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### **ALL THAT MATTERS**

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**Life is going damned well for Blair Spencer. She's a very successful real estate agent, happily married to a man who encourages her to live the independent life she loves--and they're actively working to have a baby. The wrench in the works is that Blair favors adoption, while her husband David desperately wants to have a biological child. The fates are against them, and they finally seek the help of a group of reproductive specialists. One of the doctors, a surgeon named Kylie Mackenzie, eventually becomes a good friend to Blair. And she needs all of the friends she can get when things start to go horribly wrong at home. As her marriage teeters on the brink of collapse, she relies more and more on Kylie's friendship. Kylie's happily gay; Blair's happily straight. But the way they structure their relationship leads friends and family to privately question whether the pair is setting themselves up for heartache. They eventually come to a crossroads, which could either destroy their friendship or turn it into what each of them has been seeking. The question is whether each woman can change her view of herself and her needs. The answer is all that matters.**

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### **ALMOST HEAVEN**

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**Cody Keaton truly believes that money doesn't buy happiness. She believes this so strongly that when she hits big in the lottery she considers throwing the ticket away. Once she talks herself off that ledge she vows to use the money only for security, a decision that she honestly believes she can follow. She's not going to be one of those people who blows it on houses and cars and loses it all. Her aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family don't share her view—but most of them itch to share her money. The local bank manager, Maddie Osborne, quickly sees that Cody's going to be**

in a world of trouble if she doesn't make some tough financial decisions. Given that Cody's never been inside a bank, her learning curve is steep. Maddie finds herself drawn to protecting the unsophisticated woman from the people who are trying to separate Cody from her fortune—even her nearest and dearest.

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## ARBOR VITAE

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**Brisk Press Love stories.** Even when you're not expecting it, love can find you. The flames of passion can ignite so quickly that all of the impediments to love can seem immaterial. They're not. Overcoming differences in age, sexual orientation, social status and familial expectations is daunting, but if it's right, love will find a way.

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## FRIDAY NIGHT FLIGHTS

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**Who are you?** Is the real you a moving target or is there an essence that remains unchanged? Avery Nichols is certain that she is a better, more evolved person than she was when she left home for college. But not everyone has watched her mature. When she returns to her childhood home, the one person she most wants to get close to is also the one whose impression of her remains fixed in the past. Casey Van Dyke wants to think the best of Avery, but old hurts have a way of calcifying when they're not explored. They both want to be closer, they both long for connection, but their images of who they are now and who they were then keep getting in the way. To get past their stumbling blocks, they have to open their hearts, something neither of them has excelled at. They're both motivated, but is that enough?

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## CHEF'S SPECIAL

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**Brisk Press** After years of slowly working her way up the ladder, Emily Desjardins is finally poised at the next step--cooking at the kind of restaurant she'd love to one day own. Her new boss is classically trained, has stunningly high standards, and effortlessly designs delicious, creative cuisine. She's also demanding, inflexible, ridiculously confident and so hot it's almost silly. Emily is determined to spend her time learning all of the tricks and tools she'll need to keep moving up. But keeping her mind on the job with the enigmatic Blake Chadwick pervading her thoughts and her dreams proves much harder than she could have ever imagined.

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## THE REUNION

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**High school reunions.** Nearly everyone is mildly curious about their classmates' fortunes, but for some, the promise of soothing past hurts proves irresistible. Living in her native England, Jemma had largely forgotten about her traumatic senior year. But now that she's back in America, that damned invitation keeps nudging her...reminding her of the unexplored path she'd been sure she was hers for the taking. Shelby hasn't

fared as well as Jemma. Or maybe she's just not been able to vanquish the past. No matter what has gotten her stuck—she feels like she's fallen into quicksand. Maybe going to the reunion will let her connect with some old friends, to free herself from whatever is stopping her from living the life she was called to experience. To most, the potential of meeting your old classmates again promises an evening of shared memories. For Jemma and Shelby, this reunion will change their worlds.

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## **THE CRUSH**

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Aldo Bagnolesi finally has what he's long wanted. Control of the family winery in Tuscany. The only little detail is that someone has to manage the place for a few years. He's far too involved in his company to leave on such short notice, but his daughter... Despite her worries, Nicola agrees to step up to the plate, even though her interest in Italy and wine is sorely lacking. Her father will relieve her in two years. How bad could two years in one the prettiest places on earth be? The transition is tough and she's achingly lonely. Nic knows nothing about running a winery and can't talk to the workers or the wine maker. She's desperate for connection; for any semblance of her former busy social life. The closest gay bar is in Florence. She heads out--determined to at least talk to someone she has one thing in common with. To her delight, she finds not just a willing lesbian, but a sexy one--who seems equally interested in her. It's crazy to put so much importance on a chance meeting. But sometimes, you have to throw your doubts to the winds and see what the universe has in store for you.

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## **GIRL MEETS GIRL**

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## **THIS LONDON LOVE**

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## **DAUGHTER OF MYSTERY**

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Bella Books Margerit Sovitre did not expect to inherit Baron Saveze's fortunes—even less his bodyguard, a ruthlessly efficient swordswoman known only as Barbara. Wealth suddenly makes Margerit a highly eligible heiress and buys her the enmity of the new Baron. He had expected to inherit all, and now eyes her fortune with open envy. Barbara proudly served as the old Baron's duelist but she had expected his death to make her a free woman. Bitterness turns to determination when she finds herself the only force that stands between Margerit and the new Baron's greed. At first Margerit protests the need for Barbara's services, but soon she cannot imagine sending Barbara away. And Barbara's duty has become something far more hazardous to her heart than the point of a sword. But greater dangers loom than one man's hatred—the Prince of Alpennia is ill. Deadly intrigue surrounds the succession and the rituals of divine power known as The Mysteries of the Saints. Heather Rose Jones debuts with a sweeping

story rich in intrigue and the clash of loyalties and love.

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## **PHILOSOPHY AND THE CITY**

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### **CLASSIC TO CONTEMPORARY WRITINGS**

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State University of New York Press The definitive source book on philosophy and the city. Using philosophical works from ancient Greece to contemporary times, *Philosophy and the City* demonstrates both why philosophy matters to the city and how cities matter to philosophy. The collection addresses questions that remain central to urban planning and everyday urban life, such as, What is a city? What does it mean to be a good citizen? By bringing various perspectives together, Sharon M. Meagher provides readers the opportunity to better understand key philosophical debates concerning not only social and political philosophy but also place and identity formation, aesthetics, philosophy of race and diversity, and environmental philosophy. Sharon M. Meagher is Professor of Philosophy and Director of Women's Studies at the University of Scranton. She is the coeditor (with Patrice DiQuinzio) of *Women and Children First: Feminism, Rhetoric, and Public Policy*, also published by SUNY Press.

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## **VENGEANCE**

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### **I FOUND MY HEART IN SAN FRANCISCO**

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It's easy, not to mention tempting, to blithely commit some serious errors in judgment when you're young. Most of them become distant memories as the years tick by. But every once in a while a youthful indiscretion is more like a ticking time bomb, counting down until it blows. Catherine Smith has had her share of misfortune, but few of her travails have shaken her like the revelation she faces now. It's unsettled every part of her life; from her relationship with Giacomo, to Jamie, and even to Jennie. All she wants is some time alone to grapple with her feelings, but when you're raising a high school student, your time is not your own. Her instinct is to run and hide, but she desperately needs the love and support of her family. Trying to hide a secret prevents those who love you from offering the right kind of support, though, so Catherine has to struggle to balance her needs with those of the people she loves the most. Sadly, her instincts are not great. Jamie once again feels shut out, and she has a hard time dealing with it. But she's so busy, with Aisling visiting, and starting her final semester real estate classes at Cal that she's largely able to play the waiting game. Of course, when Ryan O'Flaherty's in the mix, free time is never in abundance. Ryan's trying to spend time with Aisling, Caitlin, and the new O'Flaherty Cousin's Project while taking a full class load at Cal, and training for the AIDS Ride. And in her spare time, she's determined to find out what's bothering Catherine. Just another few months amidst the mayhem of Clan O'Flaherty-Evans, the liveliest spot in town.

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## **AWAKENINGS**

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A glimmer of attraction, discovery of shared interests, growth of respect for one another, and the stirrings of desire. These are the building blocks for a nascent relationship. But so many more things are thrown into the equation. Family, friends, past relationships, social standing and life goals are just a few of the issues that will help support or destroy a new bond.

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## **VACATIONLAND**

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Imagine five days in early March vacationing in Maine's pristine wilderness. Snow-shoeing, cross-country skiing, even some ice-fishing, all spent in surprisingly pleasant temperate conditions. Now re-imagine that scene, but make it a team-building exercise with co-workers you're not overly fond of. The bloom falls off that chilly rose pretty quickly, at least from Sunny Thompson's perspective. But when they meet their guide, the remarkably pretty, stunningly fit Devin Savary, Sunny's opinion starts to change. Devin's fun, playful, and patient, something the little group of Dallas natives desperately needs. Now all they have to do is bond, a silly waste of time in Sunny's view. You can't force people to rely on each other by fiat. That only comes from being tested, a situation unlikely to happen when you're traveling with a woman everyone seems to agree is one of Maine's best guides. What could possibly go wrong?

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## **PARENTING MATTERS**

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### **SUPPORTING PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 0-8**

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National Academies Press Decades of research have demonstrated that the parent-child dyad and the environment of the family—“which includes all primary caregivers”—are at the foundation of children's well-being and healthy development. From birth, children are learning and rely on parents and the other caregivers in their lives to protect and care for them. The impact of parents may never be greater than during the earliest years of life, when a child's brain is rapidly developing and when nearly all of her or his experiences are created and shaped by parents and the family environment. Parents help children build and refine their knowledge and skills, charting a trajectory for their health and well-being during childhood and beyond. The experience of parenting also impacts parents themselves. For instance, parenting can enrich and give focus to parents' lives; generate stress or calm; and create any number of emotions, including feelings of happiness, sadness, fulfillment, and anger. Parenting of young children today takes place in the context of significant ongoing developments. These include: a rapidly growing body of science on early childhood, increases in funding for programs and services for families, changing demographics of the U.S. population, and greater diversity of family structure. Additionally, parenting is increasingly being shaped by technology and increased access to information about parenting. Parenting

**Matters identifies parenting knowledge, attitudes, and practices associated with positive developmental outcomes in children ages 0-8; universal/preventive and targeted strategies used in a variety of settings that have been effective with parents of young children and that support the identified knowledge, attitudes, and practices; and barriers to and facilitators for parents' use of practices that lead to healthy child outcomes as well as their participation in effective programs and services. This report makes recommendations directed at an array of stakeholders, for promoting the wide-scale adoption of effective programs and services for parents and on areas that warrant further research to inform policy and practice. It is meant to serve as a roadmap for the future of parenting policy, research, and practice in the United States.**

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## **EAST OF THE SUN**

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### **A NOVEL**

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**Simon and Schuster From award winner Julia Gregson, author of Jasmine Nights, this sweeping international bestseller brilliantly captures the lives of three young women on their way to a new life in India during the 1920s. As the Kaiser-I-Hind weighs anchor for Bombay in the autumn of 1928, its passengers ponder their fate in a distant land. They are part of the “Fishing Fleet”—the name given to the legions of English women who sail to India each year in search of husbands, heedless of the life that awaits them. The inexperienced chaperone Viva Holloway has been entrusted to watch over three unsettling charges. There’s Rose, as beautiful as she is naïve, who plans to marry a cavalry officer she has met a mere handful of times. Her bridesmaid, Victoria, is hell-bent on losing her virginity en route before finding a husband of her own. And shadowing them all is the malevolent presence of a disturbed schoolboy named Guy Glover. From the parties of the wealthy Bombay socialites to the poverty of Tamarind Street, from the sooty streets of London to the genteel conversation of the Bombay Yacht Club, East of the Sun takes us back to a world we hardly understand but yearn to know. This is a book that has it all: glorious detail, fascinating characters, and masterful storytelling.**

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## **STRENGTHENING FORENSIC SCIENCE IN THE UNITED STATES**

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### **A PATH FORWARD**

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**National Academies Press Scores of talented and dedicated people serve the forensic science community, performing vitally important work. However, they are often constrained by lack of adequate resources, sound policies, and national support. It is clear that change and advancements, both systematic and scientific, are needed in a number of forensic science disciplines to ensure the reliability of work, establish enforceable standards, and promote best practices with consistent application. Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward**

provides a detailed plan for addressing these needs and suggests the creation of a new government entity, the National Institute of Forensic Science, to establish and enforce standards within the forensic science community. The benefits of improving and regulating the forensic science disciplines are clear: assisting law enforcement officials, enhancing homeland security, and reducing the risk of wrongful conviction and exoneration. *Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States* gives a full account of what is needed to advance the forensic science disciplines, including upgrading of systems and organizational structures, better training, widespread adoption of uniform and enforceable best practices, and mandatory certification and accreditation programs. While this book provides an essential call-to-action for congress and policy makers, it also serves as a vital tool for law enforcement agencies, criminal prosecutors and attorneys, and forensic science educators.

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### **WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT**

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Independently Published Caroline Parker knows three things to be true. First, she is going to be Boston's most sought after divorce attorney by thirty-five. Second, given how terrible her romantic track record is, falling in love isn't in the cards for her. And third, Christmas only brings her bad luck - being broken up with not once, not twice, but three times during the holidays is proof enough of that. When she runs into Hannah Dalton on Christmas Eve, she has no reason to believe her luck will change. After all, though Hannah is probably the most gorgeous woman she's ever seen, she's also straight. And married to Caroline's work rival. While being hired by Hannah throws her for a loop, winning a divorce case and sticking it to her ex-colleague should be enough of a thrill. But as the months slip by, bringing her closer to both Hannah and her adorable daughter Abbie, the lines between attorney and client begin to blur. And she could have never predicted just how much she wants them to.

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### **ULYSSES**

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### **MAKING A COMEBACK**

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**Bold Strokes Books Inc** Jazz pianist Liz Randall is reeling from her wife's death and struggling to keep their band together. An invitation to play at the prestigious Monterey Jazz Festival is an opportunity she can't turn down, and a challenge she might not be up to until she enlists the help of a mysterious neighbor who's surprisingly knowledgeable about jazz. When Jac Winters reluctantly agrees to help, a past she wants to forget threatens to destroy the carefully ordered life she's built with her guide dog, Max, in the quiet town of Carmel-by-the-Sea. With music and love swirling around them like ocean currents, will Liz and Jac play it safe or risk everything on making a comeback?

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## **THE GRAVITY BETWEEN US**

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The Gravity Between Us is a daring, romantic, emotional story about friendship, love, and finding the courage to be yourself in a crazy world. New Adult novel: recommended for 17+ due to mature themes and sexual content. "It's like there's gravity between us, like she's the only thing anchoring me to the world, keeping me from floating off into the upper stratosphere and being lost in space. I can't risk losing her." Where does friendship stop and love begin? At just 19, Kendall Bettencourt is Hollywood's hottest young starlet with the world at her feet - but behind the glamour and designer dresses is a girl who longs for normal. Payton Taylor is Kendall's best friend since childhood, and the one person who reminds her of who she really is - her refuge from the craziness of celebrity life. With her career taking off, Kendall moves Payton to LA to help keep her sane. But Payton is hiding a secret that could make everything ten times worse. Because to her, Kendall is more than a best friend - she is the only girl that she has ever loved. Just as they need each other more than ever, they'll have to answer the question of where friendship stops and love begins? And find out whether the feelings they have can survive the mounting pressure of fame...

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## **BRAVE GENIUS**

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### **A SCIENTIST, A PHILOSOPHER, AND THEIR DARING ADVENTURES FROM THE FRENCH RESISTANCE TO THE NOBEL PRIZE**

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Crown The never-before-told account of the intersection of some of the most insightful minds of the 20th century, and a fascinating look at how war, resistance, and friendship can catalyze genius. In the spring of 1940, the aspiring but unknown writer Albert Camus and budding scientist Jacques Monod were quietly pursuing ordinary, separate lives in Paris. After the German invasion and occupation of France, each joined the Resistance to help liberate the country from the Nazis and ascended to prominent, dangerous roles. After the war and through twists of circumstance, they became friends, and through their passionate determination and rare talent they emerged as leading voices of modern literature and biology, each receiving the Nobel Prize in their respective fields. Drawing upon a wealth of previously unpublished and unknown material gathered over several years of research, Brave Genius tells the story of how each man endured the most terrible episode of the twentieth century and then blossomed into extraordinarily creative and engaged individuals. It is a story of the transformation of ordinary lives into exceptional lives by extraordinary events--of courage in the face of overwhelming adversity, the flowering of creative genius, deep friendship, and of profound concern for and insight into the human condition.

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## **ANIMACIES**

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### **BIOPOLITICS, RACIAL MATTERING, AND QUEER AFFECT**

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Duke University Press Rethinks the criteria governing agency and receptivity, health and toxicity, productivity and stillness

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### **A MARRIAGE OF LIONS**

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### **AN AUSPICIOUS MATCH. AN INVITATION TO WAR.**

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Sphere The Historical Novel Society Editor's Choice 'Picking up an Elizabeth Chadwick novel you know you are in for a sumptuous ride' Daily Telegraph \* England, 1238 Raised at the court of King Henry III as a chamber lady to the queen, young Joanna of Swanscombe's life changes forever when she comes into an inheritance far above all expectations, including her own. Now a wealthy heiress, Joanna's arranged marriage to the King's charming, tournament-loving half-brother William de Valence immediately stokes the flames of political unrest as more established courtiers object to the privileges bestowed on newcomers. As Joanna and William strive to build a life together, England descends into a bitter civil war. In mortal danger, William is forced to run for his life, and Joanna is left with only her wit and courage to outfox their enemies and prevent them from destroying her husband, her family, and their fortunes. 'Elizabeth Chadwick has taken the few facts known about Joanna's life and turned them into a rich, detailed portrait of a woman attempting to survive brutal court politics.' The Times \* Praise for Elizabeth Chadwick 'An author who makes history come gloriously alive' The Times 'Stunning . . . Her characters are beguiling, and the story is intriguing' Barbara Erskine 'I rank Elizabeth Chadwick with such historical novelist stars as Dorothy Dunnett and Anya Seton' Sharon Kay Penman 'Enjoyable and sensuous' Daily Mail 'Meticulous research and strong storytelling' Woman & Home 'A riveting read . . . A glorious adventure not to be missed!' Candis

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### **UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE (SPECIAL FORCES, BOOK 1)**

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Scholastic Inc. Discover the secret missions behind America's greatest conflicts. Danny Manion has been fighting his entire life. Sometimes with his fists. Sometimes with his words. But when his actions finally land him in real trouble, he can't fight the judge who offers him a choice: jail... or the army. Turns out there's a perfect place for him in the US military: the Studies and Observation Group (SOG), an elite volunteer-only task force comprised of US Air Force Commandos, Army Green Berets, Navy SEALs, and even a CIA agent or two. With the SOG's focus on covert action and psychological warfare, Danny is guaranteed an unusual tour of duty, and a hugely dangerous one. Fortunately, the very same qualities that got him in trouble at home make him a natural-born commando in a secret war. Even if almost nobody knows he's there. National Book Award finalist Chris

Lynch begins a new, explosive fiction series based on the real-life, top-secret history of US black ops.

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## **FORTUNATE SUM**

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**Bold Strokes Books Inc** Catherine Carter earned her spot as one of New York's top financial advisors by following the rules and reaching her every goal. The same applies to Catherine's personal life. Her next self-imposed deadline is looming, and all that's left to do is to meet the perfect man. At her friend's urging, skeptical Catherine meets with a psychic who tells her to look for the color blue, and that's when life spirals from her control. Prospective client, quirky Imogene Harris, is reluctant to hire anyone to help with her inheritance, but when she sees what's being offered, she has a change of heart. Catherine denies her attraction to Imogene. Imogene is falling for the woman behind the numbers. Not even a rocky start, secret past, or misinterpreted predictions can stop the women from being drawn to one another. Together they learn that perhaps blue isn't the color of sadness after all...

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## **SEARCH AND DESTROY**

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**Simon and Schuster** RICK WARD WANTS TO GO TO WAR. And he's not sure why. Maybe he's running from his dad and his crazy temper. Maybe he's running from his girl, who seems to think he's more of a joke than a man. Or maybe he's just running -- to find himself. But after Rick ventures into the Vietnam jungle, he discovers that no one -- not protestors, politicians, or writers -- has got a clue. War is far bigger, scarier, and more complicated than anything he ever could have imagined.

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## **THE WORDS WE WHISPER**

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**Platinum Spotlight Series** As a hospice nurse, Zara Mitchell has already seen more death than most people will experience in a lifetime. So when her older sister asks her to help care for their ailing grandmother, Zara agrees -- despite strained family relationships.

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## **JACK**

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## **STRAIGHT FROM THE GUT**

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**Hachette UK** The most widely respected CEO in America looks back on his brilliant career at General Electric and reveals his personal business philosophy and unique managerial style. Nearly 20 years ago, former General Electric CEO Reg Jones walked into Jack Welch's office and wrapped him in a bear hug. "Congratulations, Mr. Chairman," said Reg. It was a defining moment for American business. So begins the story of a self-made man and a self-described rebel who thrived in one of the most volatile and economically robust eras in U.S. history, while managing to maintain a unique leadership style. In what is the most anticipated book on business

management for our time, Jack Welch surveys the landscape of his career running one of the world's largest and most successful corporations.

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### **THE KEEPER'S DAUGHTER**

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New book from award winning author Susan X Meagher. Takes place in Scotland and the US.

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### **BURN MY HEART**

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Penguin UK The Mau Mau - name of a secret society that once struck terror into the hearts of British settlers in Kenya. An episode in history that ended in a State of Emergency, with violent and brutal acts dividing a nation. This book tells the story of how in a country riven by fear and prejudice, even best of friends can betray one another.

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### **NONE SO BLIND**

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Torrey Gray hasn't seen the woman she fell in love with in college for 15 years. Taylor Kent, now a celebrated artist, has spent the years trying to forget, albeit unsuccessfully, the young woman who walked out of Taylor's life. Best friends forever, neither woman ever had the courage to speak of the passion they felt for one another. Now, an unusual but desperate request will throw the old friends together again. This time, will they be able to voice their unspoken desires, or has time become their enemy?

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### **THE COMMERCIAL APPROPRIATION OF FAME**

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Cambridge University Press This book encourages a cultural understanding of the contemporary celebrity and analyses the laws governing the commercial appropriation of fame.

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### **THE FINANCIAL CRISIS INQUIRY REPORT**

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### **THE FINAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE CAUSES OF THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS IN THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING DISSENTING VIEWS**

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Cosimo, Inc. The Financial Crisis Inquiry Report, published by the U.S. Government and the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission in early 2011, is the official government report on the United States financial collapse and the review of major financial institutions that bankrupted and failed, or would have without help from the government. The commission and the report were implemented after Congress passed an act in 2009 to review and prevent fraudulent activity. The report details, among other things, the periods before, during, and after the crisis, what led up to it, and analyses of subprime mortgage lending, credit expansion and banking policies, the collapse of companies like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and the federal bailouts of Lehman and AIG. It also discusses the aftermath of the fallout and our current state. This report should be of interest to

anyone concerned about the financial situation in the U.S. and around the world. **THE FINANCIAL CRISIS INQUIRY COMMISSION** is an independent, bi-partisan, government-appointed panel of 10 people that was created to "examine the causes, domestic and global, of the current financial and economic crisis in the United States." It was established as part of the Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009. The commission consisted of private citizens with expertise in economics and finance, banking, housing, market regulation, and consumer protection. They examined and reported on "the collapse of major financial institutions that failed or would have failed if not for exceptional assistance from the government." **News Dissector DANNY SCHECHTER** is a journalist, blogger and filmmaker. He has been reporting on economic crises since the 1980's when he was with ABC News. His film *In Debt We Trust* warned of the economic meltdown in 2006. He has since written three books on the subject including *Plunder: Investigating Our Economic Calamity* (Cosimo Books, 2008), and *The Crime Of Our Time: Why Wall Street Is Not Too Big to Jail* (Disinfo Books, 2011), a companion to his latest film *Plunder The Crime Of Our Time*. He can be reached online at [www.newsdissector.com](http://www.newsdissector.com).

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## **REAPING THE BENEFITS**

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**Bella Books Morgan Ashworth** isn't having a good day. The award for *Minion of the Year* is slipping out of reach, and she has to administer an afterlife package to one of her human employees. An employee she's attracted to. An employee who'll soon know Morgan isn't quite what she seems. **Jane Smith** was having a great day. Until her hot boss dropped a bombshell. It's time for Jane to complete the questionnaire to decide where she'll spend her afterlife. Oh, and her boss is immortal and also **Death's Head Minion**. Yes, **Death**, as in the *Grim Reaper*. Jane decides to bargain—if Morgan needs her to sign the afterlife document, she can use her unlimited resources to help Jane with her bucket list. Seems straightforward. Except for the matter of their mutual attraction, and the fact one of the items on Jane's list is "Sleep with my boss." The more time Morgan and Jane spend together, the more they realize mutual attraction barely scratches the surface. But can Jane heal the broken heart Morgan has nursed for centuries? And will Morgan risk loving, then losing, another mortal woman when she knows it means an eternity of heartbreak?

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## **ALWAYS ALEX**

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**Intaglio Publications Robin Alexander** cooks up another tale using her favorite recipe—love, family, and a healthy dose of humor. **Dana Castilaw** grew up tossing coins in a well, hoping her wishes would come true, but the candy fountain, puppy, and love never seemed to manifest. At eighteen, she left her hometown of **Barbier Point, Louisiana**, longing to be free of her father's chokehold on her life and with a heart full of dreams she hoped would come true. Years later, she is forced to return home with

at least one granted wish-her daughter, Sydney. Alex Soileau stood at Dana's side for years tossing her coins into the well, making the same wish each time, a secret plea that she refused to reveal even to her best friend. Time and maturity insisted that she give up on her one fervent desire, but her heart never would. Reunited as adults, both women realize that maybe there was magic in the well after all.

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## **CHASING SECRETS**

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Wendy Lamb Books Newbery Honor-winning author Gennifer Choldenko deftly combines humor, tragedy, fascinating historical detail, and a medical mystery in this exuberant new novel. San Francisco, 1900. The Gilded Age. A fantastic time to be alive for lots of people . . . but not thirteen-year-old Lizzie Kennedy, stuck at Miss Barstow's snobby school for girls. Lizzie's secret passion is science, an unsuitable subject for finishing-school girls. Lizzie lives to go on house calls with her physician father. On those visits to his patients, she discovers a hidden dark side of the city—a side that's full of secrets, rats, and rumors of the plague. The newspapers, her powerful uncle, and her beloved papa all deny that the plague has reached San Francisco. So why is the heart of the city under quarantine? Why are angry mobs trying to burn Chinatown to the ground? Why is Noah, the Chinese cook's son, suddenly making Lizzie question everything she has known to be true? Ignoring the rules of race and class, Lizzie and Noah must put the pieces together in a heart-stopping race to save the people they love. Winner of a Los Angeles Public Library FOCAL (Friends of Children and Literature) Award Nominated for: Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Awards Tennessee Volunteer State Book Award (Middle School division) Missouri Association of School Librarians (MASL) Readers Award California Library Association's Beatty Award, Eureka List

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## **ONCE**

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## **AND, THEN**

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Felix is lucky. Unlike the other children in the orphanage, he's certain his parents will come back for him one day. And whatever the Nazis do and however many books they burn, Felix's imagination provides him and his companions with an endless supply of stories that protect them when they're on the run and one day may even save Felix's life.

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## **THE THINGS WE CANNOT SAY**

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## **A HEART-BREAKING, INSPIRING NOVEL OF HOPE AND A LOVE TO DEFY ALL ODDS IN WORLD WAR TWO**

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Hachette UK If you were moved by *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris or *The Librarian of Auschwitz* by Antonio Iturbe, this book is for you. A searing page-turner of hope, family secrets and a love to defy all odds

from bestselling Kelly Rimmer, inspired by the author's family history. 'Fans of The Nightingale and Lilac Girls will adore The Things We Cannot Say' Pam Jenoff 'Simply amazing book, so moving I couldn't put it down. A book that will remain in my heart for many years to come \*\*\*\*\*' A reader 'Captivating. I am in awe of this story \*\*\*\*\*' A reader 'I have never ever been so deeply moved by a book...the most amazing love story of hope and survival during the Nazi occupation of Poland... i just didn't want it to end \*\*\*\*\*' A reader It begins with the discovery of a tattered photo, a letter and a tiny leather shoe... World War Two, Poland. Alina and Tomasz are childhood sweethearts. The night before he leaves for college, Tomasz proposes marriage. But when their village falls to the Nazis, Alina doesn't know if Tomasz is alive or dead. 2019. Life changed beyond recognition for Alice when her son, Eddie, was born with autism spectrum disorder. She must do everything to support him, but at what cost to her family? When her cherished grandmother is hospitalised, a hidden box of mementoes reveals a tattered photo of a young man, a tiny leather shoe and a letter. Her grandmother begs Alice to return to Poland to see what became of those she held dearest. In Poland, separated from her family, Alice begins to uncover the story her grandmother is so desperate to tell, and discovers a love that bloomed in the winter of 1942. As a painful family history comes to light, will the struggles of the past and present finally reach a heartbreaking resolution? 'Alina and Tomasz's story is one of bravery, resilience, and the lengths we will go to for the ones we love' Sally Hepworth More praise for the heart-tugging novels of Kelly Rimmer 'Kelly Rimmer serves up a heart-pounding dilemma for fans of Jodi Picoult' Marie Claire 'A heartbreaking story... Her characters are captivating' Daily Telegraph 'Kelly Rimmer tears at the heartstrings' Herald Sun

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## **ACTION AND KNOWLEDGE**

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## **BREAKING THE MONOPOLY WITH PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH**

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Intermediate Technology Publications The book draws on twenty years of experience with the techniques and philosophy of PAR using case studies from Asia, Africa, Latin America and North America to show how widespread this approach to development has become since it emerged as a new way to empower the oppressed two decades ago.