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The Note Teresa Mummert NEW YORK TIMES & USA TODAY BESTSELLING NOVEL Everything happens for a reason. Sometimes in life it feels like everything that can go wrong does, but everything happens for a reason. A relationship crumbles so someone else can mend the pieces of your broken heart. A change of plans can lead you to something you didn't even know you were missing. We help others and discover that it was us who needed to be helped all along. Jenn's life is nothing as she had imagined it would be. She is twenty-something with a failing career and her love life has officially ended with an ultimate act of betrayal. She is ready to throw away her dreams when a chance run-in with a soldier, dealing with his own misfortunes, alters her course and changes her perspective on life. Everything happens for a reason. **Suicide Note** A soldier returning for mid-tour leave decides to stay with a cousin in Maine, after his fiancé leaves him for someone else while he is away at war. His cousin is going through his own devastation and is struggling to pick up the pieces and move on with his family. As they try to help each other through the pain, Shane's path crosses Jenn's and he soon learns that everything happens for a reason.**Previously Published under Suicide Note **White Trash Beautiful Simon and Schuster** A word-of-mouth bestseller that's captivating readers with its honesty, grit, and headstrong heroine, White Trash Beautiful is a story for anyone who has ever felt trapped in life, cheated by love—and longed for something more . . . Cass Daniels isn't waiting for her knight in shining armor. She knows that girls like her don't get a happily ever after. Not if you live in a

trailer with your mom, work at a greasy spoon diner, and get leered at by old men. Maybe that's why she puts up with Jackson—her poor excuse for a boyfriend, who treats her like dirt. Cass has learned to accept her lot in life. That is, until he walks into her diner. . . . His name is Tucker White, and he's different from any man Cass has ever known. Tall, tattooed, and bad-ass gorgeous, he's the lead singer of the rock band Damaged. From the moment they meet, Tucker sees something in Cass he just can't shake. Something beautiful. Something haunted. Something special. And he's determined to find out what it is—if only he can get her to open up and let him in. . . .

Relik Teresa Mummert Relik Bentley is to die for. He can have any woman he wants and they will do anything to be with him. He uses and abuses them like drugs and tosses them out with the trash. The only thing he gives a f*ck about is his music. That is, until Ella Leighton walks into his life and stumbles upon one of his darkest secrets. In the midst of doing damage control, he begins to obsess over the mysterious woman who wants absolutely nothing to do with him. Relik won't take no for an answer.

Suicide Note Createspace Independent Pub From New York Times and USA Today From New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Teresa Mummert. Sometimes in life it feels like everything that can go wrong does, but everything happens for a reason. A relationship crumbles so someone else can mend the pieces of your broken heart. A change of plans can lead you to something you didn't even know you were missing. We help others and discover that it was us who needed to be helped all along. Jenn's life is nothing as she had imagined it would be. She is twenty-something with a failing career and her love life has officially ended with an ultimate act of betrayal. She is ready to throw away her dreams when a chance run-in with a soldier, dealing with his own misfortunes, alters her course and changes her perspective on life. Everything happens for a reason. **A Song for Us Simon and Schuster** In this highly anticipated follow-up to White Trash Damaged, Cass and Tucker have finally found their happily ever after, but can Eric, the band's brooding drummer, ever let go of his past and find love? From a small-town boy with fantasies of superstardom to rock star on tour with the suddenly famous band Damaged, Eric's life has not been an easy journey. Now he struggles to let go of his past of physical abuse, a past that still haunts him. His anger is causing him to spiral out of control and he risks losing everything he has worked so hard for. Only one person has ever gotten him to open up about his past: Sarah, the lead singer of Filth, the opening act on their first national tour—a fellow rocker with a confident façade that masks her own painful secrets. But their bands' rocky past and Sarah's tumultuous relationship with her bandmate and boyfriend Derek force her to keep Eric at a distance. As their friendship begins to grow into something more, Eric has to find a way to let go of his tortured past, or it could jeopardize his only chance for a happy future...

Perfect Lie Teresa Mummert Sometimes love burns so hot in your veins that it consumes all rational thought. That's why Brock and I never had a chance. I had to start my life over. College was my chance to become someone new. I changed everything about myself to fit in, but one person saw through my facade. The attraction between Abel and I was undeniable, but I still hadn't healed from the painful secret I carried around with me. Abel struggled to get me to face my past in order to move forward. In doing so, he revealed a secret of his own; one that changed everything I thought I knew. A secret that would bring Brock back into my

life and force me to face the truth of what really happened the day I lost him. **Crave Teresa Mummert** All I craved was one night to forget about the tragic murder of my brother Marcus. Elijah Malakai seemed like the perfect person to take my mind off everything my family had endured. He was a hunter and for the first time in years, I felt safe. However, Elijah had his own tragic past. As his secrets unraveled, my world was thrown into turmoil once more. I had to decide whether or not Elijah was worth the pain his past would bring and if I was strong enough to stand by his side and fight. **Hollow Teresa Mummert** When I moved to Hollow Point, Pennsylvania I had a plan. I would do whatever it takes to climb my way to the top of the social ladder, not caring who I had to step on to get there. The girl who started that rumor about your eating disorder? That was me. The girl who made out with your boyfriend? Me again. The girl you don't ever want to cross? You're looking at her, bitch. **Shameless Teresa Mummert** Every student at Shame U has their secrets, and Henley Brooks is no exception. Struggling to pay for college and maintain her perfect reputation has become overwhelming. When her friend Gigi Oxford offers her a night of carefree fun, she can't pass up the opportunity to unwind. After a night of drinking turns to chaos, Henley finds herself alone with Lucas Young, a student from London who has come to America to unravel a few secrets of his own, as well as break a few hearts. Covered in tattoos and drowning in liquor, Lucas was everything Henley should avoid but couldn't resist. She soon begins to fall for him like the many women before her. But after stumbling across something he didn't want her to see, she learns that Lucas may not be who she thinks he is. Henley and Gigi devise a plan to teach Lucas a lesson, but it isn't long before Henley learns that no one at Shamus Thornton College can be trusted. When everything begins to feel like it is falling apart, there is only one person Henley wants to pick up the pieces, even if he is the person who caused her to crumble. **Honor and Betray Teresa Mummert** There are two sides to every story. William has learned how to love, but his dark secrets could change everything. With a horrible accident and the loss of another loved one, their relationship hangs by a string. As secrets begin to unravel, will William be able to hold on to Emma, or will he lose everything? **The Good Girls Teresa Mummert** My life was meticulously planned and I refused to deviate from that path. While my peers were partying, I prepared for the future. Then a tragic event destroyed everything and I learned that while I was looking ahead, I forgot to live in the moment. Starting over seemed impossible until I met Cara McCarthy, who lived every day like it was her last. She opened my eyes to a world of chaos and disorder. I loved every minute of it. She was also dating Tristan Adams, one of the most gorgeous men I'd ever seen. The three of us became inseparable. Our parents were oblivious and soon lines became blurred, feelings began to grow, and someone's heart was going to get broken. I hoped it wasn't mine. **Honor and Obey Teresa Mummert** There are two sides to every story. ~Book 3 of the Honor Series~ Emma has found the love of her life, but his dark secrets could change everything. With a horrible accident and the loss of another loved one, the student must become the teacher. As secrets begin to unravel, will she be able to look passed them or will she have to leave William and start life new again? **256 pages** **Pretty Little Things Teresa Mummert** **Heathens Teresa Mummert** From New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Teresa Mummert comes a cautionary coming of age tale. Lila Jane is spending

her summer vacation preparing for high school. She does everything asked of her, but her parents rarely give her credit for her efforts. She decides to sneak out with a friend to attend a local party and shed her little girl image, to become a woman once and for all. What starts out as a fun escape soon escalates into a life on the run with a boy she barely knows. ****PREVIOUSLY RELEASED AS THE DEATH OF LILA JANE**** **Sweet Nothing Createspace Independent Publishing Platform** Tells the story of Josh and Avery's relationship, alternating between their individual points of view. **A Song for Us Simon and Schuster** Cass and Tucker have finally found their happily ever after, but can Damaged's tortured drummer ever let go of his past and let love in as his best friend and bandmate has done? Eric's life has not been an easy journey from small town boy with fantasies of superstardom to rock star on tour with the band Damaged, who have suddenly been thrust into the limelight. He struggles to let go of his past of physical abuse, a past that still haunts him, and plagues him with blinding headaches. His anger is causing him to spiral out of control and he risks losing everything he has worked so hard for. Only one person has ever gotten him to open up about his past: Sarah, the lead singer of Filth, the opening act on Damaged's first national tour. But their bands have a rocky past, and Eric must learn to juggle his newfound romance without losing his place in the band...or letting his tortured past jeopardize his chance for a happy future... **Bleed Ink A Self-Publishing Guide Teresa Mummert** A guide to help indie authors self-publish. CONTENTS DREAM BIG BETA READERS EDITING FORMATTING COVER DESIGN SYNOPSIS PROMOTION MARKETING YOURSELF SELLING YOUR NOVEL SALES & RANK REVIEWS ABOUT THE AUTHOR **White Trash Damaged Simon and Schuster** The romantic and poignant second novel in the stunning trilogy by a New York Times bestselling author about a down-and-out waitress who's swept off her feet by a rock star. Rocker Tucker White saved down-and-out waitress Cass Daniels from everyone in her life who was hurting her—except herself. In the much-anticipated follow-up to *White Trash Beautiful*, Teresa Mummert's New York Times and USA Today bestseller, Tucker and Cass are finally together, but does that mean they get their happy ending? Living on a tour bus with your boyfriend's rock band is nothing like living in a trailer with your drug-addicted mother—except for the drama. After all the pain and grief that marked the beginning of Cass and Tucker's relationship, they're finally building a life together—just the two of them, his three bandmates, some groupies, and thousands of screaming fans. And not everyone is as happy about the couple's reunion as they are. The last thing Cass wants to do is create friction within the band—especially when Damaged is on the brink of achieving the success Tucker has worked so hard for. She's thrilled to finally be with a man who loves and protects her as much as he does. But how can she carve out a place for herself in this new rock star world . . . without being swallowed by the shadow of Tucker's fame? **Climate Change and the Health of Nations Oxford University Press** When we think of "climate change," we think of man-made global warming, caused by greenhouse gas emissions. But natural climate change has occurred throughout human history, and populations have had to adapt to the climate's vicissitudes. Anthony J. McMichael, a renowned epidemiologist and a pioneer in the field of how human health relates to climate change, is the ideal person to tell this story. *Climate Change and the Health of Nations* shows how the natural environment has vast direct and indirect

repercussions for human health and welfare. McMichael takes us on a tour of human history through the lens of major transformations in climate. From the very beginning of our species some five million years ago, human biology has evolved in response to cooling temperatures, new food sources, and changing geography. As societies began to form, they too adapted in relation to their environments, most notably with the development of agriculture eleven thousand years ago. Agricultural civilization was a Faustian bargain, however: the prosperity and comfort that an agrarian society provides relies on the assumption that the environment will largely remain stable. Indeed, for agriculture to succeed, environmental conditions must be just right, which McMichael refers to as the "Goldilocks phenomenon." Global warming is disrupting this balance, just as other climate-related upheavals have tested human societies throughout history. As McMichael shows, the break-up of the Roman Empire, the bubonic Plague of Justinian, and the mysterious collapse of Mayan civilization all have roots in climate change. Why devote so much analysis to the past, when the daunting future of climate change is already here? Because the story of mankind's previous survival in the face of an unpredictable and unstable climate, and of the terrible toll that climate change can take, could not be more important as we face the realities of a warming planet. This sweeping magnum opus is not only a rigorous, innovative, and fascinating exploration of how the climate affects the human condition, but also an urgent call to recognize our species' utter reliance on the earth as it is. **Safe Word Createspace Independent Publishing Platform** When Colton 'Colt' Bishop enters a bar in New York City, he has a plan. His job is to find an easy target and take her back to his place for a few days. He is working his way up the crime ladder doing a job he never wanted. Lily Hilton has it all, but is hiding from a troublesome past. When she enters a bar downtown, and runs into her old high school crush, her entire world is turned upside down. She is determined to make him notice her, but that plan may work better than she expects. Colton does not hesitate to take Lily home and use her as his new pawn, but their past begins to catch up with them as their secrets unravel and he must decide what is more important to him, protecting Lily or himself. **Honor Thy Teacher Teresa Mummert** ***Professionally edited and formatted 8/2/12*** There are two sides to every story. Emma told of her love for William in Honor Student. Now read things from his dark and twisted perspective. EROTIC LOVE STORY (✓) STRONG SEXUAL CONTENT (✓) BDSM (✓) **Honor Student Teresa Mummert** Emma lives a very self-destructive life, barely making her way through college. Her world is turned upside down after meeting Mr. Honor, her new history teacher whose idea of discipline may be a little too much for Emma to handle. While trying to figure out their new relationship, they also have to deal with the very real possibility that someone has discovered their secret and is trying to hurt them. But Mr. Honor is keeping a few secrets of his own from Emma. **Fiber Optics Installer and Technician Guide John Wiley & Sons** For years, fiber optics was the future. Now, it's the present, and the time has come to act if you want to make a career in this fast-growing field. The Fiber Optics Installer and Technician Guide is a comprehensive resource designed to prepare you for the two leading fiber optics certifications, Fiber Optics Installer (FOI) and Fiber Optics Technician (FOT). This book's practical, objective-focused coverage includes: The history of fiber optics Principles of fiber optic transmission

Optical fiber characteristics, construction, and theory Safety considerations Cables, connectors, and splicing Fiber optic light sources and transmitters Fiber optic detectors and receivers Passive components and multiplexers Fiber optic links Testing equipment Techniques for testing links and cables Troubleshooting and restoration techniques Note: CD-ROM/DVD and other supplementary materials are not included as part of eBook file. **Reckless Refuge The PageSmith LLC** There were shadows I was running from. Ones that haunted and taunted. Ones that made it so I had no choice but to disappear. I'd spent years hiding from the world. My little island haven, the only assurance of safety. It all changed the moment he showed up at my door. The hint of pain in his eyes told me that something haunted him, too. And I couldn't help but be drawn closer. But finding the person I needed most came with risks I never expected. And when our ghosts find us again, neither of us may make it out this time. ***** Read what reviewers are saying about Reckless Refuge: "Addictive, truly suspenseful, and utterly romantic, this is a top read of the year!" - Samantha Young, New York Times Bestseller "Beautiful, emotional and riveting. Catherine Cowles pens a romantic masterpiece that remained in my heart long after the final page was turned." - K.C. Lynn, Bestselling author of the Men of Honor series "Reckless Refuge is absolutely UNPUTDOWNABLE! Beautifully written. Flawlessly executed. An unforgettable 5-Star MUST READ!" - A.L. Jackson, New York Times Bestselling Author ***** Read what others are saying about Catherine Cowles: "I fell in love with these characters, with the writing, and with this unexpected story. I can't recommend it enough!" - Alessandra Torre, New York Times Bestseller "Heartwarming, romantic and with an added bit of suspense, Beautifully Broken Pieces had me glued to every page! Catherine Cowles, meet your newest super fan." - Devney Perry, USA Today Bestseller "Cowles writes fresh, addicting, and intensely beautiful stories!" - Susan Stoker, New York Times Bestseller "Catherine Cowles has a way of pulling the reader into the world she has created and leaves you there for days after you have read the last page." - Kelly Elliott, New York Times Bestseller "I walked away knowing I would read every single thing this talented new author ever writes." - Natasha is a Book Junkie *** Perfect for fans of Kristen Ashley, Corinne Michaels, Nora Roberts, and Devney Perry. **Visions and Concepts for Education 4.0 Proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Interactive Collaborative and Blended Learning (ICBL2020) Springer Nature** This book contains papers in the fields of Interactive, Collaborative, and Blended Learning; Technology-Supported Learning; Education 4.0; Pedagogical and Psychological Issues. With growing calls for affordable and quality education worldwide, we are currently witnessing a significant transformation in the development of post-secondary education and pedagogical practices. Higher education is undergoing innovative transformations to respond to our urgent needs. The change is hastened by the global pandemic that is currently underway. The 9th International Conference on Interactive, Collaborative, and Blended Learning: Visions and Concepts for Education 4.0 was conducted in an online format at McMaster University, Canada, from 14th to 15th October 2020, to deliberate and share the innovations and strategies. This conference's main objectives were to discuss guidelines and new concepts for engineering education in higher education institutions, including emerging technologies in learning; to debate new conference format in worldwide pandemic and post-pandemic conditions;

and to discuss new technology-based tools and resources that drive the education in non-traditional ways such as Education 4.0. Since its beginning in 2007, this conference is devoted to new learning approaches with a focus on applications and experiences in the fields of interactive, collaborative, and blended learning and related new technologies. Currently, the ICBL conferences are forums to exchange recent trends, research findings, and disseminate practical experiences in collaborative and blended learning, and engineering pedagogy. The conference bridges the gap between 'pure' scientific research and the everyday work of educators. Interested readership includes policymakers, academics, educators, researchers in pedagogy and learning theory, school teachers, industry-centric educators, continuing education practitioners, etc. **From Cronkite to Colbert The Evolution of Broadcast News Paradigm Pub** In a time when increasing numbers of people are tuning out the nightly news and media consumption is falling, the late-night comedians have become some of the most important newscasters in the country. From Cronkite to Colbert explains why. It examines an historical path that begins at the height of the network age with Walter Cronkite and Edward R. Murrow, when the evening news was considered the authoritative record of the day's events and forged our assumptions about what the news is, or should be. The book then winds its way through the breakdown of that paradigm of 'real' news and into its reinvention in the unlikely form of such popularized shows as The Daily Show and The Colbert Report. From Cronkite to Colbert makes the case that rather than 'fake news,' those shows should be understood as a new kind of journalism, one that has the potential to save the news and reinvigorate the conversation of democracy in today's society. **History of Atchison County, Kansas Good Press** "History of Atchison County, Kansas" by Sheffield Ingalls. Published by Good Press. Good Press publishes a wide range of titles that encompasses every genre. From well-known classics & literary fiction and non-fiction to forgotten—or yet undiscovered gems—of world literature, we issue the books that need to be read. Each Good Press edition has been meticulously edited and formatted to boost readability for all e-readers and devices. Our goal is to produce eBooks that are user-friendly and accessible to everyone in a high-quality digital format. **Time to Rise Out of Time The Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly Penguin** **THE BOOK THAT INSPIRED SACRED LIES, NOW STREAMING ON FACEBOOK WATCH** A Morris Award finalist and Golden Kite Honor Book! A hard-hitting and hopeful story about the dangers of blind faith—and the power of having faith in yourself. The Kevinian cult has taken everything from seventeen-year-old Minnow: twelve years of her life, her family, her ability to trust. And when she rebelled, they took away her hands, too. Now their Prophet has been murdered and their camp set aflame, and it's clear that Minnow knows something—but she's not talking. As she languishes in juvenile detention, she struggles to un-learn everything she has been taught to believe, adjusting to a life behind bars and recounting the events that led up to her incarceration. But when an FBI detective approaches her about making a deal, Minnow sees she can have the freedom she always dreamed of—if she's willing to part with the terrible secrets of her past. Gorgeously written, breathlessly page-turning and sprinkled with moments of unexpected humor, this harrowing debut is perfect for readers of Emily Murdoch's *If You Find Me* and Nova Ren Suma's *The Walls Around Us*, as well as for fans of *Orange Is the New Black*.

Masters of the Shadowlands Vanscoy Publishing Group Contemporary BDSM erotic romance "(contains Club Shadowlands & Dark Citadel)" CLUB SHADOWLANDS Her car disabled during a tropical storm, Jessica Randall discovers the isolated house where she's sheltering is a private bondage club. At first shocked, she soon becomes aroused watching the interactions between the Doms and their subs. But she's a professional woman--an accountant--and surely isn't a submissive . . . is she? Master Z hasn't been so attracted to a woman in years. But the little sub who has wandered into his club intrigues him. She's intelligent. Reserved. Conservative. After he discovers her interest in BDSM, he can't resist tying her up and unleashing the passion she hides within. DARK CITADEL After Kari breaks up with her date during Beginner's Night at Club Shadowlands, she's given the option to continue with an experienced dominant. Despite her steamy fantasies about BDSM, the inexperienced schoolteacher plans to simply observe. Yet under the unyielding hands of Master Dan, she not only participates, but gives him everything he asks for. There is nothing she can hide from him. Not her passion...or her love. Still mourning the death of his wife, Master Dan avoids getting involved with women and he never takes a sub twice. But this modest little beginner is such a sweetie, one night is far from enough. As he plumbs her responses, taking her ever deeper into the world of BDSM, the gentle submissive begins to show him how barren his life has become and what a dark citadel he's made of his heart. During their three nights together, the teacher will learn to submit...can she teach the master to love?

A Whisper of Leaves When ESL teacher Riko finds an old journal buried in the forests beneath Mt Fuji, a malevolent, untraceable force begins to threaten her at every turn. But is it all in her head? The more she studies the journal for answers, the more questions she uncovers. Worse, no-one takes her fears seriously and her best lead appears to be a belligerent old man, whose only care in the world is raking leaves deep in the forest. With her grip on reality shaken and friendships strained to breaking point, Riko must discover the truth about the journal in order to put ghosts of the past to rest, as strange events turn deadly. **What Really Happened in Peru**

Simon and Schuster Fans of The Mortal Instruments and The Infernal Devices know that Magnus Bane is banned from Peru—and now they can find out why. One of ten adventures in The Bane Chronicles. There are good reasons Peru is off-limits to Magnus Bane. Follow Magnus's Peruvian escapades as he drags his fellow warlocks Ragnor Fell and Catarina Loss into trouble, learns several instruments (which he plays shockingly), dances (which he does shockingly), and disgraces his host nation by doing something unspeakable to the Nazca Lines. This standalone e-only short story illuminates the life of the enigmatic Magnus Bane, whose alluring personality populates the pages of the #1 New York Times bestselling series The Mortal Instruments and The Infernal Devices. This story in The Bane Chronicles, What Really Happened in Peru, is written by Cassandra Clare and Sarah Rees Brennan. **Romancing the Crime Createspace Independent Publishing Platform** Sgt. Cory Marin, head of homicide, has her hands full. Not everyone on her squad is happy she's in charge, she's still dealing with the break up of her marriage, and wealthy residents are up in arms over the murder of a young professor in broad daylight in Ravine Creek, a proposed city park where she jogs every day. Cory is convinced that what appears to be a random robbery gone wrong is premeditated murder. Her job is complicated by the appearance of Fletcher

Manning, a bestselling novelist who shadows her as research for a female detective novel he is writing. She has her guard up, but as she gets to know him, she softens and begins to fall for him. **Loss of Reason Two Brothers, One Sister... the Worst Thing Possible** Distant for many years, Franklin Reveal in Pennsylvania and his step-brother Everon Student in Nevada are connected by a single link: Their sister Cynthia. Enter the nightmare. A nuclear bomb is detonated in New York. Banker, wife, mother, Cynthia lives in New York. And her brothers are determined to find her. **Letters to My Mother Greenwood Books Ltd** The narrator of Letters to My Mother is a young Afro-Cuban girl who, upon the death of her mother, must live with her aunt and cousins. Dependent on them and their good will, she finds their taunts about how dark her skin is and their attacks on her behavior, including her choice not to straighten her hair, deeply wounding. To keep her mother alive somehow, and to remember that she was once deeply loved, she writes letters telling Mamita what she is suffering and feeling. Over the course of this powerful and moving novel, the heroine grows up. Her inner strength helps her to overcome her pain and the racism of at least some of the people around her. And her position in the family changes as she learns to accept herself and others. **Drive Createspace Independent Publishing Platform Music . . .** the heart's greatest librarian. The average song is three and a half minutes long; those three and a half minutes could lead to a slow blink, a glimpse of the past, or catapult the soul into heart-shattering nostalgia. At the height of my career, I had the life I wanted, the life I'd always envisioned. I'd found my tempo, my rhythm. Then I received a phone call that left me off key. You see, my favorite songs had a way of playing simultaneously. I was in love with one man's beats and another's lyrics. But when it came to the soundtrack of a life, how could anyone choose a favorite song? So, to erase any doubt, I ditched my first-class ticket and decided to take a drive, fixed on the rearview. Two days. One playlist. And the long road home to the man who was waiting for me. **House with a Blue Door** Charles wasn't ready for this. He knew working at a group home for mentally handicapped residents--many of whom have additional diagnoses like Down syndrome, Tourette's, and paranoid schizophrenia--would be hard. The hours would be long, the pay would be low, the food would suck. But he had no idea how much he'd like it. Or how much he'd grow up while he worked there. **The Slow Burn Moonlight and Motor Oil Series** Tobias Gamble knew from a young age precisely the kind of woman he was going to make his. She was not going to be like his mother. She was going to be like the mother he claimed. In other words, she was going to be just right. And when Toby returns to his hometown of Matlock, Kentucky and claps eyes on Adeline Forrester, he knows she's the one. The problem is, his brother Johnny has a new girlfriend. And Addie is her sister. Last, Toby would do nothing to hurt Johnny's chance at happiness. Toby hangs around town to get to know the woman Johnny fell in love with. He also hangs around to get to know Addie. But he's fallen hard, and he knows the best thing for him--and Addie--is for him to leave. Addie Forrester is thrilled her sister Eliza found a good, solid man. Johnny Gamble is the salt of the earth. The best guy in the world. The best except for his brother, Toby. Toby doesn't know it, but Addie's fallen hard too. He's perfect, except for the fact that he's hands off and it's torture, being friends with Toby when she wants so much more. Addie also has a lot on her mind. She's got bills to pay, her young son needs food, Christmas is

coming and her job at the grocery store just isn't cutting it. Toby is steering clear of Addie. Addie is steering clear of Toby. But everyone around them knows this is the slow burn. Because just like Eliza and Johnny, Addie and Toby were made for each other.

Vacui Magia Stories Jennifer Uhlich *Winner of the 2nd Annual North Street Book prize.* Dwarves and golems, Fates and minotaurs, metamorphoses, murder, and Jean-Jacques Rousseau. Each of the eight stories in this remarkable collection demonstrates the limitless capacity of intelligent speculative fiction to enthrall, inspire, and amaze.