide-ranging as Norman Mailer, John Irving, Michael Crichton, Tim O'Brien, Margaret Atwood, Elizabeth Strout, David Sedaris, Jennifer Egan, and J. K. Rowling have all found inspiration in Vonnegut's words. Jonathan Safran Foer has described Vonnegut as "the kind of writer who made people—young people especially—want to write." George Saunders has declared Vonnegut to be "the great, urgent, passionate American writer of our century, who offers us . . . a model of the kind of compassionate thinking that might yet save us from ourselves." Fifty years after its initial publication at the height of the Vietnam War, Vonnegut's portrayal of political disillusionment, PTSD, and postwar anxiety feels as relevant, darkly humorous, and profoundly affecting as ever, an enduring beacon through our own era's uncertainties. "Poignant and hilarious, threaded with

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compassion and, behind everything, the cataract of a thundering moral statement.”—The Boston Globe

An exploration of the possibilities of hypertext fiction as art form and entertainment
Sequel to NEW YORK TIMES & USA TODAY Bestseller Description: Abby never thought she'd find her soul mate, but she has and it's changed her life forever. Jack is everything she needs and more. There's a connection between the two of them that transcends logic and rational thought. It's like they were made for each other. Nothing can keep them apart. After the honeymoon ends, Jack has the most important show of his career. The centerpiece is the scandal painting of Abby. It's Jack's defining piece, the start of a new era. But when Jack and Abby return home, something isn't right. Jack becomes distant as his deepest fears manifest before his eyes. Jack has been verbally attacked for his art in the past. It's no secret; but what Abby doesn't realize is that a hate group has also targeted him. They hold Jack personally responsible for the moral decay in society. Not only is this corruption seen in Jack's art, but also in his life and love. Seducing Abby made Jack a prime target. It isn't enough to ruin Jack's career—these activists want to end his life. Everything hinges on Abby and she'll do anything to protect the man she loves.

The bargain is simple... One: She'll have my baby. Two: I'll pay off her sister's debts. It should've been easy to follow the rules since they're right there in black and white... but it isn't. "Promise you won't fall in love with me." I've loved her since the moment I laid

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eyes on her. Convincing her to have my baby is only the beginning. Now that I have her where I want her, beside me and beneath me every night, it should be easy to claim her as mine...but it's not. The pain that comes from loving someone terrifies her, and she's adamant she won't take that leap. Proving to her I'm not like all the rest is going to be tough as hell, even more so when I discover all the insecurities she's hiding under sarcasm and meaningless sex. She made me promise not to fall in love, but she forgot to put it in the contract.

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"Blackmail. Sex. Ferro. Time is my enemy and I won't waste another second. I have a choice to make: a life with Neil or what's left of life with Bryan. I make my decision, but could lose everything when the one Ferro I never want to see interferes. I feel like my life is spiraling out of control, but this could lead to what I've been searching for all along--hope"--Page 4 of cover.

'Ulysses' is a novel by Irish writer James Joyce. It was first serialised in parts in the American journal 'The Little Review' from March 1918 to December 1920, and then published in its entirety by Sylvia Beach in February 1922, in Paris.

'Ulysses' has survived bowdlerization, legal action and bitter controversy.

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Capturing a single day in the life of Dubliner Leopold Bloom, his friends Buck Mulligan and Stephen Dedalus, his wife Molly, and a scintillating cast of supporting characters, Joyce pushes Celtic lyricism and vulgarity to splendid extremes. An undisputed modernist classic, its ceaseless verbal inventiveness and astonishingly wide-ranging allusions confirm its standing as an imperishable monument to the human condition. It takes readers into the inner realms of human consciousness using the interior monologue style that came to be called stream of consciousness. In addition to this psychological characteristic, it gives a realistic portrait of the life of ordinary people living in Dublin, Ireland, on June 16, 1904. The novel was the subject of a famous obscenity trial in 1933, but was found by a U.S. district court in New York to be a work of art. The furor over the novel made Joyce a celebrity. In the long run, the work placed him at the forefront of the modern period of the early 1900s when literary works, primarily in the first two decades, explored interior lives and subjective reality in a new idiom, attempting to probe the human psyche in order to understand the human condition. This richly-allusive novel, revolutionary in its modernistic experimentalism, was hailed as a work of genius by W.B. Yeats, T.S. Eliot and Ernest Hemingway. Scandalously frank, wittily erudite, mercurially eloquent, resourcefully comic and generously humane, 'Ulysses' offers the reader a life-

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Dear Reader, Long before I wrote my sexy paranormal romances, I wrote traditional Regency romances as Debbie Raleigh. Now I'm thrilled that one of my favorites is available once more, as fresh and delightfully surprising as ever...

Molly Conwell's life has been quite unremarkable—until she learns the startling details of her late employer Lady Woodhart's will: The sum of 30,000 pounds will be divided equally between the deceased's grandson, Viscount "Hart" Woodhart, and Molly if they wed. If one or the other fails to appear, then the present party receives the entire fortune. Molly has no intention to wed Hart, but if she inherits the money she could help her brother regain his proper place in Society. Besides, she's convinced that her prospective groom, who has always accused her of being a fortune hunter, will not present himself. As Molly embarks on a daring charade, she discovers a fierce opponent in Hart—and an even fiercer desire for this dangerously handsome man who may prove impossible to resist... I'm newly captivated by this tale of unexpected love, and believe you will be too. Alexandra Ivy

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • This instant classic explores how we can change our lives by changing our habits. **NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The Wall Street Journal** • **Financial Times In The Power of**

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BY NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR H.M. WARD Volume 2 in a new, tense, dark, and twisting fan-driven series With divorce imminent, a second honeymoon in paradise was our last ditch effort to salvage the carcass of our mutilated marriage. But everything went horribly wrong. There was no reconciliation. Just anger and blame. Then the explosion shredded my face and ended his life. After being in the wrong place at the wrong time, I ended up burying my husband. I tried to put the past behind me. I went home to New York and resumed teaching. But nothing helped. I lived with the corrosive nature of non-closure for three years, unable to let the past die. Haunted by words I should have said. Hollowed out by things I'd done. But when a new picture of Zach pops up on my Facebook feed-showcasing his beautiful sun-kissed body, standing on a dock, and surrounded by turquoise water-I cannot fathom it. He's alive? Or, someone wants me to believe that. Seeking to put my demons to rest, I head toward the place where my life blew apart, wondering if I'll find Zach's ghost or something more nefarious. Genre: Dark Romantic Suspense approx 100 pgs ea This is a fan-driven series. Want more? Read it and ask for the next volume. THE FERRO FAMILY The Arrangement (Sean & Avery) Damaged (Peter & Sidney) Stripped (Jon & Cassie) The Proposition (Bryan & Hallie) Easy (Jocelyn Ferro) Broken Promises (Trystan & Mari) The Wedding Contract (Nick &

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~NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER~ When Avery learns Sean's dark secret, everything changes. His confession blindsides her. Sean has a shady past, she knew that from the beginning, but this is so much worse than she thought. There's a dangerous side to Sean. It's alluring and frightening at the same time. Avery has to decide if love can overcome anything or if she should protect her heart.

The classic manifesto of the liberated woman, this book explores every facet of a woman's life.

In so doing, Machor takes us ever closer to understanding the particular and varying

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reading strategies of historical audiences and how they impacted authors' conceptions of their own readership.

BY NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR H.M. WARD BOOK #1 IN THE BESTSELLING DEMON KISSED SERIES "I have not been this enraptured by a novel since I read Karen Marie Moning's Fever Series. It's that good." - KrisSeventeenth birthdays aren't supposed to suck, but mine does. Literally. Before I know what's happened a guy knocks me to the ground and tries to suck out my soul. With a kiss. That's all it takes with his kind. This next part is embarrassing--I thought this guy was my boyfriend. Screw that, I thought he was human, but those creepy, blood red eyes suggest I was mistaken. This is it, the end of my sucktacularly short life--killed by a creature that's half vampire, half demon, and smokin' hot. Killed by a kiss. It sounds poetic until it happens to you. The world fades to black, but just as I accept my fate, someone saves me. At least I think he saved me, because I'm still alive. It isn't until much later that I learn what really happened and exactly what it cost me. 496 Pages, 3rd Edition. Young Adult Paranormal Romance. BESTSELLING DEMON KISSED SERIES ORDER: 1. Demon Kissed 2. Cursed 3. Torn 4. Satan's Stone 5. The 13th Prophecy ADDITIONAL DEMON KISSED BOOKS: VALEFAR VOLUMES (Demon Kissed Novellas) 1. Valefar Vol. 1 2. Valefar Vol. 2

"Fascinating. Doidge's book is a remarkable and hopeful portrait of the endless adaptability of the human brain."—Oliver Sacks, MD, author of *The Man Who Mistook*

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His Wife for a Hat What is neuroplasticity? Is it possible to change your brain? Norman Doidge's inspiring guide to the new brain science explains all of this and more An astonishing new science called neuroplasticity is overthrowing the centuries-old notion that the human brain is immutable, and proving that it is, in fact, possible to change your brain. Psychoanalyst, Norman Doidge, M.D., traveled the country to meet both the brilliant scientists championing neuroplasticity, its healing powers, and the people whose lives they've transformed—people whose mental limitations, brain damage or brain trauma were seen as unalterable. We see a woman born with half a brain that rewired itself to work as a whole, blind people who learn to see, learning disorders cured, IQs raised, aging brains rejuvenated, stroke patients learning to speak, children with cerebral palsy learning to move with more grace, depression and anxiety disorders successfully treated, and lifelong character traits changed. Using these marvelous stories to probe mysteries of the body, emotion, love, sex, culture, and education, Dr. Doidge has written an immensely moving, inspiring book that will permanently alter the way we look at our brains, human nature, and human potential.

The Highland Air Was Heavy With Revenge And Mairi MacInnes wanted to breathe deeply of it. Until an arranged marriage with Robert MacBain, an enigmatic lowland lord, whisked her away to a life of adventure, passion—and unspoken love. Generous of spirit. Mighty in battle. Indeed, though he lived in a world of silence, Robert MacBain had gifts any would envy. Yet the Baron of Baincroft lacked true love in his life—until he

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met and championed Mairi MacInnes, his tempestuous chosen bride. But would she ever hear and heed the loving whispers of his heart?

A Stand Alone Ferro Novel by New York Times Bestselling Author H.M. Ward After I get the witch at the front desk to hand me my room key, I head for the shower. I was supposed to shoot my best friend's wedding alone, and I couldn't wait to escape New York and Nick Ferro. Yeah, he's beautiful, sexy, and completely charming, but he's stealing my clients. He's done so much damage that I'm going to be lucky if I can keep my studio open for a couple of weeks. This wedding means everything to me, and I refuse to let a spoiled brat with a shiny new MBA put me out of business. Screw that. But then I find myself wearing nothing but a smile when the person I hate most walks through the hotel room door. Nick Ferro. Two adversaries, shooting one wedding and sharing one room for one week. What could possibly go wrong?

Described by Virginia Woolf herself as 'easily the best of my books', and by her husband Leonard as a 'masterpiece', *To the Lighthouse*, first published in 1927, is one of the milestones of Modernism. Set on the Isle of Skye, over a decade spanning the First World War, the narrative centres on the Ramsay family, and is framed by Mrs Ramsay's promise to take a trip to the lighthouse the next day – a promise which isn't to be fulfilled for a decade. Flowing from character to character and from year to year, the novel paints a moving portrait of love, loss and perception. Bearing all the hallmarks of Woolf's prose, with her delicate handling of the complexities of human relationships,

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To the Lighthouse has earned its reputation – frequently appearing in lists of the best novels of the twentieth century, it has lost not an iota of brilliance.

****Standalone novel**** Mirror, mirror ... who's the fairest of them all? I still cringe when I hear that line. A fairy tale that had girls pretending they were the fairest, the most beautiful, and the most entitled. A fairy tale most couldn't grow out of turned my haunted childhood memories into a living nightmare. Girls who grew up believing that pile of garbage became the meanest of all 'mean girls.' And those mean girls were right - it was a line meant for all the beautiful people in the world - and I knew the answer would never be me. The women with long legs, flat stomachs, and perfect chests. The type of women Kane Masters gravitated toward. Well, that's definitely not Willow Tate. No. That will never be me. Because I'm completely imperfect. And ... I hate myself. I have no idea what Kane could possibly see in someone like me when he could have them.

THE SERIES WITH OVER 12 MILLION COPIES SOLD Volume 1 in the new series by New York Times Bestselling Author H.M. Ward After the death of her twin, Joselyn Ferro decides to make radical changes to her life. She's done with loser boyfriends who only her for her body and the billions she'll inherit. It's time to start over. The only problem is her family. She's a Ferro, the only woman of her generation in a family filled with strong, alpha men. They spell it out for her:

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NO career and NO getting caught with anything between her legs--whether it's a cello or a lover. Determined to begin again, Joselyn grabs a fake name and a new look, packs up her musical talent, and heads straight to the New York Symphony. A bit of luck combined with a fluke lands her a coveted seat in the cello section. Her best friend hooks her up with an easy date, the perfect type of man candy to celebrate her newfound freedom. But when things get hot and heavy, Joselyn realizes she went home with the wrong guy. She bolts spewing lame excuses, terrified he'll blab to the press. The next day, as Joselyn takes last chair in a section full of men. When she glances up to meet her new conductor she sees the man from the night before. If he recognizes her and figures out who she really is, her new life is over before it has a chance to begin. Genre: New Adult Romance, approx 125 pgs ea ~Vol 1 of 5~

Alphabetically arranged and followed by an index of terms at the end, this handy reference of literary terms is bound to be of invaluable assistance to any student of English literature.

"There's no doubt in my mind that Bryan Ferro is serious-- if I don't sleep with him, he'll destroy me. Everything I've earned will be blown away like dust, and my life will no longer be my own. His demand for just one night rolls into days. He doesn't want me for a one-time fling, it's more than that. But as I stand there,

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ready to tell him off, I hear it. The familiar sound, the hesitation, the slight hitch in his voice, and that's what forces me to my knees. It's not Neil, Maggie, or even the money-- it's Bryan"--Page 4 of cover.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • “The story of modern medicine and bioethics—and, indeed, race relations—is refracted beautifully, and movingly.”—Entertainment Weekly NOW A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE FROM HBO® STARRING OPRAH WINFREY AND ROSE BYRNE • ONE OF THE “MOST INFLUENTIAL” (CNN), “DEFINING” (LITHUB), AND “BEST” (THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER) BOOKS OF THE DECADE • ONE OF ESSENCE’S 50 MOST IMPACTFUL BLACK BOOKS OF THE PAST 50 YEARS • WINNER OF THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE HEARTLAND PRIZE FOR NONFICTION NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The New York Times Book Review • Entertainment Weekly • O: The Oprah Magazine • NPR • Financial Times • New York • Independent (U.K.) • Times (U.K.) • Publishers Weekly • Library Journal • Kirkus Reviews • Booklist • Globe and Mail Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor Southern tobacco farmer who worked the same land as her slave ancestors, yet her cells—taken without her knowledge—became one of the most important tools in medicine: The first “immortal” human cells grown in culture, which are still alive

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today, though she has been dead for more than sixty years. HeLa cells were vital for developing the polio vaccine; uncovered secrets of cancer, viruses, and the atom bomb's effects; helped lead to important advances like in vitro fertilization, cloning, and gene mapping; and have been bought and sold by the billions. Yet Henrietta Lacks remains virtually unknown, buried in an unmarked grave. Henrietta's family did not learn of her "immortality" until more than twenty years after her death, when scientists investigating HeLa began using her husband and children in research without informed consent. And though the cells had launched a multimillion-dollar industry that sells human biological materials, her family never saw any of the profits. As Rebecca Skloot so brilliantly shows, the story of the Lacks family—past and present—is inextricably connected to the dark history of experimentation on African Americans, the birth of bioethics, and the legal battles over whether we control the stuff we are made of. Over the decade it took to uncover this story, Rebecca became enmeshed in the lives of the Lacks family—especially Henrietta's daughter Deborah. Deborah was consumed with questions: Had scientists cloned her mother? Had they killed her to harvest her cells? And if her mother was so important to medicine, why couldn't her children afford health insurance? Intimate in feeling, astonishing in scope, and impossible to put down, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* captures the beauty and drama

of scientific discovery, as well as its human consequences. Voluntary sustainability standards (VSS) and other private governance instruments (e.g., Fair Trade, Forest Stewardship Council, Fair Wear Foundation, GLOBALGAP) are increasingly regulating global production processes and economic activities. VSS verify the compliance of products or production processes with sustainability standards. The importance of voluntary sustainability standards is now widely recognized. After being operational for more than two decades, they have established themselves as private governance instruments. This recognition is also exemplified by their integration in public regulatory approaches. Governments and international organizations are partnering with voluntary sustainability standards to pursue sustainable development policies. We witness the integration of VSS in the regulatory approaches of local and national governments in countries around the world, the integration of VSS in trade policies, the emergence of public–private initiatives to govern global supply chains, and the inclusion of private initiatives in experimentalist governance regimes. This Special Issue seeks to bring together research on the interface between private and public governance. We welcome contributions which analyze specific case studies on the emergence and development of these private–public interactions, the design of public–private

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governance, the effectiveness of these governance arrangements, and critical perspectives on the possibilities and limitations of such public-private forms of governance. We welcome multi-disciplinary perspectives including contributions from economics, political science, law, sociology, geography, and anthropology. Papers selected for this Special Issue are subject to a peer review procedure with the aim of rapid and wide dissemination of research results, developments, and applications.

THE SERIES WITH OVER 10 MILLION COPIES SOLD "Volume 19 in the New York Times Bestselling Arrangement Serials" Some things come easy in life, but this is the hardest situation I could have imagined. The man I love, the broken billionaire Sean Ferro, has finally dropped his guard and opened his heart. He's let me in. He's shared his life and his love. Then the unimaginable happens. One event cascades into another until I'm standing at the shore with blood on my hands, betraying the man I swore to love forever. "Genre: New Adult Romance This story unfolds over multiple volumes approx. 125 pages each. The Arrangement Vol 1-20 are on sale now. "

The conclusion to H.M. Ward's Bestselling Novel Stripped.

He was a man exiled from society - handsome, unpredictable, and proud. Dark rumours surrounded his name. But Anne Burnett had signed a marriage contract

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binding her to Aiden Black, the Earl of Tiebauld. And although she'd never met him, she's determined to keep her word and make theirs a marriage in truth. Because a well-bred lady with little fortune to recommend her has no choice. From the moment she arrived, Anne fell in love with Kelwin Castle and its roguishly handsome laird. By day, he instils a fierce loyalty in his people with his masterful ways...and by night, he tempts Anne to surrender her innocence to him. But while he is willing to offer his body, Aiden refuses to give Anne his heart...making her wonder what prevents him from truly claiming her as his wife. Category: Romantic Mystery/Romantic Suspense. This is not erotica or romantica. This is a romance centered around a murder mystery. Heat Factor: 3 out of 5 -- The sexual tension is high, and the burn is slow. Sex is character-driven, rather than plot-driven. ===== Love, betrayal and murder in a small town... Twelve years after her mother's murder, Shannon Bradford fears she may have helped convict an innocent man. Even worse, her prominent family may have had something to do with it. Desperate for answers, she seeks help from the one person least likely to give it. Her best friend and childhood crush, Trace Dawson. The man she sent to prison. Serving hard time for murder has left Trace angry and bitter. As far as he's concerned, digging into the past won't replace the years he's lost or erase the hell he's lived. Now that

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he's free, Shannon Bradford tops his list of bad memories. But he never counted on falling in love. Excerpt:"Memories flooded my mind, of the quiet riot he was, of the secret crush I'd had on him, and the extraordinary friendship we'd shared so many years ago. As fast as those images came, others replaced them. I was thrust back to the crime scene, back to Mother's corpse and the shirtless eighteen-year-old roaring obscenities while Sheriff Gray and a deputy dragged him away in handcuffs."---

Notes: Within Temptation is the first in a trilogy of standalone romance novels in the 'Sons of Temptation' series. WARNING: Contains strong language, sexual situations, violence, drinking, and drug use.

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