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Oaths

McCall Richter finds criminals, con men, and deadbeats better than anyone else in the empire. She's proud of her success and that she owns her own spaceship, especially since she struggles to understand human motivations, can't tell when people are lying to her, and is horrible at recognizing faces. Being autistic in the empire is frowned upon—and there's a handy normalization surgery to correct it—but she's managed to prove her worth and avoid irking the tyrannical regime. Except for one thing. Two years ago, she liberated the android, Scipio, from an imperial research facility where he was treated worse than a slave. He's become her business partner and best friend, but if the empire finds out she has him, a "normalization" surgery will be the least of her worries. When her ship is confiscated by a cyborg law enforcer needing to transport prisoners, McCall knows she and Scipio are in trouble. Worse, the enforcer's pilot is a former bounty hunter and business competitor she beat to the prize many times in the past. Soon, he's snooping all over her ship and questioning her about her past. And there's something strange about him. He knows far more about what she's thinking than any human should. It'll only be a matter of time before he discovers her secret. And then what?

The Power of Babel

The greatest military leader of his time. The most talented code breaker her people have. Sworn enemies. When deadly secrets from the ancient past are unearthed, secrets capable of fracturing the world and destroying all life on the planet, these two enemies will have to work together. They are humanity's only hope. The Forgotten Ages series is recommended for fans of epic fantasy, action-adventure, mystery, and romance. This bundle includes: Encrypted (novel) Enigma (short story) Decrypted (novel) Bonus extras with the author

Dragon Storm

With new powers and new women, Alex Burke will fight his way across Ratonya. The Covenant has sent gifted killers against him, but he will not be stopped. With an elf, a giant, and a demon, he'll prove that killing him is going to be harder than his enemies ever imagined. As his power grows, Alex will find the gods themselves are involved in his future-- and his past.

Shatter Me

In her debut essay collection, New Zealand native Toni Nealie examines journeys, homelands, family, and motherhood. She details humiliating confrontations with airport security, muses on the color brown, and intimately investigates her grandfather's complicated and criminal past, all while hearkening home—wherever and whatever that is. Toni Nealie is a writer, journalist, and teacher. Her work has appeared in *Guernica*, *the Offing*, *the Rumpus*, and *the Prague Review*. She worked in magazines, politics and public relations in the United Kingdom and her native New Zealand before moving to the United States—two weeks before 9/11.

Dragon Bond

Linguists estimate that there are currently nearly 2,000 languages in Africa, a staggering figure that is belied by the relatively few national languages. While African national politics, economics, and law are all conducted primarily in the colonial languages, the cultural life of the majority of citizens is conducted in a bewildering Babel of local and regional dialects, making language itself the center of debates over multiculturalism, gender studies, and social theory. In *The Power of Babel*, the noted Africanist scholar Ali Mazrui and linguist Alamin Mazrui explore this vast territory of African language. *The Power of Babel* is one of the first comprehensive studies of the complex linguistic constellations of Africa. It draws on Ali Mazrui's earlier work in its examination of the "triple heritage" of African culture, in which indigenous, Islamic, and Western traditions compete for influence. In bringing the idea of the triple heritage to language, the Mazruis unravel issues of power, culture, and modernity as they are embedded in African linguistic life. The first section of the book takes a global perspective, exploring such issues as the Eurocentrism of much linguistic scholarship on Africa; part two takes an African perspective on a variety of issues from the linguistically disadvantaged position of women in Africa to the relation of language policy and democratic development; the third section presents a set of regional studies, centering on the Swahili language's exemplification of the triple heritage. *The Power of Babel* unites empirical information with theories of nationalism and pluralism—among others—to offer the richest contextual account of African languages to date.

Fractured Stars

A sweeping debut spanning from China to Hawaii that follows four generations of a wealthy shipping family whose rise and

decline is riddled with secrets and tragic love—from a young, powerful new voice in fiction. At the turn of the nineteenth century, Frank Leong, a fabulously wealthy shipping industrialist, moves his family from China to the island of Oahu. But something ancient follows the Leongs to Hawaii, haunting them. The parable of the red string of fate, the cord that binds one intended beloved to her perfect match, also punishes for mistakes in love, passing a destructive knot down the family line. When Frank Leong is murdered, his family is thrown into a perilous downward spiral. Left to rebuild in their patriarch's shadow, the surviving members of the Leong family try their hand at a new, ordinary life, vowing to bury their gilded past. Still, the island continues to whisper—fragmented pieces of truth and chatter, until a letter arrives two decades later, carrying a confession that shatters the family even further. Now the Leongs' survival rests with young Theresa, Frank Leong's only grandchild, eighteen and pregnant, the heir apparent to her ancestors' punishing knots. Told through the eyes of the Leong's secret-keeping daughters and wives and spanning The Boxer Rebellion to Pearl Harbor to 1960s Hawaii, *Diamond Head* is a breathtakingly powerful tale of tragic love, shocking lies, poignant compromise, aching loss, heroic acts of sacrifice and, miraculous hope.

Members Only

Lisa Genova meets 23andMe in this exploration of the genetic and emotional ties that bind, as debut author Julie Clark delivers a compelling read about a young boy desperate to find his place in this world, a mother coming to terms with her own past, and the healing power of forgiveness. The powerful forces of science and family collide when geneticist Paige Robson finds her world in upheaval: Her eight-year-old son Miles is struggling to fit in at his new school and begins asking questions about his biological father that Paige can't answer—until fate thrusts the anonymous donor she used into their lives. Paige's carefully constructed life begins to unravel as the truth of Miles's paternity threatens to destroy everything she has grown to cherish. As Paige slowly opens herself up—by befriending an eccentric mother, confronting her own deeply buried vulnerabilities, and trying to make sense of her absent father's unexpected return—she realizes breakthroughs aren't only for the lab. But when tragedy strikes, Paige must face the consequences of sharing a secret only she knows. With grace and humor, Julie Clark shows that while the science is fascinating, solving these intimate mysteries of who we are and where we come from unleashes emotions more complex than the strands of DNA that shape us.

The Ones We Choose

Hyam is a likeable lad who will make a fine farmer someday. But he carries a burden few can fathom. As his mother slips toward death, she implores him to return to Long Hall, where he spent five years as an apprentice. It was there that Hyam's extraordinary capacity for mastering languages came to light--and soon cast him into the shadows of suspicion. How could any human learn the forbidden tongues with such ease? When Hyam dares to seek out the Mistress of the Sorceries, her

revelation tears his world asunder. He has no choice but to set out on the foreboding path--which beckons him to either his destiny or his doom. An encounter with an enchanting stranger reminds him that he is part hero and part captive. As Hyam struggles to interpret the omens and symbols, he is swept up by a great current of possibilities--and dangers. With lyrical prose that unveils a richly imaginative world, Thomas Locke takes readers on a journey into the Realm. There he invites them to awaken their sense of wonder. This cracking adventure moves like a contemporary thriller but harkens back to the enduring genre of classic fantasy.

Mirage

The Fate's Forsaken series is an epic fantasy quartet. The series has received over 2,400 five-star reviews across Amazon, Audible, and Goodreads, as well as two nominations in the 2015 SOVAS Awards. In March of 2015, the Fate's Forsaken prequel novella, Poison, hit the USA Today best-sellers list as a part of the epic fantasy bundle, Fierce.

Torn

General Ridgewalker Zirkander is getting married. Sardelle—the woman who's battled dragons, shamans, and countless enemy soldiers at his side—has accepted his proposal, and it's the perfect time for a wedding. It's been two months since any dragons or sorceresses attacked the city, the Cofah haven't come after their kidnapped emperor, and King Angulus has stopped yelling at Ridge for his inadvertent role in destroying the castle. Yes, it's the perfect time for a wedding. Never mind that the resident dragon who thinks he's a god is pressuring Ridge to build a temple for him, or that the pirate-turned-scientist Tolemek has disappeared. Or that Ridge's mother is on the verge of discovering that magic exists and her future daughter-in-law is a sorceress. These are small hiccups, and the wedding will go smoothly. Ridge is sure of it. Really.

Harbinger

Any reader of Jilly Cooper or Elizabeth Jane Howard will devour A PERFECT HERITAGE by Penny Vincenzi - 'Deliciously readable' Mail on Sunday The House of Farrell - home of The Cream, an iconic face product that has seen women flocking to its bijoux flagship store in the Berkeley Arcade since 1953. The legendary Athina Farrell remains the company's figurehead while Florence Hamilton plies their cosmetics with the utmost discretion. She is sales advisor - and holder of secrets - extraordinaire. But of course the world of cosmetics is changing and the once glorious House of Farrell is now in decline, its customers tempted away by more fashionable brands. Enter Bianca Bailey, formidable business woman, mother of three, and someone who always gets her way

King's Gate 2

From the New York Times bestselling “master of erotic romance”* and author of Unraveled, Bound and Unwound comes the all-new novella in the Mastered series. When Amery Hardwick first met martial arts master Ronin Black, she wasn't ready for the primal urges his sensual rope artistry released in her. As it turned out Amery and Ronin were made for each other. But when they head to Japan for a delayed honeymoon and Ronin's annual training with his sensei, Amery struggles to adapt to the foreign customs as well as running her burgeoning business from afar. But culture shock is the least of her worries when faced with the changes in Ronin—it feels as if she's married a stranger. Caught between his sensei's demands and pleasing his wife, Ronin is at war with himself over choosing advancement in his jujitsu training, or staying at home with the woman who owns his heart and soul. As the limits of their relationship are tested once again, Ronin and Amery discover that they both have a lot to learn about each other....and what it takes to build a love that'll pass all life's little tests. Includes a preview of the new Mastered series novel, Unraveled. Praise for Lorelei James “A must read for anyone craving more kink in their romance.”—*Tara Sue Me, New York Times bestselling author “No one writes contemporary erotic romance better than Lorelei James.”—# 1 New York Times Bestselling Author Maya Banks “Sweet, seductive, and romantic.”—New York Times bestselling author Jaci Burton Lorelei James is the New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of the Mastered Series novels, Unraveled, Unwound, and Bound, as well as the Blacktop Cowboys novels which include Wrangled and Tangled, Hillbilly Rockstar, and Corralled. Her books have won the Romantic Times Reviewers' Choice Award, as well as the CAPA Award. Lorelei lives in western South Dakota with her family...and a whole closetful of cowgirl boots.

The Psychology of Friendship

A Dragon has risen. Now the fight to protect it begins. Still trying to master his magic, Fes begins to understand the nature of his power

When You Trap a Tiger

Recalling pivotal moments from her dynamic career on the front lines of American diplomacy and foreign policy, Susan E. Rice—National Security Advisor to President Barack Obama and US Ambassador to the United Nations—reveals her surprising story with unflinching candor in this New York Times bestseller. Mother, wife, scholar, diplomat, and fierce champion of American interests and values, Susan Rice powerfully connects the personal and the professional. Taught early, with tough love, how to compete and excel as an African American woman in settings where people of color are few, Susan now shares the wisdom she learned along the way. Laying bare the family struggles that shaped her early life in

Washington, DC, she also examines the ancestral legacies that influenced her. Rice's elders—immigrants on one side and descendants of slaves on the other—had high expectations that each generation would rise. And rise they did, but not without paying it forward—in uniform and in the pulpit, as educators, community leaders, and public servants. Susan too rose rapidly. She served throughout the Clinton administration, becoming one of the nation's youngest assistant secretaries of state and, later, one of President Obama's most trusted advisors. Rice provides an insider's account of some of the most complex issues confronting the United States over three decades, ranging from "Black Hawk Down" in Somalia to the genocide in Rwanda and the East Africa embassy bombings in the late 1990s, and from conflicts in Libya and Syria to the Ebola epidemic, a secret channel to Iran, and the opening to Cuba during the Obama years. With unmatched insight and characteristic bluntness, she reveals previously untold stories behind recent national security challenges, including confrontations with Russia and China, the war against ISIS, the struggle to contain the fallout from Edward Snowden's NSA leaks, the U.S. response to Russian interference in the 2016 election, and the surreal transition to the Trump administration. Although you might think you know Susan Rice—whose name became synonymous with Benghazi following her Sunday news show appearances after the deadly 2012 terrorist attacks in Libya—now, through these pages, you truly will know her for the first time. Often mischaracterized by both political opponents and champions, Rice emerges as neither a villain nor a victim, but a strong, resilient, compassionate leader. Intimate, sometimes humorous, but always candid, *Tough Love* makes an urgent appeal to the American public to bridge our dangerous domestic divides in order to preserve our democracy and sustain our global leadership.

Black Wave

A seamstress who stitches magic into clothing finds herself torn between loyalty to her brother and her secret love for a nobleman in this debut fantasy inspired by the French Revolution. In a time of revolution, everyone must take a side. Sophie, a dressmaker and charm caster, has lifted her family out of poverty with a hard-won reputation for beautiful ball gowns and discreetly embroidered spells. A commission from the royal family could secure her future -- and thrust her into a dangerous new world. Revolution is brewing. As Sophie's brother, Kristos, rises to prominence in the growing anti-monarchist movement, it is only a matter of time before their fortunes collide. When the unrest erupts into violence, she and Kristos are drawn into a deadly magical plot. Sophie is torn -- between her family and her future. *The Unraveled Kingdom Torn Fray*

The Solomon Rose

After ten years at war, Jev Dharrow looks forward to hanging up his sword, relaxing with a cool mug of ale, and forgetting that the love of his life married another man while he was gone. But when his ship sails into port, a beautiful woman

wearing the garb of an inquisitor from one of the religious orders waits to arrest him. His crime? He's accused of stealing an ancient artifact with the power to start another war. Jev would gladly hand over the artifact to stop more suffering, but he has no idea where it is or even what it looks like. The inquisitor woman definitely has the wrong person. Inquisitor Zenia Cham grew up with nothing, but she has distinguished herself as one of the most capable law enforcers in the city, and she's next in line to become archmage of her temple. All she has to do is find the Eye of Truth, and her superiors are certain that Jev has it. He tries to charm her with his twinkling eyes and easy smile, but she's not letting any man get between her and her dreams. Especially not a thief. If Jev can't convince Zenia they're on the same side, find the artifact, and clear his name, his homecoming will turn into a jail sentence. Or worse.

Revolutionary Medicine

Are you still human if your father was a dragon? Even though Captain Trip always knew he was a little odd, he's still shocked by the revelation that the elder gold dragon, Agarrenon Shivar, sired him. It's time, however, to accept reality and learn to use his power, even if it alienates him from his magic-fearing friends-and the woman he's come to care about. With enemy dragons threatening to kill or enslave everyone in his homeland, he has no choice. But even if he becomes a great sorcerer, it won't be enough to fight off all the dragons threatening Iskandia, so Trip suggests a mission to General Zirkander. He wants to lead a team, with the scholarly Lieutenant Ravenwood's help, to locate his sire. Agarrenon Shivar, once respected and feared by his own kind, may be the perfect ally for Iskandia-if Trip can talk him into siding with humanity. Just one problem: the ancient dragon hasn't been seen for thousands of years, and Trip has no idea how his long-dead mother found him.

Unraveled

"Imperial law enforcer Amaranthe Lokdon is good at her job: she can deter thieves and pacify thugs, if not with a blade, then by toppling an eight-foot pile of coffee canisters onto their heads. But when ravaged bodies show up on the waterfront, an arson covers up human sacrifices, and a powerful business coalition plots to kill the emperor, she feels a tad overwhelmed. Worse, Sicarius, the empire's most notorious assassin, is in town. He's tied in with the chaos somehow, but Amaranthe would be a fool to cross his path. Unfortunately, her superiors order her to hunt him down. Either they have an unprecedented belief in her skills or someone wants her dead"--P. [4] of cover.

Origins

When Shiori and Knox are left to run the martial arts school while their boss travels, the pair discovers that butting heads in

business can lead to a different sort of tension in the bedroom in the sequel to Unwound. Original.

Presidential Spending Power

James Watson, a discoverer of the structure of DNA, described it as "the most golden of molecules," the true chemical for life. Indeed, it is the essential component from which our genes are made. In it is encoded the genetic language that controls our destinies. Astonishingly powerful, just six millionths of a gram of DNA carries as much information as ten volumes of the Oxford English Dictionary. The "Book of Man," is the term used by Walter Bodmer and Robin McKie for the DNA that is the instruction set according to which all humans are made. At conception, a single cell--the fertilized egg--is produced, and it is this one cell that has the potential to form a new and unique individual under the guidance of the DNA within its nucleus. The human body is made up of a hundred million million cells of many different sorts, and all contain the inherited information that comes from that first, single cell created at fertilization. Bodmer and McKie assert that when we learn how to read DNA's pages and chapters we will obtain the information relevant to the understanding of most diseases, individual differences in behavior, and a new awareness of our own history and evolution. The Book of Man explores how genetic information is now being read and interpreted by focusing on biology's most ambitious undertaking to date--the Human Genome Project, an attempt to uncover all the 100,000 genes that control our development and detail the DNA alphabet of each. The authors go on to wrestle with the moral and ethical issues of modern genetics, making a case for a rational appraisal of genetic engineering and for the public to become sufficiently "DNA literate" in order to appreciate the crucial role it plays in our lives. From Gregor Mendel's discovery of the laws of inheritance to the high-tech, crime-stopping power of forensics science and the fascinating but sometimes troublesome implications of the latest science of genetic engineering, The Book of Man brilliantly explores and explains the quest that is changing our understanding of what it means to be a human being.

Unraveled

A New York Times Notable Books of 2020 "[A] sweeping and authoritative history" (The New York Times Book Review), Black Wave is an unprecedented and ambitious examination of how the modern Middle East unraveled and why it started with the pivotal year of 1979. Kim Ghattas seamlessly weaves together history, geopolitics, and culture to deliver a gripping read of the largely unexplored story of the rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran, born from the sparks of the 1979 Iranian revolution and fueled by American policy. With vivid story-telling, extensive historical research and on-the-ground reporting, Ghattas dispels accepted truths about a region she calls home. She explores how Sunni Saudi Arabia and Shia Iran, once allies and twin pillars of US strategy in the region, became mortal enemies after 1979. She shows how they used and distorted religion in a competition that went well beyond geopolitics. Feeding intolerance, suppressing cultural

expression, and encouraging sectarian violence from Egypt to Pakistan, the war for cultural supremacy led to Iran's fatwa against author Salman Rushdie, the assassination of countless intellectuals, the birth of groups like Hezbollah in Lebanon, the September 11th terrorist attacks, and the rise of ISIS. Ghattas introduces us to a riveting cast of characters whose lives were upended by the geopolitical drama over four decades: from the Pakistani television anchor who defied her country's dictator, to the Egyptian novelist thrown in jail for indecent writings all the way to the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul in 2018. *Black Wave* is both an intimate and sweeping history of the region and will significantly alter perceptions of the Middle East.

The Emperor's Edge

First the white members of Raj Bhatt's posh tennis club call him racist. Then his life falls apart. Along the way, he wonders: where does he, a brown man, belong in America? Raj Bhatt is often unsure of where he belongs. Having moved to America from Bombay as a child, he knew few Indian kids. Now middle-aged, he lives mostly happily in California, with a job at a university. Still, his white wife seems to fit in better than he does at times, especially at their tennis club, a place he's cautiously come to love. But it's there that, in one week, his life unravels. It begins at a meeting for potential new members: Raj thrills to find an African American couple on the list; he dreams of a more diverse club. But in an effort to connect, he makes a racist joke. The committee turns on him, no matter the years of prejudice he's put up with. And worse still, he soon finds his job is in jeopardy after a group of students report him as a reverse racist, thanks to his alleged "anti-Western bias." Heartfelt, humorous, and hard-hitting, *Members Only* explores what membership and belonging mean, as Raj navigates the complicated space between black and white America.

A Perfect Heritage

An ethnography of post-Soviet Cuba's health-care sector which reveals Cuba to be a pragmatic and contradictory state.

Tough Love

A sister that burned down the house with her bare hands? That's the least of Selena's concerns when the threat of insanity looms over her shoulder. All great power come's at a cost, but there is no right answer when your salvation is the killing gene.

Unraveled

Welcome to this latest collection of fiction produced by the writers and staff at Write On E-Publishing. We've compiled tales of drama, action and intrigue all centered in the most exotic state in the union! No, not Hawaii, Louisiana! With its unique collection of cultures, people and histories; the Bayou State still holds the romance and adventure of the past in the everyday lives of its people. In New Orleans family comes first. Corrine had always accepted her portion of responsibility for the care of her eighty-three year old twin aunts. They were the sweetest little old ladies imaginable. But, it would only take one fateful question to unravel the dark family secret of The Solomon Rose. Hidden below the prevailing atmosphere of Mardi Gras, the world class restaurants and the multitude of festivals is another culture which in many cases is enjoyed solely by the original inhabitants of the city. Through the tales offered in this volume, you have been given the rare opportunity to share in this second, lesser publicized culture and the stories of its past and present. From the bayous and small towns to the City of New Orleans, the Jewel of the Mississippi; we want you to get a good taste of the literary étouffée we've cooked up for you. Bon appetite, chère!

Revelations

An uplifting story of a girl discovering a secret family history when she makes a deal with a magical tiger from her grandmother's stories, the Korean version of "Once upon a time" Some stories refuse to stay bottled up When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives, prompting Lily to unravel a secret family history. Long, long ago, Halmoni stole something from the tigers. Now they want it back. And when one of the tigers approaches Lily with a deal--return what her grandmother stole in exchange for Halmoni's health--Lily is tempted to agree. But deals with tigers are never what they seem! With the help of her sister and her new friend Ricky, Lily must find her voice and the courage to face a tiger. Tae Keller, the award-winning author of *The Science of Breakable Things*, shares a sparkling tale about the power of stories and the magic of family. Think *Walk Two Moons* meets *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*! "This beautiful book reminds us that the most powerful magic of storytelling is the story we decide to tell about ourselves." --Kat Yeh, author of *The Truth About Twinkie Pie* "An intoxicating mix of folktale, fantasy, friendship, and love (and tigers!)." --Marie Myung-Ok Lee, author of *Finding My Voice* "As unique as it is universal. Keller's writing shimmers with magic, heart, and hope." --Ali Standish, author of *Before I Was Ethan*

Dark Strike

A mission to a foreign land has left Captain Trip Yert with a responsibility he never anticipated: watching over two dozen magical stasis chambers containing half-dragon young, including eight that are half-human. As bewildering as he finds it, all of them are related to him. He's vowed to ensure they make it safely back to his homeland where the sorceress Sardelle can, he hopes, advise him on how to care for them. But while he, Rysha, and Major Kaika are investigating a friend's death

and trying to arrange passage home, someone steals one of the baby girls. If Trip can't deal with hostile mages, corrupt business moguls, and the surprising secrets of his mother's past, he may lose the little sister he never had a chance to know.

The Book of Man

To keep the people she loves safe, Sara left everything she knew behind. She soon learns this new world is nothing like her old one, and she struggles to make a place for herself among the Mohiri. But it soon becomes apparent to Sara and to everyone one around her that she is not your typical warrior. As the weeks pass, Sara builds new relationships, copes with her new trainers, and tries to manage her ever-changing powers, while keeping her unique heritage a secret. Looming in the background is the constant shadow of the Master who will do anything to find her. Sara finds herself on a journey of self-discovery that uncovers her true strengths and awakens a part of her she never knew existed. She experiences the delight of new friendships, the sweetness and pain of first love, and a loss so deep it could be the thing that finally breaks her. At the end of it all, she discovers that the one place she was supposed to be safe might not be the refuge she thought it was.

Emissary (Legends of the Realm Book #1)

Captain Telryn "Trip" Yert is on the most important mission of his life. Accompanied by Captain Kaika, the sentient soulblade Jaxi, and Rysha Ravenwood—the noble-born scholar and officer he definitely shouldn't be developing feelings for—he must find a way to close a portal that's allowing more and more dragons into the world. If he fails, all of humanity could fall to the powerful creatures. As if that wasn't enough to worry about, the secret Trip has spent his whole life hiding, that he can draw upon magical power, is on the verge of being discovered. What will his superior officers think when they find out? What will Rysha think? But as Trip will soon discover, what he thought he knew about himself is only a shadow of the truth. Reality is far more incredible than he ever imagined.

Refuge

"A refreshing and unique coming-of-age story a beautiful and necessary meditation on finding strength in one's culture." —Entertainment Weekly, Top Pick of the Month "A YA marvel that will shock breath into your lungs. If you loved *The Wrath and the Dawn* and *Children of Blood and Bone*, *Mirage* will captivate you." —The Christian Science Monitor "This debut fantasy has what it takes to be the next big thing in sci-fi/fantasy." —SLJ, starred review "Immersive, captivating." —ALA Booklist, starred review In a world dominated by the brutal Vathek empire, eighteen-year-old Amani is a dreamer. She dreams of what life was like before the occupation; she dreams of writing poetry like the old-world poems she adores; she

dreams of receiving a sign from Dihya that one day, she, too, will have adventure, and travel beyond her isolated home. But when adventure comes for Amani, it is not what she expects: she is kidnapped by the regime and taken in secret to the royal palace, where she discovers that she is nearly identical to the cruel half-Vathek Princess Maram. The princess is so hated by her conquered people that she requires a body double, someone to appear in public as Maram, ready to die in her place. As Amani is forced into her new role, she can't help but enjoy the palace's beauty—and her time with the princess' fiancé, Idris. But the glitter of the royal court belies a world of violence and fear. If Amani ever wishes to see her family again, she must play the princess to perfection because one wrong move could lead to her death.

The Miles Between Me

USA Today Best-seller! Enter the world of Dragonlands with the first three novels from this bestselling epic fantasy series. Includes: Hidden: The mystery enshrouding Hutton's Bridge is as impenetrable as the fog that descended at its borders eighty years ago. Each year, three villagers enter the mist searching for answers. No one ever returns. Then a dragon falls from the sky to the town square, dead—the first glimpse of an outside world that has become nothing more than a fairy tale to Hutton's Bridge. Except to Tressa. Tressa grew up with Granna's stories of the days before the fog fell. When Granna dies, leaving Tressa without any family, Tressa ventures into the fog herself, vowing to unravel the foul magic holding Hutton's Bridge captive. What she discovers beyond the fog endangers the lives of everyone she loves. Hunted: The fog that trapped the people of Hutton's Bridge for eighty years has disappeared, but now so have the villagers. Fearing the worst, Tressa and Bastian must navigate a new and dangerous world in search of their people. Among their allies are a healer, a warrior, and even a dragon—but their enemies are far greater. Hutton's Bridge has long protected a powerful secret, one the dragonlords will kill to control. As the realms rise, Tressa and Bastian risk everything to save their people, until one must make the ultimate sacrifice. Retribution: Tensions are mounting in the Dragonlands. The dragon hordes are mustering, each with its own agenda. But Tressa must conquer her personal demons before answering the call to war. Gravely ill, her body undergoing mysterious and frightening changes, she travels to a distant land for the answers crucial to her survival. What she discovers rocks her to the core. As the battle begins, a long-slumbering magic—dark, powerful, and brutal—awakens. And Tressa learns the ones you love most can become your greatest enemies of all. Books 4 & 5 - Desolation and Reckoning - sold separately

Scriber

The gripping first installment in New York Times bestselling author Tahereh Mafi's Shatter Me series. One touch is all it takes. One touch, and Juliette Ferrars can leave a fully grown man gasping for air. One touch, and she can kill. No one knows why Juliette has such incredible power. It feels like a curse, a burden that one person alone could never bear. But

The Reestablishment sees it as a gift, sees her as an opportunity. An opportunity for a deadly weapon. Juliette has never fought for herself before. But when she's reunited with the one person who ever cared about her, she finds a strength she never knew she had. And don't miss Defy Me, the shocking fifth book in the Shatter Me series!

Forgotten Ages (The Complete Series)

Born with a secret power he must hide... Telryn "Trip" Yert has always been a little odd, with hunches that are too accurate to explain. Magic is feared and forbidden in Iskandia, so he's struggled his whole life to hide his eccentricities. As a boy, he was forced to watch his mother's execution. Her crime? Witchcraft. Understandably, Trip wants nothing to do with the power that lurks within him, always threatening to reveal itself. Instead, he dedicates himself to serving as an officer in the king's army, to battling pirates and imperial conquerors. He longs to become a soldier as respected and renowned as the legendary General Zirkander. But his country is in need of more than a soldier. After disappearing for over a thousand years, dragons have returned to the world. A few of them are willing to be allies to mankind, as they were millennia before, but far more want to destroy or enslave humans and claim the world for themselves. There are few people left with the power to fight dragons. For reasons he doesn't understand, Trip may be one of those people. But if he chooses to learn more about his heritage and the power he can wield, he risks losing everyone he loves and everything he longs to be.

Heritage of Power (The Complete Series, Books 1-5)

Rowyn and Tyrius are back! And the world will never be same again After the Legion of angels killed me-transformed me to an angel and then brought me back-I thought I could rest for a little while. I would put my feet up have some quality time with my sexy elf. I was wrong. I've barely survived the fight with the archdemon Lucian when another problem arises. A priest has been murdered, and the church is looking to me to help them. A darkness closes in on the city, and the magic and undercurrents of this new evil pull me onto a dangerous path. I can't see how we can survive this new darkness, no matter how much I fight it. But when the life of someone close to me is threatened, I can only do one thing. Stupid, yes. But it's the only way. One thing is for sure. If I go down, I'll bring them down with me. Dark Strike is a sassy, fast-paced urban fantasy filled with demons, angels, vampires, werewolves, witches, fae, leprechauns, and shifters. If you enjoy urban fantasy books with a kick-ass heroine and plenty of action, suspense and humor, you'll love Dark Strike.

Dragonlands, Books 1 - 3

In the late 20th and 21st centuries, the meteoric rise of countless social media platforms and mobile applications have illuminated the profound need friendship and connection have in all of our lives; and yet, very few scholarly volumes have

focused on this unique and important bond during this new era of relating to one another. Exploring such topics as friendship and social media, friendship with current and past romantic partners, co-workers, mentors, and even pets, editors Mahzad Hojjat and Anne Moyer lead an expert group of global contributors as they each explore how friendship factors within our lives today. What does it mean to be a friend? What roles do friendships play in our own development? How do we befriend those across the race, ethnicity, gender, and orientation spectrums? What happens when a friendship turns sour? What is the effect of friendship - good and bad - on our mental health? Providing a much needed update to the field of interpersonal relations, *The Psychology of Friendship* serves as a field guide for readers as they shed traditional definitions of friendship in favor of contemporary contexts and connections.

Heir of Shadows

This memoir is a captivating story that takes readers on an unforgettable journey of unraveling from generational pain. Its a story that teaches the lesson of choice. Our pasts do not define us and we have the power to end the cycle o family trauma.

Eye of Truth

Each year billions of dollars are diverted by the President and his assistants from the purposes for which Congress intended them. Billions more are used in confidential and covert ways, without the knowledge of Congress and the public. Here is the first account of how this money is actually spent. Louis Fisher writes: "When it comes to the administration of the budget, we find nothing that is obvious, very little that is visible. Our priorities here are peculiar. We fix upon the appropriations process, watching with great fascination as Congress goes about its business of making funds available to agencies. What happens after that point —the actual spending of money—rarely commands our attention." To unravel the mystery, Louis Fisher has investigated different forms of discretionary action: the transfer of funds that initially financed the Cambodian incursion; impoundment during the Nixon administration; covert financing; the reprogramming of funds; and unauthorized commitments. He describes each of these devices in operation and provides the historical background of Presidential spending power. In conclusion Louis Fisher presents a cogent and timely analysis of what can be done to improve Congressional control. Sufficient control, he maintains, cannot be achieved merely through the appropriations process, and he makes important recommendations designed to preserve discretionary authority while improving Congressional supervision. Originally published in 1975. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905.

Diamond Head

Dragons have returned to the world, and they're wreaking havoc on human civilizations. Only one man has the power to stop them. Born an outcast who's never fit in, Telryn "Trip" Yert has spent his entire life hiding a secret that could get him killed: In a world where magic is forbidden, the ancient blood of dragons flows through his veins. Joined by a snarky sentient sword, a band of equally snarky allies, and the smart scholarly woman he longs to impress, Trip must master his powers, learn the secrets of his heritage, and go on a quest to save mankind. If he fails, dragons may take over the world and enslave all of humanity. This is the complete five-novel Heritage of Power series, full of adventure, romance, and fast-paced page turning fun. It includes: 1. Dragon Storm 2. Revelations 3. Origins 4. Unraveled 5. Gold Dragon

Unravel

Disgraced scholar Dennon Lark only wants to be left alone in his self-imposed exile-an exile that ends when a rebel army wielding impossible powers launches a series of brutal attacks on villages across the Kingsland. Forced from his home, Dennon is drawn back into a world he wants nothing to do with. His research into the kingdom's lost past-the very research that sent him into hiding-may hold the answers to a great many questions about the rebels. Questions about their shadowy motives; about their mysterious abilities; and about their ever-increasing numbers, constantly bolstered by those thought killed in their attacks. And only the King's infamous warrior niece Bryndine Errynson and her company of female soldiers trust him enough to help him find the truth before the rebels burn the Kingsland to the ground. Following a trail of historical clues across the kingdom and pursued by forces they don't fully understand, Dennon and Bryndine may be the realm's only hope. But in order to preserve the Kingsland's future, they must first uncover its past.

Schooled

A mission to a foreign land has left Captain Trip Yert with a responsibility he never anticipated: watching over two dozen magical stasis chambers containing half-dragon young, including eight that are half-human. As bewildering as he finds it, all of them are related to him. He's vowed to ensure they make it safely back to his homeland where the sorceress Sardelle can, he hopes, advise him on how to care for them. But while he, Rysha, and Major Kaika are investigating a friend's death and trying to arrange passage home, someone steals one of the baby girls. If Trip can't deal with hostile mages, corrupt business moguls, and the surprising secrets of his mother's past, he may lose the little sister he never had a chance to know.

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