

Wrangling His Virgin

No mercy. No pity. No women. Bain has always worked solo, refusing to allow anyone to lord over him. His life has been fucked up enough, and he's learned trust comes with a price. When he finally accepts an invitation to work for Killer of Kings, he regrets the decision after his first contract. It was supposed to be simple, now there's a curvy little temptation tied up in his basement. Scarlett struggles to move up in a career where appearances are everything. When she lands a risky interview with a known crime boss, she hopes it will be her big break as a reporter. Instead, she's caught up in the middle of an assassination and taken hostage by the hitman. She wants to hate the tattooed devil, but finds herself intrigued by his story. Is it the reporter in her wanting to know more...or the woman falling for a broken man?

A fictional portrait of the early years of the reign of Elizabeth I follows the young queen as she copes with intrigues aimed at placing Mary, Queen of Scots, on the British throne, and her passion for the traitorous Robert Dudley.

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Welcome to Dulcet, Texas, home of the legendary Briscoe Ranch Resort, where one woman will discover that even love is bigger in the Lone Star State. Celebrity wedding planner Remedy Lane is Hollywood royalty—until a scandal sends her packing to the wilds of Texas. She has a knack for leaving disaster in her wake, but she's determined to reboot her career at Briscoe Ranch, a luxury resort known for extravagant weddings. Little does she know that weddings don't happen at the resort without the approval of the town's cowboy-swaggering, too-hot-for-his-own-good fire chief, Micah Garrity. ONE HOT SUMMER Micah knows trouble when he sees it, and all it takes is one glimpse of Remedy's princess airs for him to know he's met his match. Too bad he can't stop thinking about her—even when she brings about one disaster after another at the resort. He and Remedy clash at every turn, but they can't stop the sparks flying between them. They come from such different worlds—does love stand a chance or will this fire burn too hot for either of them to handle? Don't miss the first book in Melissa Cutler's One and Only Texas series!

The world that was once known is gone. In its place is a society where the rich rule, and the female population is auctioned off to the highest bidder. Claire Xavier saved me, purchasing me off the auction block and making me feel human again. Although I knew he wanted me, could see it in the way he watched me, he never touched me. But I wanted him to. I wanted to feel what it would be like to have his big body over mine, his strong hands running over my bare flesh. I shouldn't want a man like him: rich, dangerous ... one of the elite. But I did. Maybe it was time to break free from my shell and give myself something I deserved ... him. Xavier I had money and power, and I used those to my advantage, to purchase women from the auction under the guise that they were for me. But they weren't. I purchased them to set them free. I'd been doing it for years without romantic attachment to any of them ... until Claire came into my life. And once I saw her, I knew she'd be the one I couldn't let go. She'd be my downfall, but I was more than ready to fall to my knees and worship the ground she walked on. Warning: Set in the same world as Mine To Keep, but a total standalone, this story is a safe read with a happily ever after. It might be short, but it promises to make you blush

and reach for a fan. There is no OW/OM drama, just one alpha hero who knows what he wants ... the heroine.

A woman untouched... Awakened by her king! Kassie's scandalous family has left her craving a life in the shadows, not the spotlight. Then King Giorgos Nicolaides kidnaps her, demanding information about his missing sister! She knows nothing—but their potent attraction unlocks a desire Kassie never thought possible. A deal is struck—she will help protect his sister's reputation, and Giorgos will introduce Kassie to the decadent pleasure only he can arouse in her... A sensual romance of innocence awakened...

This book traces the story of the world's greatest treatise on painting - Leonardo Da Vinci's "Treatise of Painting". It combines an extensive body of literature about the Treatise with original research to offer a unique perspective on: • Its origins, and history of how it survived the dispersal of manuscripts; • Its contents, their significance and how Leonardo developed his Renaissance Theory of Art; • The development of both the abridged and complete printed editions; • How the printed editions have influenced treatises and art history throughout Europe, the Eastern Mediterranean, and America from the Seventeenth to the Twentieth Centuries.

The Ego and Its Own is an 1844 work by Max Stirner. It presents a radically nominalist and individualist critique of, on the one hand, Christianity, nationalism and traditional morality, and on the other, humanism, utilitarianism, liberalism and much of the then-burgeoning socialist movement, advocating instead an amoral (although importantly not inherently immoral or antisocial) egoism. Ego emphasizes oneness as self-description, past fixed conceptions of the Self and Other, through the recognition of power relations and self-discovery of mind. Johann Kaspar Schmidt (1806-1856), also known as Max Stirner, was a German philosopher who is often considered as one of the pioneers in anarchism, nihilism, existentialism, and postmodernism, and one of the many people who Karl Marx wrote an entire book on just to publicly criticize denounce.

The Broadview Canterbury Tales is an edition of the complete tales in a text based on the famous Ellesmere Manuscript. Here one may read a Middle English text that is closer to what Chaucer's scribe, Adam Pinkhurst, actually wrote than that in any other modern edition. Unlike most editions, which draw on a number of manuscripts to recapture Chaucer's original intention, this edition preserves the text as it was found in one influential manuscript. A sampling of facsimile pages from the original manuscript is also included, along with a selection of other works that give the reader a rich sense of the cultural, political, and literary worlds in which Chaucer lived. The second edition includes a new Middle English glossary, a timeline of Chaucer's life and times, and detailed page headers showing the fragment and line numbers to assist readers in finding a specific section of the poem.

The Big Thicket of East Texas, which at one time covered over two million acres, served as a barrier to civilizations throughout most of historic times. This text is a classic account of the region's history and a play-by-play narrative of the prolonged fight for the Big Thicket Preserve.

A new edition of a striking 19th-century German polemic against left Hegelianism and socialism.

Nothing would stop him from claiming her. Rowan She's been my best friend for more years than I can count. But my friendly affection for her has turned into something so much more. I am in love with Marie but too afraid to tell her. No other woman compares to her. She's smart and hardworking, sweet and sexy, innocent yet made for temptation. And it's because of that, because I want her so damn much, that I've stayed celibate, hoping one day Marie will be mine. But it's

the threat someone making her another notch in his bedpost that drives me into action. I should have made Marie mine long ago, but there's no time like the present. It's time I show her that nothing will stop me from claiming her. Warning: Hang onto those cowboy hats because you're in for a sweet, dirty safe read! This celibate hero only has eyes for one woman, and he intends to make her his in every way! Cover design by: RBA Designs/Letitia Hasser

Lila I ran from him, from my feelings ... from my hometown, all because I was too afraid of how I felt. I was gone for years, trying to stay away because I thought that was the best. I was wrong. But I'm back now, and my feelings for Logan haven't changed, haven't dimmed. I love him, have always loved him. And it's time I face reality and tell him how I felt all those years ago. It's time I finally be truthful and hope that I don't cross lines and ruin the most important relationship I have. Because not having Logan in my life is not an option. Logan From the second I saw her, I knew she was my girl. But I was a fool and let her slip away. She was gone without a trace for years, but now she's back. That face, the kindness in her eyes, those curves, that fire between us still raging hotter than summer in the desert. I'm surer than ever. Lila is still perfect for me. I doubt she'll give me another chance this time around, but I don't care. I won't give her up. Not without answers. Not without a fight. Warning: Jenika and Bella teamed up to bring you this short and filthy romance. Get your cowboy hat on, kick up your boots, and grab a cold glass of water. You're in for one hell of a ride.

I caught her trespassing on my property. That makes her mine. Jackson The world tilted a little on its axis the second that innocent little country girl appeared from the other side of the privacy glass on my penthouse terrace. Everything changed. Her timing couldn't be any worse, but the second she climbs onto my balcony, I have to have her. Her name is Dahlia. My doll. Now, she's my property. She doesn't know it yet, but Dahlia is about to be owned. Dahlia The bossy billionaire wants to make me pay. The first time I laid eyes on Jackson Knight, the bossy billionaire next door, he gave me an intense, panty-dropping stare with those mesmerizing, sky-blue, brooding eyes. The second time, I trespassed onto his penthouse balcony to retrieve a wayward, high-strung Shih Tzu I was pet-sitting for his neighbor. Jackson warned me never to do that again, or next time he'd punish me and make me pay. Well, dogs will be dogs. It happened again. And I found out he wasn't lying about punishing me. Now I'm naked and tied to Jackson's bed. Any minute now, I'll have to tell him that I'm a virgin. *Author's Note: The Billionaire and the Virgin is a Standalone Romance Novella with a guaranteed HEA ending and no Cliffhanger. Books in the Seduction and Sin Series can be read in any order.

Bridget is in trouble, and knew the only person that can help her is Beast, a hardened biker she's grown up with. He isn't just a man, but a rough around the edges, dangerous and raw alpha that acts first and asks questions later. He is also patched in with the Soldiers of Wrath: Grit Chapter, a motorcycle club that does what it has to do to stay on top. But in order for Beast to help her she's going to have to give something to him in return ... her body. He frightens her, but also

arouses her, and she knows being his means more than just surrendering herself. Can Bridget let go and submit to the biker, or is being Beast's in all ways going to end up breaking her?

In life Jerome's authority was frequently questioned, yet following his death he was venerated as a saint. Andrew Cain systematically examines Jerome's idealized self-presentation across the extant epistolary corpus, exploring how and why Jerome used letter writing as a means to bid for status as an expert on the Bible and ascetic spirituality.

Now that people are aware that data can make the difference in an election or a business model, data science as an occupation is gaining ground. But how can you get started working in a wide-ranging, interdisciplinary field that's so clouded in hype? This insightful book, based on Columbia University's Introduction to Data Science class, tells you what you need to know. In many of these chapter-long lectures, data scientists from companies such as Google, Microsoft, and eBay share new algorithms, methods, and models by presenting case studies and the code they use. If you're familiar with linear algebra, probability, and statistics, and have programming experience, this book is an ideal introduction to data science. Topics include: Statistical inference, exploratory data analysis, and the data science process Algorithms Spam filters, Naive Bayes, and data wrangling Logistic regression Financial modeling Recommendation engines and causality Data visualization Social networks and data journalism Data engineering, MapReduce, Pregel, and Hadoop Doing Data Science is collaboration between course instructor Rachel Schutt, Senior VP of Data Science at News Corp, and data science consultant Cathy O'Neil, a senior data scientist at Johnson Research Labs, who attended and blogged about the course.

In 1948 Cleveland was America's sixth largest city; by 1969 it was the twelfth. For Easterners, Cleveland is where the Midwest begins; for Westerners, it is where the East begins. In the summer of 1948, fourteen-year-old David Zielinsky can look forward to a job at the docks. Anne O'Connor, at twelve, is the apple of her political boss father's eye. David and Anne will meet-and fall in love-four years later, and for the next twenty years this pair will be reluctant star-crossed lovers in a troubled and turbulent country. A natural-born storyteller, Mark Winegardner spins an epic tale of those twenty years, artfully weaving such real-life Clevelanders as Eliot Ness, Alan Freed, and Carl Stokes into the tapestry. His narrative gifts may bring the fiction of E. L. Doctorow to some readers' minds, but Winegardner is very much his own man, and his observations of Cleveland are laced with a loving skepticism. His masterful saga of this conflicted city is a novel that speaks a memorable truth.

Statistical Inference via Data Science: A ModernDive into R and the Tidyverse provides a pathway for learning about statistical inference using data science tools widely used in industry, academia, and government. It introduces the tidyverse suite of R packages, including the ggplot2 package for data visualization, and the dplyr package for data

wrangling. After equipping readers with just enough of these data science tools to perform effective exploratory data analyses, the book covers traditional introductory statistics topics like confidence intervals, hypothesis testing, and multiple regression modeling, while focusing on visualization throughout. Features: ? Assumes minimal prerequisites, notably, no prior calculus nor coding experience ? Motivates theory using real-world data, including all domestic flights leaving New York City in 2013, the Gapminder project, and the data journalism website, FiveThirtyEight.com ? Centers on simulation-based approaches to statistical inference rather than mathematical formulas ? Uses the infer package for "tidy" and transparent statistical inference to construct confidence intervals and conduct hypothesis tests via the bootstrap and permutation methods ? Provides all code and output embedded directly in the text; also available in the online version at modernrive.com This book is intended for individuals who would like to simultaneously start developing their data science toolbox and start learning about the inferential and modeling tools used in much of modern-day research. The book can be used in methods and data science courses and first courses in statistics, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

She's the only one he'll ever want. He is the first boy she fell in love with. Quinn I met Isabel when I was ten. I fell in love with her before I even knew what that meant. I knew from the moment I saw her she was it for me. No one else compared to her, and I'd do anything to make her mine. But I was afraid of losing the friendship we have, so I've kept my mouth shut. But she's leaving me, and I know I can't keep how I feel inside any longer. Saving myself for the girl I love isn't a hardship, but it's something I'm proud of. When it comes to Isabel, giving her my virginity, and making her see we belong together, is all that matters. Isabel Quinn is like the other half of my soul, the one person I can talk to about anything. He has the bad boy thing going on but is also respectful as much as he is a rebel. He is the first and only boy I will ever love. Being forced to move across the country, and leave him behind, is like leaving a piece of myself in the process. But telling Quinn I am madly in love with him could put a strain on our friendship. I don't know if that's something I could handle or risk. Quinn Nothing can keep me from Isabel. She is it for me, and I mean that in every conceivable way. Nothing can keep me from her. I hope she's ready because there isn't anything or anyone that will stop me from having her as mine. Warning: This story is short, dirty story filled with a possessive virgin hero who wants his heroine to be his one and only. It's drama free, and has insta-everything going on, so be prepared to have an overload of sugary virgin goodness.

Perfect for fans of Philippa Gregory and Alison Weir, *The Virgin's Daughter* is the first book in a captivating new saga about the next generation of Tudor royals, which poses the thrilling question: What if Elizabeth I, the celebrated Virgin Queen, gave birth to a legitimate heir? Since the death of her brother, William, Elizabeth I has ruled England. She's made the necessary alliances,

married Philip of Spain, and produced a successor: her only daughter, Anne Isabella, Princess of Wales. Elizabeth knows that her beloved Anabel will be a political pawn across Europe unless she can convince Philip to grant her a divorce, freeing him to remarry and give Spain its own heir. But the enemies of England have even greater plans for the princess, a plot that will put Anabel's very life and the security of the nation in peril. Only those closest to Elizabeth—her longtime confidante Minuette, her advisor and friend Dominic, and the couple's grown children—can be trusted to carry forth a most delicate and dangerous mission. Yet, all of the queen's maneuverings may ultimately prove her undoing. Praise for *The Virgin's Daughter* "Thrilling . . . [Laura Andersen's] characters are well imagined and consistent, especially the Tudor siblings. . . . [The Virgin's Daughter] balances action and plot with emotion and character development. . . . One of the best things about alternative history is that you don't know what will happen next, and Andersen takes full advantage of that fact."—The Roanoke Times "The plot includes many threads, yet they are weaved together flawlessly. Andersen brilliantly blends the history and historical characters we know into her wondrous new world."—RT Book Reviews

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Her awakening: San Francisco heiress Romi Grayson has only had a taste of Maxwell Black's addictive brand of seduction and knows she should stay away...especially having discovered just how determined he is to possess her! His proposal: Max prides himself on always being in control, yet somehow Romi sneaked under his cast-iron defenses, then walked away. Now he is driven to finish what they started.... The ultimate prize! This Russian tycoon will stop at nothing, even blackmail, to have Romi warm and willing in his bed. And her innocence will make his long-awaited possession all the sweeter....

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