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Villains & Vodka-Alta Hensley 2019-08-10 My life is one long fevered dream, balancing between being killed or killing. The name Harley Crow is one to be feared. I am an assassin. A killer. The villain. I own it. I choose this life. Hell, I crave it. I hunger for it. The smell of fear makes me hard and is the very reason the blood runs through my veins. Until I meet her... Marlowe Masters. Her darkness matches my own. In my twisted world of dancing along the jagged edge of the blade... She changes everything. No weapon can protect me from the kind of death she will ultimately deliver. *Villains & Vodka is a dark billionaire romance. If you don't like a splash of shock, a dash of taboo, and a heavy dose of dirty, then don't take a sip of this TOP SHELF cocktail.

Sinners & Gin-Alta Hensley 2020-02-17 My power is absolute. My rules are law. Structure. Obedience. Discipline. I am in charge, and what I say goes. Black and white with no gray. No one dares break the

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rules in my dark and twisted world... until her. Until she makes me cross my own jagged lines. She's untouched. Perfection. Pure. Forbidden. She tests my limits in all ways. There is only one option left. I will claim her as mine no matter how many rules are broken.

Beasts & Bourbon-Alta Hensley 2019-08-10 My royal blood flows black with twisted secrets. I am a beast who wears a crown. Heir to a modern kingdom cloaked in corruption and depravities. The time has come to claim my princess. An innocent hidden away from my dark world. Till now. Her initiation will require sacrifice and submission. There is no escaping the chains which bind her to me. Surrendering to my torment, as well as my protection, is her only path to survival. In the end... She will be forever mine.

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Maddox-Alta Hensley 2019-08-10 I don't seek forgiveness for my sins. Prey on the weak Defile the innocent And you will pay the price Judgment has been made Sentence has been decided Breaking the only law that matters - the law of my family - has but one price Death. Our mission is simple. Our code unbreakable. To those who cross our bloodline, be warned. For we are judge, jury and executioner. To those who come under our protection, we are more than brothers, more than men whose souls are stained by sin. We are the kings of the underworld.

The Truth About Cinder-Alta Hensley 2019-10-05 The evil lies little girls are told... There are hushed whispers about a wicked and decadent place known as the Palace of Lazar. A prince with insatiable tastes and the women who cater to it all. Feasts of pleasure, lust, and forbidden acts... all submitting to the sensual allure of the Harem. But behind its bejeweled façade of luxury and pleasure lies a haunting and evil truth. A dark and perverse world that only the strong can survive. A truth Cinder is about to learn when her fairytale dreams become twisted into a macabre masquerade of dancing vices. Will she succumb to the demands of her current story, or cling to her fairytale ending?

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Mafia Lullaby-Measha Stone 2020-05-08 She's a Lullaby girl. Her fate is sealed. In a twisted, underground House of depravity, the women do not belong to me. But they are mine to train. To groom. To perfect in the most wicked of ways. This dark House changed me. What was asked of me, corrupted the man I once was. But the sickness did not break me. I remained in control regardless. Until her. Cloaked in secrets and lies, I have a new focus... I want my own Lullaby girl.

Devils & Rye-Alta Hensley 2019-08-10 Forbidden fruit tastes the sweetest. It had been years since I had seen her. Years since I last saw those eyes with pure, raw innocence. So much time had passed since I lusted after what I knew I should resist. But she was so right. And I was so wrong. To claim her as mine was breaking the rules. Boundaries should not be broken. But temptation weakens my resolve. With the pull of my dark desires... I know that I can't hide from my sinful thoughts—and actions—forever. *Devils & Rye is a dark billionaire romance. If you don't like a splash of shock, a dash of taboo, and a heavy dose of dirty, then don't take a sip of this TOP SHELF cocktail.

Highfire-Eoin Colfer 2020-01-28 From the New York Times bestselling author of the Artemis Fowl series comes a hilarious and high-octane adult novel about a vodka-drinking, Flashdance-loving dragon who lives an isolated life in the bayous of Louisiana—and the raucous adventures that ensue when he crosses paths with a fifteen-year-old troublemaker on the run from a crooked sheriff. In the days of yore, he flew the skies and scorched angry mobs—now he hides from swamp tour boats and rises only with the greatest reluctance from his Laz-Z-Boy recliner. Laying low in the bayou, this once-magnificent fire breather has

been reduced to lighting Marlboros with nose sparks, swilling Absolut in a Flashdance T-shirt, and binging Netflix in a fishing shack. For centuries, he struck fear in hearts far and wide as Wyvern, Lord Highfire of the Highfire Eyrie—now he goes by Vern. However...he has survived, unlike the rest. He is the last of his kind, the last dragon. Still, no amount of vodka can drown the loneliness in his molten core. Vern's glory days are long gone. Or are they? A canny Cajun swamp rat, young Everett "Squib" Moreau does what he can to survive, trying not to break the heart of his saintly single mother. He's finally decided to work for a shady smuggler—but on his first night, he witnesses his boss murdered by a crooked constable. Regence Hooke is not just a dirty cop, he's a despicable human being—who happens to want Squib's momma in the worst way. When Hooke goes after his hidden witness with a grenade launcher, Squib finds himself airlifted from certain death by...a dragon? The swamp can make strange bedfellows, and rather than be fried alive so the dragon can keep his secret, Squib strikes a deal with the scaly apex predator. He can act as his go-between (aka familiar)—fetch his vodka, keep him company, etc.—in exchange for protection from Hooke. Soon the three of them are careening headlong toward a combustible confrontation. There's about to be a fiery reckoning, in which either dragons finally go extinct—or Vern's glory days are back. A triumphant return to the genre-bending fantasy that Eoin Colfer is so well known for, Highfire is an effortlessly clever and relentlessly funny tour-de-force of comedy and action.

Traditional Love-Alta Hensley 2010-12 Is finding true love as simple as finding a strong man who spanks? In hopes that she can rebuild her broken life, Neely moves back to her hometown and becomes roommates with her best friend, Caine. Living together they soon discover that their feelings go far beyond just friendship. Neely is surprised to learn that Caine believes in spanking as a way of life. He lives and passionately upholds a lifestyle known as Domestic Discipline. He is a man who believes in loving, cherishing and spanking his women! But can Neely let go, and trust in Caine? Can she submit to his way of life, and emerge herself in his like minded group of friends? Is Domestic Discipline just what Neely needs? Or will the uncertainty of the lifestyle tear them apart?

Gin-Lesley Jacobs Solmonson 2012-05-15 *Mother's Milk, Mother's Ruin, and Ladies' Delight*. Dutch Courage and Cuckold's Comfort. These evocative nicknames for gin hint that it has a far livelier history than the simple and classic martini would lead you to believe. In this book, Lesley Jacobs Solmonson journeys into gin's past, revealing that this spirit has played the role of both hero and villain throughout history. Taking us back to gin's origins as a medicine derived from the aromatic juniper berry, Solmonson describes how the Dutch recognized the berry's alcoholic possibilities and distilled it into the whiskey-like genever. She then follows the drink to Britain, where cheap imitations laced with turpentine and other caustic fillers made it the drink of choice for poor eighteenth-century Londoners. Eventually replaced by the sweetened Old Tom style and later by London Dry gin, its popularity spread along with the British Empire. As people today once again embrace classic cocktails like the gimlet and the negroni, gin has reclaimed its place in the world of mixology. Featuring many enticing recipes, *Gin* is the perfect gift for cocktail aficionados and anyone who wants to know whether it should be shaken or stirred.

Spiked Roses-Alta Hensley 2020-12-03 For the first time ever, the bestselling Top Shelf series is available in one collection. *Bastards & Whiskey, Villains & Vodka, Scoundrels & Scotch, Devils & Rye, Beasts & Bourbon, and Sinners & Gin* are now in one book! Do you dare take a dark sip? They are the Presidents, Royalty, the Captains of Industry, and the wealthiest men in the world. They own Spiked Roses—an exclusive, membership only establishment in New Orleans where money or lineage is the only way in. It is for the gentlemen who own everything and never hear the word no. Sipping on whiskey, smoking cigars, and conducting multi-million dollar deals in their own personal playground of indulgence, there isn't anything they can't have...

Vodka Doesn't Freeze-Leah Giarratano 2010-05-01 The thrilling novel from clinical psychologist turned crime writer, now with a great new cover. When a middle-aged man is brutally murdered in the dunes overlooking a children's pool, it's immediately clear to Sergeant Jill Jackson that this was no ordinary victim: someone has stopped a dangerous paedophile in his tracks. Knowing first-hand the impact of such

men on their prey, Jill is ambivalent about pursuing the killer, but when more men die - all known to police as child sex offenders - she is forced to face the fact that a serial killer is on the loose. As the investigation deepens, Jill unearths a long-established Sydney paedophile ring - a club of wealthy men who have thought until now that that they are untouchable. Despite the deaths of some of its members, the club is still operating and until Jill can shut it down, children are still in grave danger. As she faces predators and their victims, a psychotherapist losing her mind, and her own nightmares come to life, Jill is forced to decide whether or not she really wants to catch this killer.

Eight Days in October-DM Schwartz 2017-02-04 A teenage boy uncovers a horrific family secret. A widower seeks vengeance on the creatures that killed his wife. A drug addled writer stalks the woman of his dreams, a woman much more sinister than she appears. A federal agent races to find the cursed relic powering this city full of spooks, spirits, and serial killers. The lives of these and others will collide in the dark and dangerous streets of Adderlass. A seed of evil was planted under Adderlass, a city where monsters hide behind masks of humanity and ordinary people shuffle anesthetized and addicted by the sickly supernatural power wafting up from below. The city was built over the crystalline skull of a bloodthirsty beast. Now, the hunt is on for this lost treasure and whoever finds it first will control the fate not only of Adderlass but of the entire world. Sixteen-year-old Simon Cubbins, young and naive, may be the key to unlocking the mystery buried in this twisted labyrinth of hidden agendas. He also unknowingly harbors a secret that could destroy the Cubbins bloodline. As different characters fight for control over Simon, he will have to decide whether or not to carry on his family's legacy.

Benigna Machiavelli-Charlotte Perkins Gilman 1994 Benigna Machiavelli has never before been published in its entirety in book form. It was first published by Charlotte Perkins Gilman in *The Forerunner* (Vol. 5, 1914), a magazine which she wrote, edited, and produced every month from 1906 to 1916. The novella was serialized a chapter an issue. *The Forerunner* cost \$1.00 per issue, and was in a 7" x 10", 28-page format. The circulation averaged 1,500 subscribers a year, including many in Europe, also some in India

and Australia. Gilman stated she did not "aim in the least at literary virtuosity," she was interested in ideas. The main idea expressed in *Benigna* is the story of a benign Machiavellian girl/woman, a "good villain," as *Benigna* phrases it. Having noted in the stories she read as a child that the villains exerted their intellects to accomplish their goals, while the heroes were "mostly very stupid" and practiced passive virtues, *Benigna* decides to apply her precocious mind to become this "good villain"-all for everyone's good, of course, at least as *Benigna* sees it. She responds to the sometimes onerous and perplexing life circumstances she observes herself to be in by deciding to take control of her life in highly creative (and manipulative) ways- at a time when women, and especially children, had very little control. *Benigna* is an intensely insightful child, as was no doubt Gilman herself. How much of this story is based on her own life experiences is difficult to say; however there are many similarities. In her autobiography, *The Living of Charlotte Perkins Gilman*, she recounts the anecdote of the experiment to see what would happen if she broke the oppressive silence of her schoolroom, just as *Benigna* does (and with the same results). It's likely that much of *Benigna's* character is based on her own, doubtless with some amount of wishful thinking that she had as successfully taken as much control of her own life. The family portrayed bears little resemblance to Gilman's, with the exception of the mother. Gilman had one sibling, a brother, Thomas A. Perkins, 14 months her senior, with whom she was not close. Her father, Frederick Beecher Perkins, left the family when Gilman was an infant and was infrequently in contact with them. However, her mother, Mary Wescott Perkins, described by Gilman as "absolutely loyal, as loving as a spaniel which no ill treatment can alienate," accurately describes *Benigna's* mother as well. Also similarly, Mary Wescott Perkins was intensely interested in "child culture," and had studied the Kindergarten method of child raising. Another direct parallel to Gilman's life is *Benigna's* happily-ever-after ending, her marriage to her cousin. Gilman married her first cousin, George Houghton Gilman, seven years her junior. Unlike *Benigna*, this was her second marriage and, by her account, finally a happy one. In her autobiography she wrote, "We were married... and lived happily ever after. If this were a novel, now, here's the happy ending."

Although at present best known for her short story "The Yellow Wallpaper," a fictionalized account of her devastating first marriage, in her time Charlotte Perkins Gilman was known internationally as a lecturer and author of *Women and Economics: The Economic Relation Between Men and Women as a Factor in Social Evolution*, that went through nine printings from 1898 to 1920. William Dean Howells said of her: "The best brains and best profile of any woman in America." As a follow-up to this book, *Aurora Leigh* by Elizabeth Barrett Browning tells the tale of an orphaned half-Italian girl who rejects marriage to a rich cousin whom she likes very much, in order to make her own way in the world, and does successfully. (www.createospace.com/3812489)

Knocked Up by the Dom-Penelope Bloom 2017-09-17 My darkest secret? I let a stranger dominate me in the most intimate way possible. He gave me three things that night: His first name, the sweet taste of submission, and his baby. Now my Dom is back and this time he won't stop until I'm his. Kylie One wild and reckless night changed my life three years ago. I got a taste of what it meant to be with a real man--how just a whisper could ignite my desire, and his commanding voice could have me kneeling at his feet in submission. He was my everything and I only knew him for a few hours. But like everything good in my life, it went up in flames. When I learned the truth about him, I ran as fast as I could. I'd like to think I would've stayed if I knew about the baby... but I doubt even that would've stopped me, not after what I learned. Damian It has been three years since she got away. Three f*cking years. I knew she was mine from the moment I saw her. I had to have her. To touch her. For one night, I owned her submission and she loved every second. I finally found her again. There's not a chance in hell she's going to slip away this time. Not again. Not ever. I'm going to bring her into my world. I'll give her everything she wants and all the things she didn't even know she needs. She'll be crying out my name. She'll be dreaming of spankings, handcuffs, and blindfolds. I'm going to dominate her in every way imaginable. Mind, body, and soul. Especially her body. But it's not going to be as simple as I thought because she has a son now... my son. **As always, this is a totally SAFE, full length book with a happily ever after, no cheating, and plenty

of steam. Bonus content included.**

Guilt by Association-Marcia Clark 2011-04-20 Los Angeles D.A. Rachel Knight is a tenacious, wise-cracking, and fiercely intelligent prosecutor in the city's most elite division. When her colleague, Jake, is found dead at a grisly crime scene, Rachel is shaken to the core. She must take over his toughest case: the assault of a young woman from a prominent family. But she can't stop herself from digging deeper into Jake's death, a decision that exposes a world of power and violence and will have her risking her reputation--and her life--to find the truth. With her tremendous expertise in the nuances of L.A. courts and crime, and with a vibrant ensemble cast of characters, Marcia Clark combines intimate detail, riotous humor, and visceral action in a debut thriller that marks the launch of a major new figure on the crime-writing scene.

The Glass Castle-Jeanette Walls 2006-01-02 Journalist Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were their curse and their salvation. Rex and Rose Mary and their four children lived like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns, camping in the mountains. Rex was a charismatic, brilliant man who, when sober, captured his children's imagination, teaching them how to embrace life fearlessly. Rose Mary painted and wrote and couldn't stand the responsibility of providing for her family. When the money ran out, the Walls retreated to the dismal West Virginia mining town Rex had tried to escape. As the dysfunction escalated, the children had to fend for themselves, supporting one another as they found the resources and will to leave home. Yet Walls describes her parents with deep affection in this tale of unconditional love in a family that, despite its profound flaws, gave her the fiery determination to carve out a successful life. -- From publisher description.

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down-Anne Fadiman 2012-04-24 A study in the collision between Western medicine and the beliefs of a traditional culture focuses on a hospitalized child of Laotian immigrants whose belief that illness is a spiritual matter comes into conflict with doctors' methods.

Educating Creatures-Mike Leonard Williams 2015-08-17 Grubdale in the year 1912 - a quaint Victorian

town nestled high among the sheep and turnips of Northern England, boasting a regiment of Rifles, the Zoological Gardens and the most expensive and grandest of hotels this side of the viaduct. But all is not as it seems. The hotel is overflowing with spies and the latest addition to the Zoological Gardens has eaten all the exhibits, breathes fire when it sneezes and is demanding to be called 'Your Majesty' when spoken to. All of this is as nothing to the goings on up the hill at Grubdale Towers, a ramshackle school for orphans where a bad tin of sardines has created the perfect opportunity for a certain witch and her pink 'poodle' Demetrios, to take up teaching and set education back 300 years. So while the rest of the Sisterhood continue their search for the great wyrms of legend, Rowena Carp begins her new career as a teacher of horrid little boys, and one horrid little boy in particular - Hieronymous Bede, the last Prince of Wyrms. 'Educating Creatures' - the second instalment of 'The Trouble with Wyrms' comedy recounting the exploits of a group of witches in Edwardian Britain as they search for peace, love and 'The Stately Wyrms of England, ' and a good gin and tonic

After We Fell-Anna Todd 2014-12-30 Book 3 of the After series—newly revised and expanded, Anna Todd's After fanfiction racked up 1 billion reads online and captivated readers across the globe. Experience the internet's most talked-about book for yourself from the writer Cosmopolitan called “the biggest literary phenomenon of her generation.” Tessa and Hardin’s love was complicated before. Now it’s more confusing than ever. AFTER WE FELL...Life will never be the same. #HESSA Just as Tessa makes the biggest decision of her life, everything changes. Revelations about first her family, and then Hardin’s, throw everything they knew before in doubt and makes their hard-won future together more difficult to claim. Tessa’s life begins to come unglued. Nothing is what she thought it was. Not her friends. Not her family. The one person she should be able to rely on, Hardin, is furious when he discovers the massive secret she’s been keeping. And rather than being understanding, he turns to sabotage. Tessa knows Hardin loves her and will do anything to protect her, but there’s a difference between loving someone and being able to have them in your life. This cycle of jealousy, unpredictable anger, and forgiveness is exhausting. She’s

never felt so intensely for anyone, so exhilarated by someone's kiss—but is the irrepressible heat between her and Hardin worth all the drama? Love used to be enough to hold them together. But if Tessa follows her heart now, will it be...the end?

Counteract-Tracy Lawson 2015-08-25 Who do you trust when your world unravels and everything you believed is a lie? For the past fifteen years, The Office of Civilian Safety and Defense has guarded the public against the rampant threat of terrorism. Teenagers Tommy and Careen have never known life without the government-approved Civilian Restrictions. For them, there's no social media. No one is allowed to gather in public places or attend concerts or sporting events. Only a small, select group of adults have driving privileges. It's a small price to pay for safety. Now a new, more deadly, terrorist threat looms: airborne chemical weapons that can be activated without warning. The OCSA is ready with an antidote to counteract the effects of the toxins. Three drops a day is all it takes. It's a small price to pay for health. Tommy and Careen obediently take the antidote; neither considers stopping when strange things begin to happen. The day the disaster sirens signal the dreaded attack, Tommy shares his last dose with Careen, even though doing so might hasten his death. It's a small price to pay for a friend. Follow Tommy and Careen as they uncover a web of lies and deceit reaching to the highest levels of the United States government and join an underground resistance group that's determined to expose the truth.

Tsar-Ted Bell 2009-08-06 Somewhere in Russia is a man so powerful that no one even knows his name. Yet though he is all but invisible, he is pulling strings - and pulling them hard. For suddenly Russia is a far bigger threat than even the most devoted Cold War warriors ever thought possible. With her finger on the switch to the European economy and her sights on the American jugular, Russia gains a new leader. Not just a president, he has been appointed Tsar, a signal to the world that the old imperial power is back - and plans to have her day. At the same time, a mysterious killer brutally murders an innocent American family, literally blowing up the small midwestern town in which they lived. Just a taste, according to the new Tsar, of what will happen if America does not step aside in preventing Russia's plans to 'reintegrate'

her rogue states. Onto this nightmarish stage steps special agent extraordinaire Alex Hawke, the only man - both the British and Americans agree - who can stop the madness.

The Schmillustrator's Coloring Book-Geoff Schmidt 2016-11-05 I don't know where my hat is I can't find my lucky shoes I lost my favorite pair of socks and my backpack's missing too Last week I lost my glasses They're nowhere to be found I've looked around all over Turned my room upside down Maybe they just disappeared I've searched for long enough Maybe it's time to face the facts: I'm no good at finding stuff Wait what's this on the shelf? This looks kind of special A book of poems for coloring, hmm Where are my colored pencils? A wise person once said, "The world would be a better place if we all just took some time to color weird pictures or enjoy a poem or two." With The Schmillustrator's Coloring Book, you can do both - at the same time! Take in the joys of short poems about aliens, monsters, monkeys, old guys, a wizard, a turtle, an aspiring president, a bizarre character named Crackersauce, and many others while you bring the drawings to life with splashes of color. The Schmillustrator's Coloring Book is a collection of more than thirty goofy poems in the spirit of Shel Silverstein, accompanied by equally goofy and detailed illustrations to color. Perfect for kids and adults, boys and girls, dogs and cats, heroes and villains, and everyone in between.

In from the Cold-Mercy Celeste 2011-11-11 For eighteen years, Nathan Truman and Quinn Anders were best friends. One born of wealth and privilege, the other born to working people, Nathan and Quinn shared everything. Sports, music, first kiss, first love. For sixteen years, Nathan has tried to forget Quinn. Tried to forget the stolen moments they'd shared as kids. He joined the Marines, married, not once but twice, went into law enforcement. He forgot. For sixteen years, Quinn couldn't stop remembering. He fell into addiction, found music, lost himself, and became a country music superstar. He never forgot. Sixteen years after their one night together, tragedy conspires to reunite them. The murder of Quinn's father sets them on a collision course not only with their past but with a killer. Nathan and Quinn struggle to deal with their past while the present slowly crashes around them. Brought together by grief, their tentative

new beginning may very well come to a sizzling end, leaving them both out in the cold forever.

Fallen Daughters-Alta Hensley 2019-06-12 We are the Fallen Daughters trapped in a dark and twisted world.I am the daughter cast in a forbidden and haunted house, captured to earn my release.I am the daughter born from evil with no choice but to fight.I am the daughter of the apocalypse.I am the daughter cloaked in slumber, nightmare and vicious ways.I am the daughter taken to breed with the enemy.I am the daughter in search for the light as I am surrounded in thick darkness.We are the fallen. The daughters who dance between love and lunacy.Come join us in our tales.

Origin-Dan Brown 2017-10-03 The #1 New York Times Bestseller (October 2017) from the author of The Da Vinci Code. Robert Langdon, Harvard professor of symbology, arrives at the ultramodern Guggenheim Museum Bilbao to attend the unveiling of a discovery that “will change the face of science forever.” The evening’s host is Edmond Kirsch, a forty-year-old billionaire and futurist, and one of Langdon’s first students. But the meticulously orchestrated evening suddenly erupts into chaos, and Kirsch’s precious discovery teeters on the brink of being lost forever. Facing an imminent threat, Langdon is forced to flee. With him is Ambra Vidal, the elegant museum director who worked with Kirsch. They travel to Barcelona on a perilous quest to locate a cryptic password that will unlock Kirsch’s secret. Navigating the dark corridors of hidden history and extreme religion, Langdon and Vidal must evade an enemy whose all-knowing power seems to emanate from Spain’s Royal Palace. They uncover clues that ultimately bring them face-to-face with Kirsch’s shocking discovery...and the breathtaking truth that has long eluded us.

A Prayer for Owen Meany-John Irving 2012-05-08 “I am doomed to remember a boy with a wrecked voice—not because of his voice, or because he was the smallest person I ever knew, or even because he was the instrument of my mother’s death, but because he was the reason I believe in God; I am a Christian because of Owen Meany.” In the summer of 1953, two eleven-year-old boys—best friends—are playing in a Little League baseball game in Gravesend, New Hampshire. One of the boys hits a foul ball that kills the other boy’s mother. The boy who hits the ball doesn’t believe in accidents; Owen Meany believes he is

God's instrument. What happens to Owen, after that 1953 foul ball, is extraordinary and terrifying.

Meter of Corruption-Wolf Schimanski 2014-02-08 Jon-Erik, Joey, Angel, and Tina have been through some severe tough times together, and they've made it through to the other side. But just as things are finally calming down and starting to go smoothly for them, chaos reenters their lives, and it threatens to destroy everything they hold dear. This highly anticipated sequel to author Wolf Schimanski's debut novel Meter of Deception finds the fearless foursome comfortably settled into a domestic paradise. Jon-Erik and Angel as well as Joey and Tina have settled down and are engaged to be married, and the men are working together as partners in Joey's family furniture business. But corporate shark Richard Rasmussin has his sights set on their business, and he's determined to swallow it whole. A ruthless, underhanded, crooked man, he'll stop at nothing until he takes hold of the business, and he'll do whatever it takes to make sure that no one interferes with his larger, wide-sweeping wicked schemes. Can these four friends muster up the courage and skill to survive Rasmussin's attacks? Or will they fall victim to corruption, depravity, and danger that is unprecedented even for them? The second installment in the Meter trilogy, Meter of Corruption, follows the protagonists as they battle to protect their lives and livelihoods from the sinister web that threatens to suffocate them. Full of non-stop action, unexpected plot twists, and spine-tingling revelations, this page-turner spans wayward and exotic locations, such as Jamaica and Russia, and delves into an underworld so dark and diabolical it'll leave you at a loss for words.

The Secret Life of Violet Grant-Beatriz Williams 2015-05-05 "Passion, redemption, and a battered old suitcase full of secrets: the New York Times-bestselling author of A Hundred Summers returns with another engrossing tale of lost love and female ambition that crosses generations. Manhattan, 1964. Vivian Schuyler, newly graduated from Bryn Mawr College, has recently defied the privilege of her storied old Fifth Avenue family to do the unthinkable for a budding Kennedy-era socialite: break into the Mad Men world of razor-stylish Metropolitan magazine. But when she receives a bulky overseas parcel in the mail, the unexpected contents draw her inexorably back into her family's past, and the hushed-over crime

passionnel of an aunt she never knew, whose existence has been wiped from the record of history. Berlin, 1914. Violet Schuyler Grant endures her marriage to the philandering and decades-older scientist Dr. Walter Grant for one reason: for all his faults, he provides the necessary support to her liminal position as a young American female physicist in prewar Germany. The arrival of Dr. Grant's magnetic former student at the beginning of Europe's fateful summer interrupts this delicate detente. Lionel Richardson, a captain in the British Army, challenges Violet to escape her husband's perverse hold, and as the world edges into war and Lionel's shocking true motives become evident, Violet is tempted to take the ultimate step to set herself free and seek a life of her own conviction with a man whose cause is as audacious as her own. As the iridescent and fractured Vivian digs deeper into her aunt's past and the mystery of her ultimate fate, Violet's story of determination and desire unfolds, shedding light on the darkness of her years abroad and teaching Vivian to reach forward with grace for the ambitious future--and the love--she wants most."--
Tell the Wolves I'm Home-Carol Rifka Brunt 2012-06-19 NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The Wall Street Journal • O: The Oprah Magazine • BookPage • Kirkus Reviews • Booklist • School Library Journal In this striking literary debut, Carol Rifka Brunt unfolds a moving story of love, grief, and renewal as two lonely people become the unlikely of friends and find that sometimes you don't know you've lost someone until you've found them. NATIONAL BESTSELLER • NAMED A FAVORITE READ BY GILLIAN FLYNN • WINNER OF THE ALEX AWARD 1987. There's only one person who has ever truly understood fourteen-year-old June Elbus, and that's her uncle, the renowned painter Finn Weiss. Shy at school and distant from her older sister, June can only be herself in Finn's company; he is her godfather, confidant, and best friend. So when he dies, far too young, of a mysterious illness her mother can barely speak about, June's world is turned upside down. But Finn's death brings a surprise acquaintance into June's life—someone who will help her to heal, and to question what she thinks she knows about Finn, her family, and even her own heart. At Finn's funeral, June notices a strange man lingering just beyond the crowd. A few days later, she receives a package in the mail. Inside is a beautiful

teapot she recognizes from Finn's apartment, and a note from Toby, the stranger, asking for an opportunity to meet. As the two begin to spend time together, June realizes she's not the only one who misses Finn, and if she can bring herself to trust this unexpected friend, he just might be the one she needs the most. An emotionally charged coming-of-age novel, *Tell the Wolves I'm Home* is a tender story of love lost and found, an unforgettable portrait of the way compassion can make us whole again. Praise for *Tell the Wolves I'm Home* "A dazzling debut novel."—O: The Oprah Magazine "This compassionate and vital novel will rivet readers until the very end. . . . The narrative is as tender and raw as an exposed nerve, pulsing with the sharpest agonies and ecstasies of the human condition."—BookPage "Tremendously moving."—The Wall Street Journal "Transcendent . . . Peopled by characters who will live in readers' imaginations long after the final page is turned, Brunt's novel is a beautifully bittersweet mixture of heartbreak and hope."—Booklist (starred review) "Carol Rifka Brunt establishes herself as an emerging author to watch."—Minneapolis Star Tribune "Touching and ultimately hopeful."—People Look for special features inside. Join the Random House Reader's Circle for author chats and more.

A Slight Trick of the Mind—Mitch Cullin 2006 In 1947, ninety-three-year-old Sherlock Holmes lives out his retirement in a remote Sussex farmhouse with a housekeeper and her young son, Roger, who stumbles upon information about Holmes's secret past and long-ago infatuation with Mrs. Keller, while the one-time master detective tends his apiary, writes in journals, and copes with the fading powers of his mind. Reprint. 17,500 first printing.

The Sympathizer—Viet Thanh Nguyen 2015-04-02 Winner of the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction Winner of the 2016 Edgar Award for Best First Novel Winner of the 2016 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction "[A] remarkable debut novel . . . [Nguyen] brings a distinctive perspective to the war and its aftermath. His book fills a void in the literature, giving voice to the previously voiceless . . . The nameless protagonist-narrator, a memorable character despite his anonymity, is an Americanized Vietnamese with a divided heart and mind. Nguyen's skill in portraying this sort of ambivalent personality compares

favorably with masters like Conrad, Greene, and le Carré. . . . Both thriller and social satire. . . . In its final chapters, *The Sympathizer* becomes an absurdist tour de force that might have been written by a Kafka or Genet.”—Philip Caputo, *New York Times Book Review* (cover review) The winner of the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, as well as seven other awards, *The Sympathizer* is the breakthrough novel of the year. With the pace and suspense of a thriller and prose that has been compared to Graham Greene and Saul Bellow, *The Sympathizer* is a sweeping epic of love and betrayal. The narrator, a communist double agent, is a “man of two minds,” a half-French, half-Vietnamese army captain who arranges to come to America after the Fall of Saigon, and while building a new life with other Vietnamese refugees in Los Angeles is secretly reporting back to his communist superiors in Vietnam. *The Sympathizer* is a blistering exploration of identity and America, a gripping espionage novel, and a powerful story of love and friendship.

Tiny Little Thing-Beatriz Williams 2016 Christina “Tiny” Hardcastle, the wife of a politician with aspirations to national office, struggles to keep up her perfect life despite the unwelcome arrival of her unpredictable sister, Pepper, and an incriminating photograph.

Bad Bad Girl-Alta Hensley 2020 How can it be wrong when it feels so, so right? What happens when you are a very bad, bad girl? What happens when he is so alpha that he demands complete surrender? What happens when your body, mind, and soul betray you? You submit. You utter the words you never thought you would say. “Yes, sir.” They should resist. They should say no. They should walk away and never look back. But they won’t. Three women. Three men. Three tales of carnal delight that push the comfort zone.

The Martini Cocktail-Robert Simonson 2019 *New York Times* cocktail writer Simonson uncovers the long and tangled history of the classic martini and its subtle variations. The book features examples of age-old recipes, such as the first martini recipe published in 1888, to modern versions created by some of the world’s best bartenders.

Trump: Think Like a Billionaire-Donald J. Trump 2004-10-12 It’s not good enough to want it. You’ve got to know how to get it. Real estate titan, bestselling author, and TV star Donald J. Trump is the man to teach

you the billionaire mind-set-how to think about money, career skills, and life. Here is crucial advice on investing in real estate from the expert, everything from dealing with brokers to renovating to assessing the value of property, buying and selling, and securing a mortgage. Trump will show you how to cut costs, decide how much risk to assume in your investments, and divide up your portfolio. He'll also teach you how to impress anyone, how to correct or criticize someone effectively, and how to know if your friends are loyal-everything you need to know to get ahead. And once you've earned your money, you've got to learn to spend it well. Trump presents his consumer guide to the best things in life, from wine to golf clubs to engagement rings. Check out the billionaire lifestyle-how they shop and what they buy. Even if you're not superwealthy, you can afford many of these luxuries. And what look inside the Trump world would be complete without The Apprentice? Trump will take you behind the scenes, from the end of season one and into season two, with insights into the making and the meaning of TV's hottest show. As Donald Trump proves, getting rich is easy. Staying rich is harder. Your chances are better, and you'll have more fun, if you think like a billionaire. This is the book that will help you make a real difference in your life.

Mrs. Dalloway-Virginia Woolf 2020-07-31 First published in 1925, "Mrs Dalloway" is a novel by Virginia Woolf that chronicles a day in the life of Clarissa Dalloway, an English aristocrat living after the Great War. Amongst her most famous works, "Mrs Dalloway" deals with such themes as mental illness, existentialism, feminism, and bisexuality. A classic novel that deserves a place on every bookshelf and is not to be missed by fans of Woolf's seminal work. Adeline Virginia Woolf (1882-1941) was an English writer. She is widely hailed as being among the most influential modernist authors of the 20th century and a pioneer of stream of consciousness narration. Woolf suffered numerous nervous breakdowns during her life primarily as a result of the deaths of family members, and it is now believed that she may have suffered from bipolar disorder. In 1941, Woolf drowned herself in the River Ouse at Lewes, aged 59. Other notable works by this author include: "Pattledom" (1925), "A Room of One's Own" (1929), "The Captain's Death Bed: and Other Essays" (1950). Read & Co. Classics is proudly republishing this classic novel now

in a new edition complete with a specially-commissioned new biography of the author.

The Eyes of the World-Harold Bell Wright 2018-04-05 Reproduction of the original: The Eyes of the World by Harold Bell Wright

The Great Deformation-David Stockman 2013-04-02 A former Michigan congressman and member of the Reagan administration describes how interference in the financial markets has contributed to the national debt and has damaging and lasting repercussions.

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