Hidden In Smoke Phoenix Rising Book 2

This fairy tale retelling lives in a mystical world inspired by the Far East, where the Dragon Lord and the Serpent God battle for control of the earthly realm; it is here that the flawed heroine of Forest of a Thousand Lanterns finally meets her match. An epic fantasy finale to that breathtaking and dazzling story. Princess Jade has grown up in exile, hidden away in a monastery while her stepmother, the ruthless Xifeng, rules as Empress of Feng Lu. But the empire is in distress and its people are sinking into poverty and despair. Even though Jade doesn't want the crown, she knows she is the only one who can dethrone the Empress and set the world right. Ready to reclaim her place as rightful heir, Jade embarks on a quest to raise the Dragon Lords and defeat Xifeng and the Serpent God once and for all. But will the same darkness that took Xifeng take Jade, too? Or will she find the strength within to save herself, her friends, and her empire? Set in an East Asian-inspired fantasy world filled with breathtaking pain and beauty, Kingdom of the Blazing Phoenix is filled with dazzling magic, powerful prose, and characters readers won't soon forget. Fans of Stealing Snow, Red Queen, and The Wrath and the Dawn will hungrily devour this page-turning read. Praise for Kingdom of the Blazing Phoenix: "There aren't many authors who could so precisely undo their first book with their second, but it is this clever unweaving that shows Dao's brilliance and skill. With heart-stopping action and wonderful new characters, this is not a sequel to be missed." -- EK Johnston, #1 New York Times bestselling author "A lush, enchanting tale of magic, myth, and absolute courage. At once gorgeously woven and deliciously gruesome, Kingdom of the Blazing Phoenix is a thrilling end to a series that feels like a classic in its own right." -- Natalie Mae, author of The Kinder Poison "Kingdom of the Blazing Phoenix is the stunning counterpoint to Forest of a Thousand Lanterns. A refreshing take on the classic heroine, and an adventure of stories nestled within stories, this is a book fairytale lovers will tuck among their most beloved treasures." -- Emily X.R. Pan, New York Times bestselling author of The Astonishing Color of After "Kingdom of the Blazing Phoenix broke my heart and filled it, all at once. In the process, Julie C. Dao has turned a well-worn tale into something thrilling and new. Ornate, tender, and magical. I could not put this book down." --Tochi Onyebuchi, author of Beasts Made of Night and Crown of Thunder "Beautifully written and masterfully told, Kingdom of the Blazing Phoenix feels at once timeless and entirely new . . . I loved it with my whole heart." -- Margaret Rogerson, New York Times bestselling author of An Enchantment of Ravens "Utterly brilliant in every way, Kingdom of the Blazing Phoenix is the perfect follow-up to Julie C. Dao's debut. This is the dark fantasy I've been waiting for, and I can't get enough!" --Beth Revis, New York Times bestselling author of Give the Dark My Love "A grand adventure for fans of fairy tales, fables, and legends coupled with the vibrant history of Chinese dynasties."--Kirkus Reviews * "A top purchase for most fantasy collections." --School Library Journal, starred review

After the shocking revelation that Reed and Noelle are descended from witches, and the harrowing ordeal at Reed's birthday party, the Billings Girls are faced with their final test: getting out of Easton Academy alive. After innumerable attempts on her life, will Reed be able to survive - or has her luck finally run out? The bestselling Private series comes to a close!

THROUGH the centuries, Chinese women have had to struggle under a load of injustices—denial of education, ineligibility to sit the civil service examinations and hold official posts, female infanticide, selling of daughters, concubinage, foot binding—just to name a few. They had largely remained silent because they did not have a voice. As China descended to abject poverty in the nineteenth century, the lot of Chinese women became even worse. When Chinese women came to Malaysia (Malaya then) largely from the nineteenth century onwards, the

circumstances became different. Under British law, they were the equal of men, but social conditions took some time to evolve. For instance, daughters were left out of inheritance until quite recently, sons received preferential treatment in education and polygamy was declared illegal only in the 1930s. But Chinese women became successful entrepreneurs through their own ability, and, through education, many of them became distinguished professionals. Phoenix Rising, Pioneering Chinese Women of Malaysia is the story of Chinese women who have immigrated to this country and forged independent lives different from their lives in China. They have shown courage, resilience and determination in improving their lives. Like the phoenix, the mythological bird that symbolises the Chinese woman, they are set to soar to greater heights given equal opportunities and just social conditions.

The Heinemann Plays series offers contemporary drama and classic plays in durable classroom editions. Many have large casts and an equal mix of boy and girl parts. This play is an adaptation of the humorous diary of a young intellectual, suffering the traumas of love, parental divorce and spots.

The heartrending conclusion to the On My Knees Duet, a forbidden MM romance by USA Today Bestseller Ella James... For years, I've kept his secret. When he called, I answered. When he needed, I gave. Then he went dark. I tracked him on Instagram--like his sixteen million other followers. When being on the planet with him, separated by his secrets, felt like torture, I moved on. But Luke McDowell wouldn't let me go. He says he doesn't want me, but we both know that won't hold. By the end of our story, he'll have taken everything. The question is, what will he give? *Adore is the novel-length conclusion to Worship. If you haven't read Worship, find out why readers are calling it the best forbidden romance of the year!PRAISE FOR THE ON MY KNEES DUET"Hands down a ten star read!" -Ravenceleste"This book is EVERYTHING!" -Stephanie"My top read of the year." -WordNerd "The only passionate sobbing and filthy romance you need." -Aphrodites Reading Alphas

"We Set the Dark on Fire burns bright. It will light the way for a new generation of rebels and lovers." —NPR "Mejia pens a compelling, gripping story that mirrors real world issues of immigration and equality." —Buzzfeed Five starred reviews!! In this daring and romantic fantasy debut perfect for fans of The Handmaid's Tale and Latinx authors Zoraida Córdova and Anna-Marie McLemore, society wife-in-training Dani has a great awakening after being recruited by rebel spies and falling for her biggest rival. At the Medio School for Girls, distinguished young women are trained for one of two roles in their polarized society. Depending on her specialization, a graduate will one day run a husband's household or raise his children. Both paths promise a life of comfort and luxury, far from the frequent political uprisings of the lower class. Daniela Vargas is the school's top student, but her pedigree is a lie. She must keep the truth hidden or be sent back to the fringes of society. And school couldn't prepare her for the difficult choices she must make after graduation, especially when she is asked to spy for a resistance group desperately fighting to bring equality to Medio. Will Dani cling to the privilege her parents fought to win for her, or will she give up everything she's strived for in pursuit of a free Medio—and a chance at a forbidden love?

The hauntingly prophetic classic novel set in a not-too-distant future where books are burned by a special task force of firemen. My secret is out. Everyone knows who I am. I don't have to hide. Which should be a relief. Instead, it brings new problems. Things went fast and people got killed. Now I need to rescue my best friend. We're going into the Dark-World. We're going to get her back. And I don't care who stands in my way. If I need to, I will go through them. She's my family, they are my family. Nobody touches my family. I will save her and my world. I'm Isadora Seraphina Savill Royal. I'm a Full-Blood Witch and Protector. Now I'll be a Saviour. Saviour is the second of the full blood series, it's one woman with multiple men, this will mean there will be M/M scenes and long and steamy scenes. Read it at your own risk!

over, bonds will be tested, a new leader will rise, and all hell will break loose.

Willow Taylor lives in a castle with large walls and iron fences. But this is no ordinary castle. It's called Heartstone Psychiatric Hospital and it houses forty other patients. It has nurses with mean faces and techs with permanent frowns. It has a man, as well. A man who is cold and distant. Whose voice drips with authority. And whose piercing gray eyes hide secrets, and maybe linger on her face a second too long. Willow isn't supposed to look deep into those eyes. She isn't supposed to try to read his tightly-leashed emotions. Neither is she supposed to touch herself at night, imagining his powerful voice and that cold but beautiful face. No, Willow Taylor shouldn't be attracted to Simon Blackwood at all. Because she's a patient and he's her doctor. Her psychiatrist. The medicine man. NOTE: A STANDALONE novel set in the Heartstone world. KEYWORDS: Forbidden romance, age gap romance, older man younger woman romance, angsty romance, patient doctor romance, alpha male romance, coming of age romance, opposites attract romance, grumpy hero sunshine heroine

Supernatural war is on the horizon, and no one will escape unscathed. Enemy after enemy, foe after foe, has fallen before the combined might of the Romanian grey wolves and their allies among the supernatural races. But now the alliance doesn't fight a single supernatural threat. It's no longer a single coven of vampires, a lone deranged warlock, or a rogue pack that threatens their safety. Now, the wolves face a unified force of evil--the Order of the Burning Claw. The Order needs a representative from every supernatural race to unleash a spell that will enslave humanity forever, and they've just recruited one of their most powerful members. The Order will stop at nothing to gain power, including kidnapping the pack's children and its beleaguered healer. The Romanian pack would love nothing more than to bring the wrath of the Great Luna down upon their foes. But how can they do that when their enemies hold captive the pack's greatest treasures. Before this is

The classic postapocalyptic thriller with "all the reality of a vividly realized nightmare" (The Times, London). Triffids are odd, interesting little plants that grow in everyone's garden. Triffids are no more than mere curiosities—until an event occurs that alters human life forever. What seems to be a spectacular meteor shower turns into a bizarre, green inferno that blinds everyone and renders humankind helpless. What follows is even stranger: spores from the inferno cause the triffids to suddenly take on a life of their own. They become large, crawling vegetation, with the ability to uproot and roam about the country, attacking humans and inflicting pain and agony. William Masen somehow managed to escape being blinded in the inferno, and now after leaving the hospital, he is one of the few survivors who can see. And he may be the only one who can save his species from chaos and eventual extinction . . . With more than a million copies sold, The Day of the Triffids is a landmark of speculative fiction, and "an outstanding and entertaining novel" (Library Journal). "A thoroughly English apocalypse, it rivals H. G. Wells in conveying how the everyday invaded by the alien would feel. No wonder Stephen King admires Wyndham so much." —Ramsey Campbell "One of my all-time favorite novels. It's absolutely convincing, full of little telling details, and that sweet, warm sensation of horror and mystery." —Joe R. Lansdale

Shiny Blades. Scorching Fire. Falling Feathers. That's me, Everly Banks, the original supernatural. After being betrayed by The Council and given to a madman, I burned it all to the ground. Now all I want is to stay hidden, protecting those who need it from the shadows. When four hunters show up on my doorstep asking for my help and trying to drag me back into the light, I send them and their secrets packing. Did I mention they work for The Council? I may not have a choice. An army of demons is amassing and innocents are getting caught up in its net. My only friend may be next. Trusting them may burn me, but I've always played with fire.********Twisted Flames is an Urban Fantasy with a Reverse Harem romance. One ancient woman, four hot men, and one drunk sidekick battle demons and themselves. This series includes sexual content, mature language, and violence. It is not suitable for anyone under the age of 18. Alludes to rape, but no details are given. It

may not be suitable for everyone.

A fireman in charge of burning books meets a revolutionary school teacher who dares to read. Depicts a future world in which all printed reading material is burned.

""The first time Bill made wine, he was buck naked..." So begins "The Mad Crush," the improbable but true story about the making of one great wine and the souls who paved its way over a period of 115 years-including nude grape stompers, a freethinking village potter, a California surfing legend, a reclusive winemaker, the winemaker's ex-wife's one-legged boyfriend, and a mysterious dead coyote. "The Mad Crush" starts when Bill Greenough, owner of Saucelito Canyon Vineyard in the wildlands of California's Central Coast, recruits author Christopher Weir to work the 1995 "crush"-the seasonal push to process the harvested grapes. What ensues is a life-changing harvest season like no other, during which a motley winery crew is challenged to make fine wine the hard way in the face of folly, adversity and even fire. But while "The Mad Crush" revolves around the eyebrow-raising escapades of the 1995 crush, it ultimately tells the larger tale of a century-old Zinfandel vineyard and the adventuresome characters who have dared to call it home. Along the way, Weir unearths a trove of serendipitous stories, all of them somehow pointing the way to this remote place that cuts an unlikely path through the history of California wine. From the planting of the vines in 1880 by an itinerant Englishman to Greenough's 1960s winemaking escapades in Santa Barbara's bohemian Mountain Drive community, "The Mad Crush" is not just an exploration of wine, but also a question of destiny. "As a lover of California wines, I consider "The Mad Crush" a must-have...It's an in-depth and intriguing adventure into the heart and history of California wine." "-Don Dokken, heavy metal legend and wine connoisseur"

Includes the stories The Congress, Undr, The Mirror and the Mask, August 25, 1983, Blue Tigers, The Rose of Paracelsus and Shakespeare's Memory.

Emberly has spent a good number of her many lives trying to save humans. So when her prophetic dreams reveal the death of Sam, a man she once loved, she does everything in her power to prevent that from happening. But in saving his life, she gets more than she bargained for. Sam is working undercover for the Paranormal Investigations Team, and those who are trying to murder him are actually humans infected by a plague-like virus, the Crimson Death-a by-product of a failed government experiment that attempted to identify the enzymes that make vampires immortal. Now, all those infected must be eliminated. But when Emberly's boss is murdered and his irreplaceable research stolen, she needs to find the guilty party before she goes down in flames...

Hidden in Smoke

With one reckless, irresistible kiss, Dante binds Tess to himself for eternity... He comes to her more dead than alive, a huge black-clad stranger mortally wounded and rapidly losing blood. As she struggles to save him, vet Tess Culver is unaware that the man calling himself Dante is no man at all but one of the Breed, vampire warriors engaged in a desperate battle. But in a single erotically-charged moment Tess is plunged into his world - a shifting, shadowed place where bands of Rogue vampires stalk the night, cutting a swathe of terror. Haunted by visions of a dark future, Dante lives and fights like there is no tomorrow. Tess is a complication he does not need - and yet his touch has awakened in her hidden gifts and desires and a hunger she never knew she possessed... and bonded by blood, Dante and Tess must work together to overcome the deadliest of enemies.

I always thought my mom was crazy, with her offerings to the fairies and whispered spells. After she died, I followed her last wishes and performed her final rites--only for my life to turn instantly upside down. My kitchen is now full of three insanely sexy and opinionated men who

claim to be witches and fairy knights--and also my soulmates. They claim I have a great destiny, that I am meant to defeat the Elvish Queen who my mother has been fleeing all of these years. I don't want an epic destiny, though, I just want to be normal for once in my life, if there is such a thing. With the help of my new companions, Onyx, Terran, and Reed, I will discover strengths inside myself that I had never known and an underworld greater than anything I could have imagined. Now I must find out if I have the strength to face my destiny and myself.**18+ Why choose Romance**

A beautiful and inspiring collection of poetry by Maya Angelou, author of I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS and 'a brilliant writer, a fierce friend and a truly phenomenal woman' (BARACK OBAMA). 'I write about being a Black American woman, however, I am always talking about what it's like to be a human being. This is how we are, what makes us laugh, and this is how we fall and how we somehow, amazingly, stand up again' Maya Angelou Maya Angelou's poetry - lyrical and dramatic, exuberant and playful - speaks of love, longing, partings; of Saturday night partying, and the smells and sounds of Southern cities; of freedom and shattered dreams. 'Her poetry is just as much a part of her autobiography as I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings and the volumes that follow.' Kirkus 'It is true poetry she is writing . . . it has an innate purity about it, unquenchable dignity' M. F. K. Fisher

Violet Moore is in love with a man who hates her. Well, to be fair, she kinda deserves it. On her eighteenth birthday, she got drunk and threw herself at him, causing a huge scandal in their sleepy suburban town. Now everyone thinks she's a slut and he has disappeared. Rumor has it that he's been living up in the mountains of Colorado, all alone and in isolation. But Violet is going to make it right. She's going to find him and bring him back. No matter how cruel and mean he is, how much he hurts her with his cold-hearted and abrasive ways, she won't give up. And neither will she think about his tempting lips or his sculpted muscles or his strong hands. The hands that she wants on her body, touching her, feeling her skin... The hands that make her want to forget everything and kiss Graham Edwards – Mr. Edwards, actually – again. Because you don't go around kissing your best friend's dad, do you? Even though that's all you ever dream about. NOTE: A STANDALONE novel set in the world of Heartstone. KEYWORDS: Forbidden romance, age gap romance, older man younger woman romance, best friend's dad romance, angsty romance, opposites attract romance, grumpy hero sunshine heroine romance, enemies to lovers romance, alpha male romance

It has, improbably, been called uncommonly lucid, even riveting by The New York Times, and it was a finalist for the 2004 National Book Awards nonfiction honor. It is a literally chilling read, especially in its minute-by-minute description of the events of the morning of 9/11 inside the Twin Towers. It is The 9/11 Commission Report, which was, before its publication, perhaps one of the most anticipated government reports of all time, and has been since an unlikely bestseller. The official statement by the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States-which was instituted in late 2002 and chaired by former New Jersey Governor Thomas Kean-it details what went wrong on that day (such as intelligence failures), what went right (the heroic response of emergency services and self-organizing civilians), and how to avert similar future attacks. Highlighting evidence from the day, from airport surveillance footage of the terrorists to phone calls from the doomed flights, and offering details that have otherwise gone unheard, this is an astonishing firsthand document of contemporary history. While controversial in parts-it has been criticized for failing to include testimony from key individuals, and it completely omits any mention of the mysterious collapse of WTC 7-it is nevertheless an essential record of one of the most transformational events of modern times. Esperanza Rising joins the Scholastic Gold line, which features award-winning and beloved novels. Includes exclusive bonus content! Esperanza thought she'd always live a privileged life on her family's ranch in Mexico. She'd always have fancy dresses, a beautiful home

filled with servants, and Mama, Papa, and Abuelita to care for her. But a sudden tragedy forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California and settle in a Mexican farm labor camp. Esperanza isn't ready for the hard work, financial struggles brought on by the Great Depression, or lack of acceptance she now faces. When Mama gets sick and a strike for better working conditions threatens to uproot their new life, Esperanza must find a way to rise above her difficult circumstances-because Mama's life, and her own, depend on it.

Three Lykos shifters swore to protect Havana. But who will protect them from her? With everyone bailing on my holiday party, I didn't think the night could get any worse. Then three scorching hot men storm the club and demand I come with them. Thinking they're cops, I run only to discover the flu vaccine is turning people into monsters. Now my survival depends on Mason, Gabriel, and Liam. I should be terrified of their glowing eyes and the way they destroy any threat in our path, but all I can think about is claiming the fierce men as my own. All three of them... One problem. My ex has threatened to eviscerate any man who touches me. Too bad the deadly Alpha male isn't here. He'll rue the day he broke my heart and ordered his three gorgeous friends to rescue me.

My name is Lorn, and I'm a witch. Or at least, I thought I was. Turns out, things aren't always what they seem. My magic has always been different from others of my kind--untamed. Something to hide, even in my own world, along with my monster-filled dreams and odd 'episodes.'When my entire life is turned upside down with a single drop of blood, the mysterious magick I've been trying to hide finally catches up to me.Deserted and stranded on my own, four strangers offer me asylum and a place to call home. At least, for now. With the help of Dason, Chayton, Axel, and Kota, I'm discovering the truth about myself as my past and my future collide. The world I grew up in was a lie, and now I'm learning how to use my magick, who my enemies are, and that the beasts stalking my sleep are actually real. And they're my problem. Surrounded by deadly threats, the guys and I navigate a world full of supernatural creatures, each with their own agendas, to gather the intel we need to defeat the darkness. Hopefully for good. There's danger in the shadows, but I'll be dead before I let it win. And I'm just getting started.* Shadow Touched is the first book in The Veil Keeper series. Book one is a slow burn paranormal, why choose romance that will increase heat level in book two! There will be a HEA at the conclusion of this series.*

A pocket atlas of Suffolk, giving comprehensive and detailed coverage of the region. The mapping is produced by the Ordnance Survey to Philip's specification and gives the user complete coverage of all urban and rural areas. The mapping is at a standard scale of 2.5 inches to one mile and is complete with postcode boundaries.

Stephen King's legendary debut, the bestselling smash hit that put him on the map as one of America's favorite writers "Gory and horrifying. . . You can't put it down." —Chicago Tribune Unpopular at school and subjected to her mother's religious fanaticism at home, Carrie White does not have it easy. But while she may be picked on by her classmates, she has a gift she's kept secret since she was a little girl: she can move things with her mind. Doors lock. Candles fall. Her ability has been both a power and a problem. And when she finds herself the recipient of a sudden act of kindness, Carrie feels like she's finally been given a chance to be normal. She hopes that the nightmare of her classmates' vicious taunts is over . . . but an unexpected and cruel prank turns her gift into a weapon of horror so destructive that the town may never recover.

A Loving on the Edge novel perfect for fans of Fifty Shades of Grey.

The Secret Teachings of All Ages is perhaps the most comprehensive and complete esoteric encyclopedia ever written. The sheer scope and ambition of this book are stunning. In this book Manly P. Hall has successfully distilled the essence of more arcane subjects than one would think possible. This book explores the themes underlying ancient mythology, philosophy, and religion. Unrivaled in its beauty and

completeness, it distills ancient and modern teachings of nearly 600 experts.

A December 2019 Indie Next Pick! Set against the Frankfurt Auschwitz Trials of 1963, Annette Hess's international bestseller is a harrowing yet ultimately uplifting coming-of-age story about a young female translator—caught between societal and familial expectations and her unique ability to speak truth to power—as she fights to expose the dark truths of her nation's past. If everything your family told you was a lie, how far would you go to uncover the truth? For twenty-four-year-old Eva Bruhns, World War II is a foggy childhood memory. At the war's end, Frankfurt was a smoldering ruin, severely damaged by the Allied bombings. But that was two decades ago. Now it is 1963, and the city's streets, once cratered are smooth and paved. Shiny new stores replace scorched rubble. Eager for her wealthy suitor, Jürgen Schoormann, to propose, Eva dreams of starting a new life away from her parents and sister. But Eva's plans are turned upside down when a fiery investigator, David Miller, hires her as a translator for a war crimes trial. As she becomes more deeply involved in the Frankfurt Trials, Eva begins to question her family's silence on the war and her future. Why do her parents refuse to talk about what happened? What are they hiding? Does she really love Jürgen and will she be happy as a housewife? Though it means going against the wishes of her family and her lover, Eva, propelled by her own conscience, joins a team of fiery prosecutors determined to bring the Nazis to justice—a decision that will help change the present and the past of her nation.

Now optioned as a TV series for HBO, with executive producer George R. R. Martin! An award-winning literary author enters the world of magical realism with her World Fantasy Award-winning novel of a remarkable woman in post-apocalyptic Africa. In a post-apocalyptic Africa, the world has changed in many ways; yet in one region genocide between tribes still bloodies the land. A woman who has survived the annihilation of her village and a terrible rape by an enemy general wanders into the desert, hoping to die. Instead, she gives birth to an angry baby girl with hair and skin the color of sand. Gripped by the certainty that her daughter is different—special—she names her Onyesonwu, which means "Who fears death?" in an ancient language. It doesn't take long for Onye to understand that she is physically and socially marked by the circumstances of her conception. She is Ewu—a child of rape who is expected to live a life of violence, a half-breed rejected by her community. But Onye is not the average Ewu. Even as a child, she manifests the beginnings of a remarkable and unique magic. As she grows, so do her abilities, and during an inadvertent visit to the spirit realm, she learns something terrifying: someone powerful is trying to kill her. Desperate to elude her would-be murderer and to understand her own nature, she embarks on a journey in which she grapples with nature, tradition, history, true love, and the spiritual mysteries of her culture, and ultimately learns why she was given the name she bears: Who Fears Death.

THE FIRST NOVEL IN THIS SERIES IS BEST ENJOYED WHEN YOU DON'T READ ANY SPOILERS BEFOREHAND. In life, love, and family, there is always strength in numbers. Something is off balance between the Windsong Sisters, and for Opal and Ruby, the terrible might of their powers may just lead them to catastrophe—or clarity. As half-elf mages in the service of the Order of Aiuna, the sisters spend their days collecting and preserving anything that magic touches, and as their mission takes them further back into their past, the darkness that awaits them there threatens to destroy everything they hold dear. Despite the dark smoke rising around them, Opal is finding it hard to ignore the flames flickering between herself and Baerdun. There's just something about it that makes her feel weak, and not just in the knees. With so much happening around them, it's becoming much harder to keep her head above water and her heart her own. After everything they've lost—what if they lose themselves as well? Enter a world where shadows exist within and without, and follow Opal, Ruby, and Baerdun down a path that will either bring them together or force them apart. If you like Sarah J. Mass, Grace Draven, and Jennifer

Armentrout, then Stone Magus is a novel you won't be able to put down. ***WARNING: Stone Magus contains adult sexual themes, violence, and other explicit content that could distress some readers. Proceed with caution.***

She is a woman who lives between pleasure and pain - the pure, scintillating pleasure of the flesh and the kind of pain that has rocked the world and left it strewn with chaos set to a hip-hop beat. Her name is Damali Richards. And when she makes love to a master vampire, it changes everything in a struggle between good and evil - with the future of humanity hanging in the balance ... THE BITTEN In L.A. Banks' astounding new Vampire Huntress novel, an unforgettable scene of seduction touches off a violent race around the world - and into a realm beneath us. For Damali, once a pawn, has been given a new, pulsating power of her own - bitten by lover and vampire extraordinaire Carlos Rivera. Between them, they know how high the stakes have risen. A powerful lord of darkness has hijacked a mystical key containing the blood of Christ. And for a world where blood runs like a river, one drop of this blood will be the end ...

My nightmares have started closing in. Now I'm just trying to survive them. When my past comes back to haunt me, I find myself relying on the men I've come to care so much about. With their help, and the help of my best friend, I'm trying to navigate the threats--old and new. When I'm summoned to go before the Council, I have no idea what to expect. Thrust into a world of politics and status I'm not sure I agree with, my unease grows as I struggle to find my place. When my powers develop with the help of my Phoenix, I feel more prepared to take on the unknowns stacking up against me. Will my guys and I be able to face the trials in our path, or will the secrets of a world that's Hidden in Smoke destroy us before we've even started?*18+ Reverse Harem Romance. Warning this book contains scenes and references of abuse that some readers may find triggering. This book also contains some m/m themes.*

Explores the homogenization of American culture and the impact of the fast food industry on modern-day health, economy, politics, popular culture, entertainment, and food production.

One week in a no-holds-barred bargain with the one who got away...Declan Hunt is now a wealthy, self-made CEO, but he grew up a rough ranch hand in Montana. Kara Brooks was the golden girl up on the hill, tantalizing and always out of reach. Now the tables have turned. She's come to him for help. His price? Seven days and seven nights of submission to his dominance as he unleashes his dark, relentless appetites. Kara fell for him once and he broke her heart. Now, she's got to keep this all business. The only problem is she's got a secret. Serving his needs fulfills her deepest fantasies. As an assassin of the Lifeless League, there are two rules I live by:1. Never kill another hunter.2. Obey orders.When I find that my newest set of targets are branded with the Mark of the Hunter, I don't know who I can trust anymore. I can't take their lives without knowing why these mysterious men turned their backs on the League.A choice will have to be made eventually. Even if they refuse to make anything easy for me. The four brooding ex-assassins give me trials,

training, and tests to study my unusual powers and prove myself as one of them. A deadly plan is now in place but they've all made one grave mistake: Underestimating me. Because I'm adding a third and final rule to my list:3. Survive. This is a Reverse Harem Series, recommended for readers 18 and over.

When raven shifter Riley Porter was given sanctuary by the Phoenix Pack, she let them believe she had left her flock. Reluctant to divulge the secrets of her past, she was still embraced as family. Only Tao Lukas, the protective and passionate Head Enforcer of the pack, was resistant to the enigmatic shifter. Until Riley started to arouse in him something other than suspicion. Tao doesn't trust lone shifters, especially ones so guarded—and tempting. But the sexual tension between them is making them both come undone, and vulnerable to more than desire. All Tao wants is for Riley to stay with him and to trust him with the truth of her past. As Riley's mysteries come to light, so does a danger that threatens not only her life but the safety of the entire pack. For Tao, keeping Riley safe means keeping her close—forever—as his mate.

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