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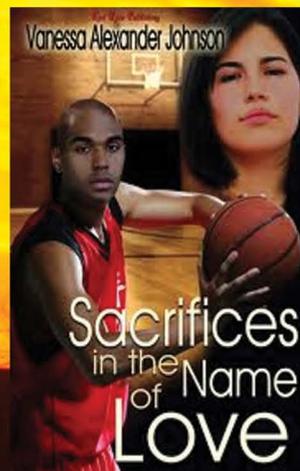
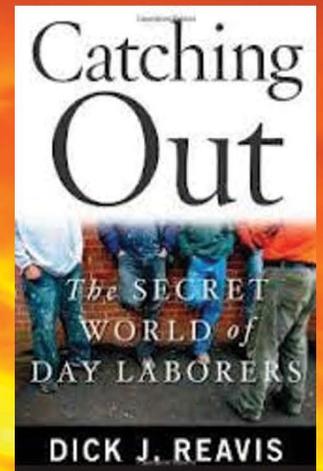
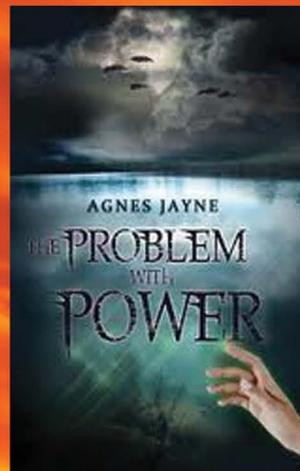
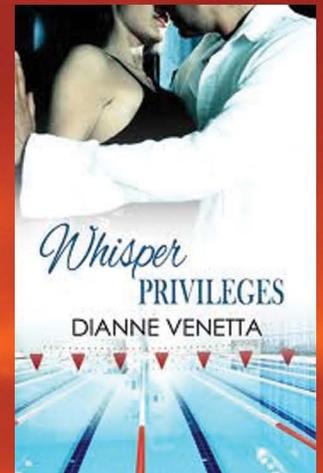
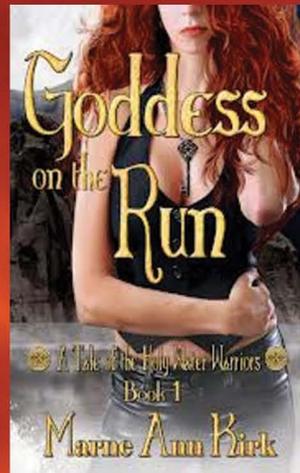
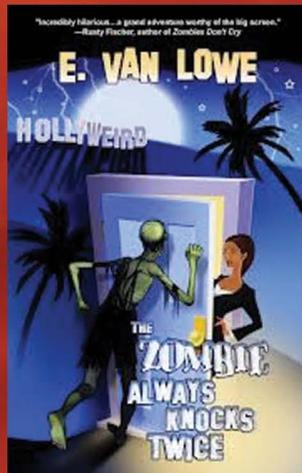
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Maggie Jaimeson

by Tamazon of Night Owl Reviews

Current Release: Healing Notes

Describe your current release in two sentences?

After a horrific rape on tour, Rachel must reconcile who she is, what she wants, and how to get there. Maybe then she'll know how to be a part of the family she's always wanted.

Please describe your writing environment.

I work at home on the top floor of a three level townhouse. The wall behind my computer contains degrees, awards, and mementos from my husband. These remind me that perseverance wins the day. The bookshelves on either side of me contain my inspiration, my research for my novels, and pictures of family and friends.

What are you working on?

I am completing the third book in my Sweetwater Canyon series. It is expected to be out in June/July 2013. Then I'll be starting work on the final book in the series which is expected to be out in Fall 2013.

What do you feel blessed with?

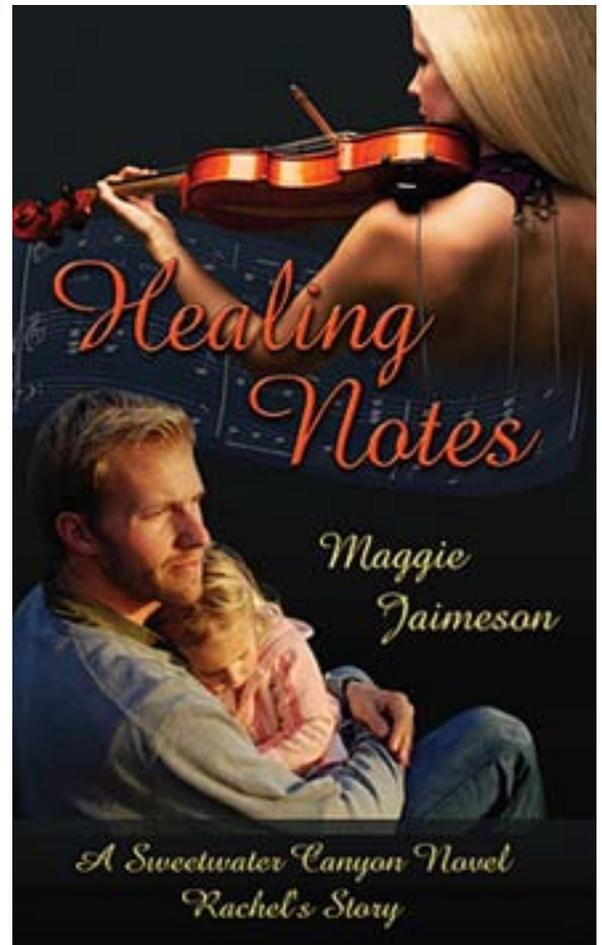
I feel blessed that I have a husband who not only supports my writing career, but actually believes I'm a good writer. He is a professional editor and has written and published non-fiction books for more than 25 years. He is the only one who gets to read my first drafts. He is the only one I brainstorm with consistently. His support means the world to me.

What was your childhood ambition?

My first ambition was to be an actress. I realized that ambition on a small scale in my mid to late twenties when I did summer stock at Sundance in Utah, and played bit parts in three movies. However, in the end I didn't have the fire in my belly, or perhaps not the talent, to make it a permanent career. However, writing novels allows me to play all the parts AND direct the movie. It's heaven.

What is your favorite TV show?

My favorite TV show is The Voice. I love the blind auditions because they are based purely on talent, not on looks or age. The whole concept of having a personal mentor is huge and something I wish we could implement in the writing world.



FABULOUS FICTION

BY TIFFANY SCHLARMAN

AN INSIDE LOOK!

Book Gems

This season is full of wonderful, soon-to-be released novels. There are more than I can list here, so I picked my favorites. The first, *Blackberry Winter* will be released this month. The second, *In the Pink*, is an October 1st release that you'll want to pre-order. The final book, *Whisper Privileges*, is on the shelves now and is completely worth the read. It is my hope that you find a book among these gems, but if you don't, make sure to check my website daily to discover the book-of-the-day and find out if it's for you.

Blackberry Winter by Sarah Jio

Set in 1933 Seattle, single mother Vera Ray kisses her three-year-old son, Daniel, goodnight and leaves for her night-shift at a local hotel. At the end of her shift she discovers that a rare May snow has blanketed the city, and that her son has vanished. Outside, she finds his beloved teddy bear lying face-down on the street, the snow hides any trace of his tracks, or the kidnapper's.

Fast forward to Seattle in 2010, Seattle Herald reporter Claire Aldridge is assigned to cover the May 1 "blackberry winter" storm and its twin, the storm of 1933. When Claire discovers the unsolved abduction she's determined to unearth the truth. In the process, she finds that she and Vera may be linked in unexpected

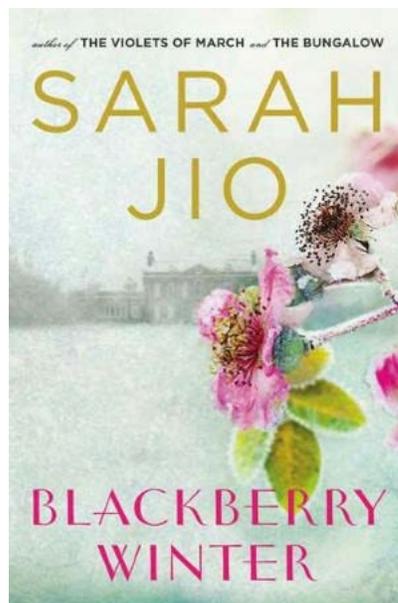
ways...

Blackberry Winter was difficult for me to read, as a mother, because it struck a chord buried deep within me. Losing a child, in any way, is a mom's worst nightmare and something no one wants to go through. I didn't want to read on at points, because I wasn't sure I really wanted to know what happened, unsure if I could handle reading about it, yet I couldn't put this book down. It's was impossible not to keep turning the pages, devouring each and every words as they fell together so perfectly.

It amazes me how well Ms. Jio skillfully switches between the past and present, interweaving the two and leaving clues within each, tying everything together in seamless effort. The characters, Vera and Claire, are well developed and beautifully so. They exist on and off the page due to the writing style Sarah Jio processes. Even now, I'm amazed this story is fiction; it feels as if these characters truly lived and loved.

The setting is perfect. I love Seattle. Ms. Jio does a wonderful job depicting

the scenes throughout the novel, giving the reader clear insight and a mental picture of the city, both in the past and the present. I immensely enjoyed this novel. It tugged on my heart strings, fulfilled my love of historical and contemporary fiction, all while giving me just



"I'LL READ ANYTHING BY SUSAN McBRIDE."
New York Times Bestselling Author CHARLAINE HARRIS



HOW I MET THE PERFECT (YOUNGER) MAN,
SURVIVED BREAST CANCER,
AND FOUND TRUE HAPPINESS AFTER 40

enough mystery and suspense without scaring me off. It connected me to the characters and places in the story, all while keeping me glued to the pages and completely satisfied in the end.

Sarah Jio is one of the most consistent, surprising and incredibly talented authors I've read. I've had the pleasure of reading each of her three published novels and each has been unique and well written with intriguing characters and an engrossing plot line. I cannot put her books down. I urge you to hit up your local bookstore, Target or Barnes and Nobles for your copy of Blackberry Winter. You won't want to miss the buzz this novel is likely to create. It has already been sent for a second round of printing due to the demand it has created in pre-orders. This novel has something for everyone.

In the Pink by Susan McBride

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and in conjunction, Susan McBride's memoir, In the Pink, will be released. You will not want to miss this witty, personal, honest and uplifting story.

At the age of forty, Susan McBride, author of Little Black Dress, The Cougar Club and many more, was at the prime of her life and genuinely happy, despite her mother's fear that she'd never marry. Though she was fully aware she had a greater chance of being killed by a terrorist than being married over 40, Susan didn't feel anything was missing from her life. She had quite an impressive title of books on her repertoire, and had recently been named one of St. Louis's top singles by St. Louis magazine.

At the debut party for the top singles, Susan met her husband, Ed and her life began to change forever. Susan was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2006 and from there many other surprises were headed her way. In the Pink is Susan's memoir, a tribute to life and a letter of hope and encouragement to women everywhere.

Within the first two pages of this memoir I was hooked. The book tells the true life story of an amazing woman, who writes candidly and openly about age, love, survival and celebration in the midst of life's worst moments. Within the pages of this memoir is a laugh-out-loud account of Susan's life even in the midst of sadness and pain. Susan takes the reader to a place of contentment and understanding, inserting humor to lighten the mood. This is her story, her life on display; so that others may know it's never too late to find happiness



and you're never too old to be who you want to be. It's an uplifting message to women of all ages and is, without a doubt, the best memoir I've read thus far. The message is compelling, encouraging women everywhere to be truly happy and content while following your dreams and maintain your sense of self-worth. Through her darkest hours, Susan encourages others to discover the power they have within themselves. It is truly inspiring.

Whisper Privileges by Dianne Venetta

Set in Miami, Florida, Whisper Privileges is set around the Special Olympics National Games. Sydney, the female pragmatist, is assigned to the event, expected to fully manage it and make it a success.

Clay's son is competing in the games. He is favored to win the gold, and has his sights set on the World Games—until an unexpected turn of events jeopardizes his future.

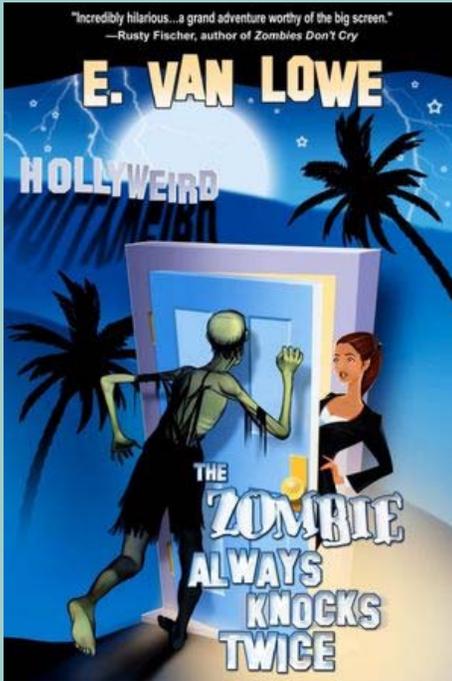
Sydney quickly discovers that Clay's quiet, sexy confidence demands attention, something she's more than willing to oblige, though others have plans to derail their relationship success.

Soon she finds herself trapped between a desire to mix business with pleasure and her personal struggles with the life she swore never to have and the life she's heading towards having. At a personal crossroads, Sydney will have to choose her career, love or both – if she can put her past behind her and give into what she fears is impossible.

Whisper Privileges was a fantastic story that kept me turning the pages in anticipation of what would happen next. The characters are well-developed and lovable; I truly wanted the best for them. I connected Sydney as a woman

and Clay as a parent. The Special Olympics line of the story opened my eyes to a wonderful event that brings joy and triumph to many. I couldn't help but want to be in the crowd, cheering these kids on. Overall, this book is a great story full of wonderful characters and a charming group of children that inspired me to keep my chin up, no matter what is going on. I highly recommend this book!

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The Zombie Always Knocks Twice

by E. Van Lowe

Hollywood, California, is known for swimming pools, movie stars...and now the risen dead.

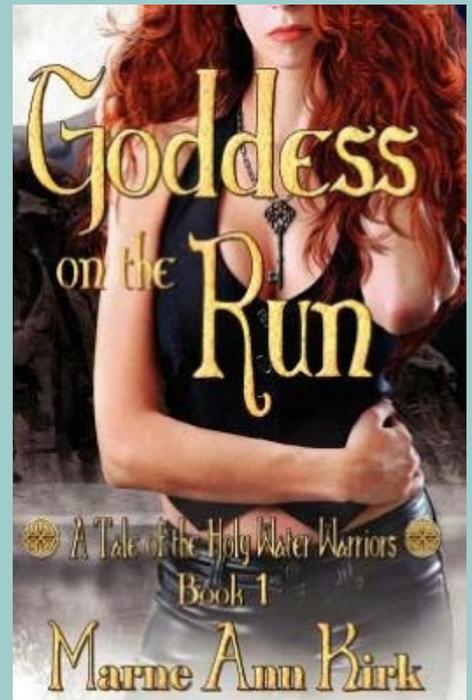
Hollywood can be a difficult place to grow up, especially if you're Kristine Golden, a fifteen-year-old necromancer with a sworn duty to lay the risen dead back to rest and no desire to be in the movie business.

Goddess on the Run

by Marne Ann Kirk

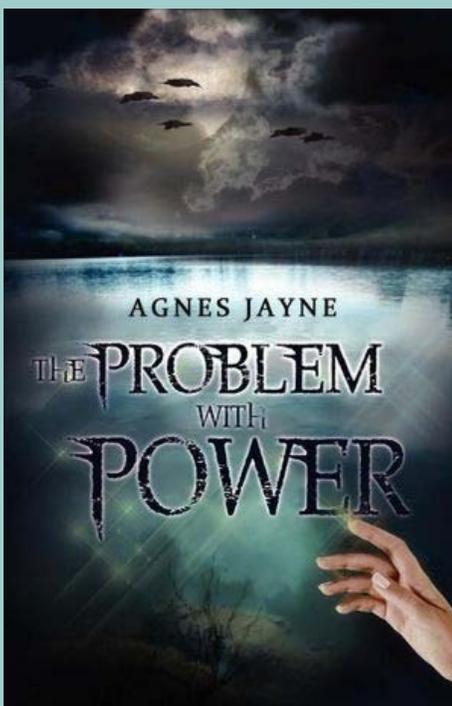
All Fomorian Hells are about to break loose on earth, making human souls the daily special, if the Tuatha de Danaan can't stop it.

Teagan, a Celtic demi-goddess hiding from her destiny in small-town Colorado, wants nothing to do with her mother's forgotten realm or the drama of a battle of the gods. And Merric is forbidden fruit she's too smart to taste.



The Problem With Power

by Agnes Jayne



Emily VonPeer hopes that she never meets the man of her dreams. For years, she's been haunted by visions of an unknown lover destined to die in her arms. When her aunt's death brings her home to her family's estate in Upstate New York, she meets Nicholas Flynn, an agent of Paladin, an enterprise dedicated to the study and eradication of demons, and the hero of her nighttime fantasies. He arrives on her doorstep seeking answers for a slew of magically-related murders tied to the VonPeer family.

URBAN FANTASY AND THE PARANORMAL BY ROXANNE RHOADS

ROXANNE RHOADS IS A STORY STUMPET, TOME LOVING TART, AND LOVER OF ALL THINGS PARANORMAL. SHE IS ALSO A FREELANCE WRITER AND THE AUTHOR OF EROTIC PARANORMAL ROMANCES.



Summer's over but that doesn't mean the hot reads will disappear with the long days. There's always a fabulous new book waiting to be read in the paranormal and urban fantasy genres and it's much more fun to read them in the dark of night. So don't mourn the sun, grab a good book.

There are plenty of amazing new releases to choose from.

Michele Hauf's newest releases this month, *Forever Werewolf*; and *Full Blooded* by Amanda Carlson debuts this month- I had the chance to grab an ARC of this at Authors After Dark. Great book, you don't want to miss it. Another promising book is *Kiss of Steel* by Bec McMaster, steampunk fans are sure to love it.

If you like anthologies be sure to check out *An Apple for the Creature* edited by Charlain Harris and it includes a never before published Sookie Stackhouse short story.

New series additions this month include: *The Kingmakers* (Vampire Empire, Book 3) by Clay Griffith Susan Griffith; mystery fans get book 9 of the Pepper Martin Mysteries by Casey Daniels, *Supernatural Born Killers*; *Something Witchy This Way Comes*: A Jolie Wilkins Novel by H.P. Mallory;

A couple of this month's new releases are touring with Bewitching Book Tours including *Dark Light of Day* (A Noon Onyx Novel) by Jill Archer and *The Moonstone and Miss Jones* (Phaeton Black, Paranormal Investigator Book 2) by Jillian Stone.

Now it's time for the Super Quick Author Interviews

THIS MONTH WE HAVE E. VAN LOWE, MARNE ANN KIRK AND AGNES JAYNE

RR: Let's start with E. What's the name of your newest release and genre/category it falls into?

EVL: It's Book #1 in my Hollyweird series: The Zombie Always Knocks Twice. A paranormal YA.

RR: Can you describe your main character in 3 words?

EVL: One feisty bitch

RR: What kind of paranormals or paranormal elements are in your book?

EVL: My series had loads of paranormal elements, this first book introduces a few new ones deadies and grave goblins, along with necromancers and zombies.

RR: Without giving away details, Can you describe one interesting scene in your book in less than two sentences?

EVL: A group of teens on that famous hill in Hollywood several feet from the Hollywood sign. Below them is a murderous zombie, behind them at the crest of the hill are a horde of ravenous grave goblins hungry for their human souls.

RR: In two sentences or less can you tell readers something unique about your book?

EVL: Kris Golden is a fifteen year-old necromancer sworn to lay the risen dead back to rest. Alex Romero is a handsome young dead actor who desires Kris' special talent.

RR: Can you list three adjectives that describe your book as a whole?

EVL: Humorous, exciting, romantic.

RR: What's the heat level of your book?

EVL: Sweet & romantic. They're fifteen for heaven's sake. LOL!

RR: And last but not least, where can a reader purchase your book?

EVL: Amazon

OK NOW LET'S CHAT WITH MARNE

RR: Hi Marne, can you tell readers the name of your newest release and genre/category it falls into?

MAK: Goddess on the Run, Paranormal Romance

RR: Can you describe your main character in 3 words?

MAK: Sassy, Fierce, Compassionate

RR: Can you describe your heroine in one sentence?

MAK: She may be running for her life, but she always laughs troubles away—even when kicking keister—and she has good reasons for refusing her destiny.

RR: Can you describe your hero in one sentence?

MAK: Merric is one hot alpha, in spite of his Neanderthal-esque beliefs; he just needs shaken up a little.

RR: What kind of paranormals or paranormal elements are in your book?

MAK: Teagan, the heroine, is a Celtic demi-goddess hiding out on the human realm. The Tuatha de Danaan are her mother's people, and they are also known as the people of the light, or fairies. They are magical and the elements are important. The enemy, the Fomorians, were destroyed and kicked out of the mortal realm (Ireland, Scotland, England, Europe) by the Tuatha de Danaan during pagan times. Since that great battle, the Fomorians, which are soul sucking demons, have been trying to escape their Hell and return to power.

RR: Without giving away details, Can you describe one interesting scene in your book in less than two sentences?

MAK: In one scene, Teagan gets into a battle with several Fomorians. She's puts up one Hell of a fight, while delivering some verbal smack-down. The scene is gritty, funny, and one of my favorites to write.

RR: What's the heat level of your book?

MAK: hot and spicy

RR: And last but not least, where can a reader purchase your book?

MAK: Amazon, B&N, ARE, Crescent Moon Press, or ask your local bookstore.

RR: Now it's time to put Agnes in the hotseat. So Agnes what is the name of your newest release and genre/category it falls into?

AJ: The Problem with Power, Paranormal

RR: Can you describe your main character in 3 words?

AJ: Strong, Eccentric, Daring

RR: Can you describe your heroine in one sentence?

AJ: Emily VonPeer is a mild mannered librarian who is the last surviving member of a dynasty of witches.

RR: Can you describe your hero in one sentence?

AJ: Nicholas Flynn is an Agent of a secret society who is plagued by rumors of nepotism.

RR: What kind of paranormals or paranormal elements are in your book?

AJ: The Problem with Power contains witches, wizards, angels, and demons.

RR: Without giving away details, Can you describe one interesting scene in your book in less than two sentences?

AJ: An interesting moment is when the hero realizes that he is powerless to save the heroine.

RR: In two sentences or less can you tell readers something unique about your book?

AJ: Laurel Grove, the VonPeer house, is an active character in the novel.

RR: Can you describe your book in three words or less?

AJ: Unexpected plot twist.

RR: What's the heat level of your book?

AJ: Mostly sweet and romantic with a little spice thrown in.

RR: And last but not least, where can a reader purchase your book?

AJ: Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Books-A-Million.

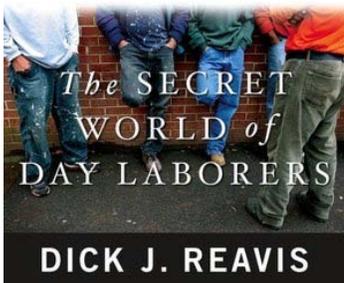
RR: Thank you to E, Marne and Agnes for participating in September's SQAI's.

HISTORY BITS

BY LILY RAINES

This month, students either have started school already (tail end of August) or will do so shortly (after Labor Day) in the US. There are also a few observances and holidays during September. On September 1, is Emma N. Nutt Day - she was the first female telephone operator. September 2 sees the observance of VJ Day (1945) in the US and Father's Day in Australia and New Zealand. Labor Day is observed on September 3 (which also saw the first flying of the Flag in Battle in 1777). International Literacy Day, Virgin Mary Day and World Physical Therapy Day are all on September 8 and Grandparents Day (US) is on the 9th. World Suicide Prevention Day is on the 10th and Patriot Day and Remembrance Day are on the 11th. Rosh Hashanah is celebrated on September 17 and Yom Kippur on September 25. World Alzheimer's Day is recognized on September 21, the International Day of Peace (as well as the first day of fall) is on September 22, and September 26 sees World Maritime Day recognized.

Catching Out



Catching Out: The Secret World of Day Laborers by Dick J. Reavis

This book is the story of how the, as of the writing (presumably), sixty-two-year-old author reported to a labor hall to try and supplement his savings for retirement. Some of the day jobs he writes about include having worked at a factory, doing construction/demolition, landscaping, road crew flagman and auto-auction driver. According to the description, Mr. Reavis describes the personalities and problems of his peers, the bosses'

attitudes, and the straits of the immigrant co-workers. What the author is trying to point out in the book is that the physical exertion put forth by the laborers is vital to the economy and that they bring vigor, skill and a certain cunning to their jobs even though they are poorly paid.

From Pearl Harbor to V-J Day: The American Armed Forces in World War II (American Ways Series) by Clayton D. James and Anne Sharp Wells

Provides a compact, comprehensive look at American military action during World War II. The book examines strategy, logistics, high command, and operations, as well as the home-front aspects of military campaigning. Along with taking a look at major battles, operations, and analyzing strategy and tactics, the book also offers portraits of military

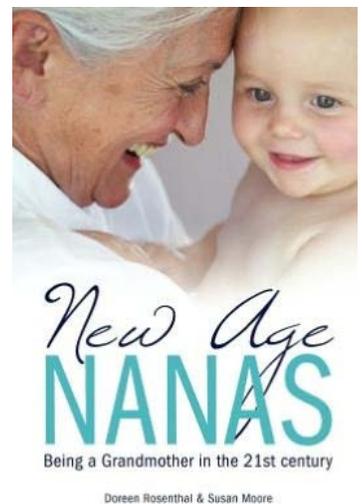
leaders, a background in developments involving politics, diplomacy, economics and society, and also focuses on the role of women and minorities in the military.

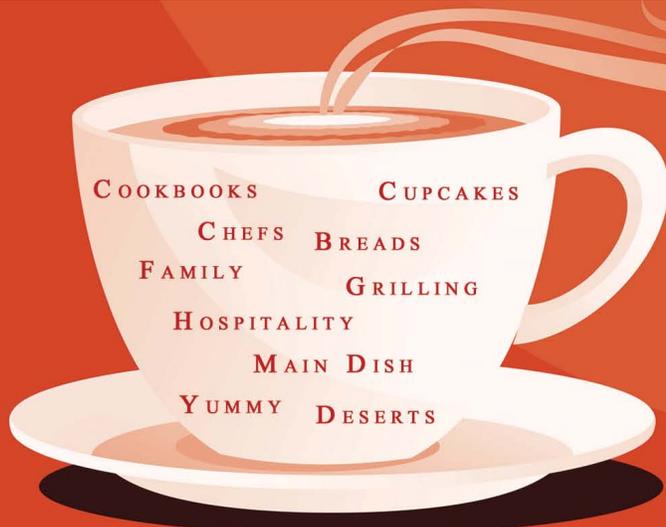
New Age Nanas: Being a Grandmother in the 21st Century by Doreen Rosenthal and Susan Moore

The authors present, within the book, the "rich and diverse views" of 1000 modern Australian grandmothers and their views on what it is like to be a grandmother today. Those views are interwoven with expert commentary to show how most can be made of this stage in life (especially when a woman may not feel prepared to do so). Some of the topics in this book include feelings toward grandchildren, how to manage changing relationships as the "grands" get older, how to possibly negotiate conflicts, suggestions and advice on "positive grandmothering", and special issues that grandmothers face and to take time for their own lives.

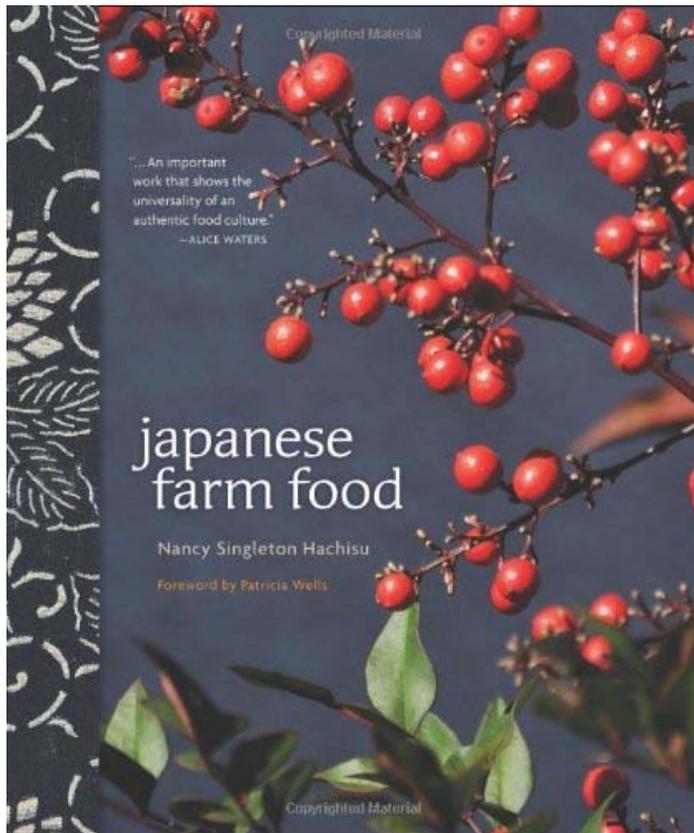
Paulo Freire and the Cold War Politics of Literacy by Andrew J. Kirkendall

According to the book blurb on Amazon.com, illiteracy and its elimination were, during the twentieth century, issues that were important enough to fall governments (Brazil, 1964), build nations (newly independent African countries, 1970s), and constructing revolutionary orders (Nicaragua, 1980). The blurb states that this is a political biography of Paulo Freire (1921-97), that he played a crucial role in shaping international literacy education and that it presents a "thoughtful examination of the volatile politics of literacy during the Cold War". The blurb goes on to say that Freire (born in Brazil's impoverished northeast) developed certain training techniques for adults and encouraged peasants and newly urban peoples to "see themselves as active citizens who could transform their own lives." His work for state and government agencies is said to have aroused suspicion within the Brazilian military. He continued his work in Chile, Nicaragua, post-independence African countries, with the World Council of Churches in Geneva, and at Harvard University after a brief imprisonment following a military coup in 1964.





INSIDE THE COOKBOOK WITH PAMELA ROBINSON



Japanese Farm Food is all about the characters. Yes, a cookbook that focuses on people. Cooks who concentrate on fresh, local and available ingredients will marvel over the way Mrs. Hachisu explains that dinner is what's there. She admits it took her a while to quit 'planning' with recipes and preconceived notions and begin 'touching' the most available food sources for dinner. I thought she hit the nail on the head when she spoke about being one with the garden and touching the food you will eat. This book is more than a compilation of recipes. It's a story about a family. I loved reading about how the author met her husband, how she became one with his ancestral home and the integration of Japanese and American traditions is so interesting. I highly recommend reading through this first as a non-fiction book about a family, and second as a collection of recipes.

Japanese Farm Food

This is a well organized, quality, colorful cookbook that includes pictures of the process and the finished product for many recipes. The pages advising cooks what tools to have and how to use them for Japanese cooking is invaluable. I like everything about this cookbook. My kitchen can become a great adventure with Japanese Farm Food as my guide. I can flip the book open twenty times and not find one thing I've ever made before. Time to roll up my sleeves and get cooking!

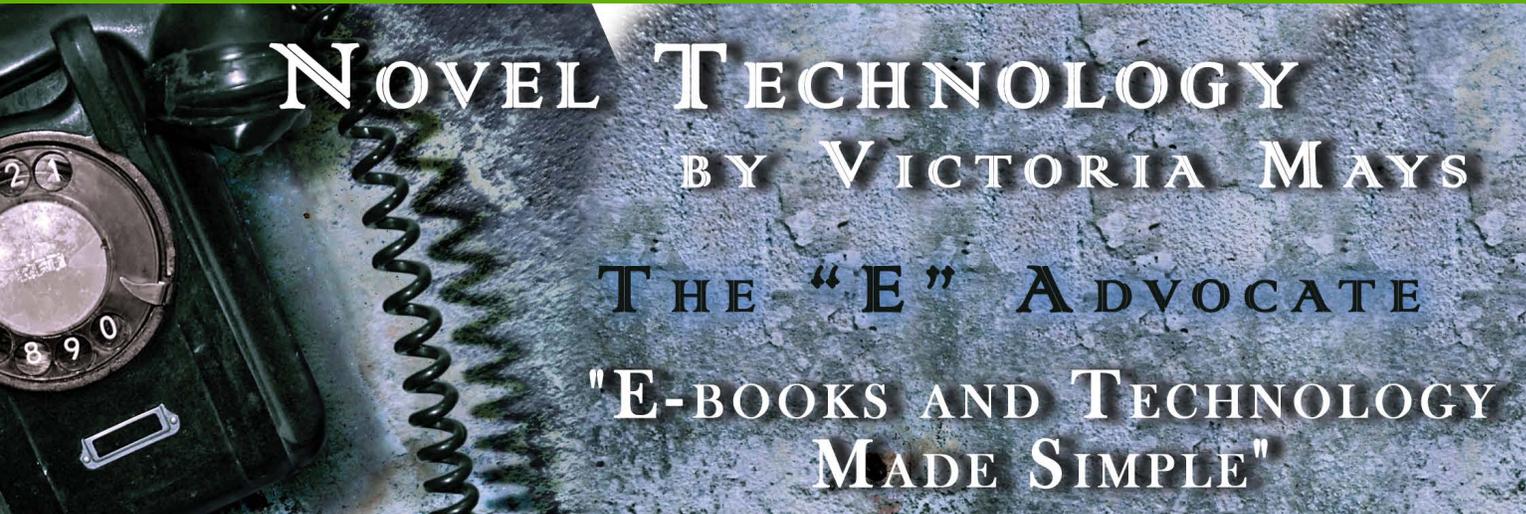
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---JAPANESE FARM FOOD BOOK BLURB---

"Our life centers on the farm and the field. We eat what we grow." --Nancy Singleton Hachisu,

Japanese Farm Food offers a unique window into life on a Japanese farm through the simple, clear-flavored recipes cooked from family crops and other local, organic products. The multitude of vibrant images by Kenji Miura of green fields, a traditional farmhouse, antique baskets, and ceramic bowls filled with beautiful, simple dishes are interwoven with Japanese indigo fabrics to convey an intimate, authentic portrait of life and food on a Japanese farm. With a focus on fresh and thoughtfully sourced ingredients, the recipes in Japanese Farm Food are perfect for fans of farmers' markets, and for home cooks looking for accessible Japanese dishes. Personal stories about family and farm life complete this incredible volume.

American born and raised, Nancy Singleton Hachisu lives with her husband and teenage sons on a rural Japanese farm, where they prepare these 160 bright, seasonal dishes. The recipes are organized logically with the intention of reassuring you how easy it is to cook Japanese food. Not just a book about Japanese food, Japanese Farm Food is a book about love, life on the farm, and community. Covering everything from pickles and soups to noodles, rice, and dipping sauces, with a special emphasis on vegetables, Hachisu demystifies the rural Japanese kitchen, laying bare the essential ingredients, equipment, and techniques needed for Japanese home cooking.



NOVEL TECHNOLOGY

BY VICTORIA MAYS

THE "E" ADVOCATE

"E-BOOKS AND TECHNOLOGY MADE SIMPLE"

Tablet Wars - Kindle Fire vs Nexus 7

So here we are the days of summer all but over and fall is sweeping in to herald the arrival of some exciting new e-readers/tablets. Sometimes it's a bit frustrating the way technology is always evolving. Just as you have finally decided to bite the bullet and invest in a Kindle Fire, go figure; Amazon and everybody else is sold out. So now what do you do? Well there are a number of alternative 7 inch tablets available to choose from if you just can't wait for the new Kindle Fire to be available.

There is a recent new player that has targeted the success of the "Kindle Fire". The Google/Asus Nexus 7 is trying to take on some market share and crack the market. This 7 inch powerhouse is starting to give the Kindle Fire a run for its money. The Nexus 7 is the first tablet to run under version Android 4.1 a.k.a. "Jelly Bean" operating system. Built by Asus, the Nexus 7

under the hood features a 1.3 GHz quad-core Tegra 3 processor and 1GB of RAM. The device comes in 2 configurations 8 GB (\$200) and 16 GB (\$250). The tablet takes full advantage of the enhancements incorporated in the Android 4.1 operating system. Yet the lack of an expandable memory slot and its single audio speaker are somewhat of a drawback. Although the device does have some drawbacks, if you are looking for an alternative to the standard 10" tablet, this device is worth taking a look at.

The Kindle Fire in whatever iteration available is still my recommendation for anyone just starting out in the tablet/e-reader world looking to manage all of their digital content from one place; without spending a lot on the device. One thing that Amazon does well is its ability to bring all things digital together for easy watching, listening and oh yes reading. Just like another well-known company; Apple + iTunes = Magic. Amazon may have scaled down the Kindle Fire's operating systems functionalities, but what they put into the device offers a great introductory device for newbies. You

can surf the net, read a book/magazine, check some documents and even play an array of games all through the Kindle Fire app store. Oh, did I mention that you can even stream thousands of free content items if you are an Amazon Prime Subscriber.

Somewhat late to the party and still falling behind Barnes and Nobles Nook Tablet offers a similar look and feel as the original Kindle Fire, without the array of digital content; hence the word without. The Nook tablets biggest drawback is its lack of content other than e-books that it can provide

its users without a third party intervention. While as an e-book reader the device does accept more file formats, but for other functionality it does fall short of tablet expectations. Barnes and Nobles needs to bring something new to the table before the holidays are upon us.

A bit about my tech usage: I currently own a classic nook wifi-3G, an iPod Touch 4th Gen and an iPad

wifi-3G. You would probably ask why so many, the nook is more for indoor reading for me, while the iPod touch is that on the go reading in line at the bank, waiting for a movie to start etc and the iPad is used for long term review reading and annotating. I still purchase my favorite authors in Imprint

books, but my library has grown exponentially since I have embraced the eBook technology.

Novel Technology "E-books and Technology Made Simple" next month's article

"Holiday Roundup: Do I want a new Tablet or a new Table/E-reader:"



DARK STREETS

BY TONI LOTEMPIO

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Adrienne Giordano

I recently came across another new author, one who writes incredible romantic suspense, that I wanted to share with all of you...Adrienne Giordano!

Adrienne writes romantic suspense and women's fiction. She is a Jersey girl at heart, but now lives in the Midwest with her workaholic husband, sports obsessed son and Buddy the Wheaten Terrorist (Terrier). She is a co-founder of Romance University blog. I recently came across her "Private Protector" series for Carina Press and I was hooked! Each book in the series deals with someone who works in the field of private security.

The first in this great series is **MAN LAW**, wherein Security consultant Vic Andrews shares his "man laws":

Never mess with your best friend's sister

Never get caught

Never get attached

Needless to say, he ends up breaking #3 when he meets Gina Delgado, a young widow with three kids and plenty of strings attached. They view their relationship as merely physical and nothing more than "stress relief" – until Gina's tabbed as a target by one of Vic's enemies! Then events change dramatically...

MAN LAW is followed by **A JUST DECEPTION**. Peter Jessup, former Navy SEAL, currently employed by Taylor Security. He likes being the hero—in charge and in control. His newest licent is lawyer Isabelle DeRosa. The sexy brunette is the personification of Peter's fantasies. She's willing to get physical but nothing more serious. When Isabelle becomes the prime suspect in the murder of her

cousin, Peter is there to protect her and help her find the real killer. Their investigation leads to a big-name charity that seems to draw cultlike followers. Isabelle manages to infiltrate the group and become close to their leader, leaving Peter both jealous and worried for her. As their search leads to danger, Peter realizes he's falling in love with

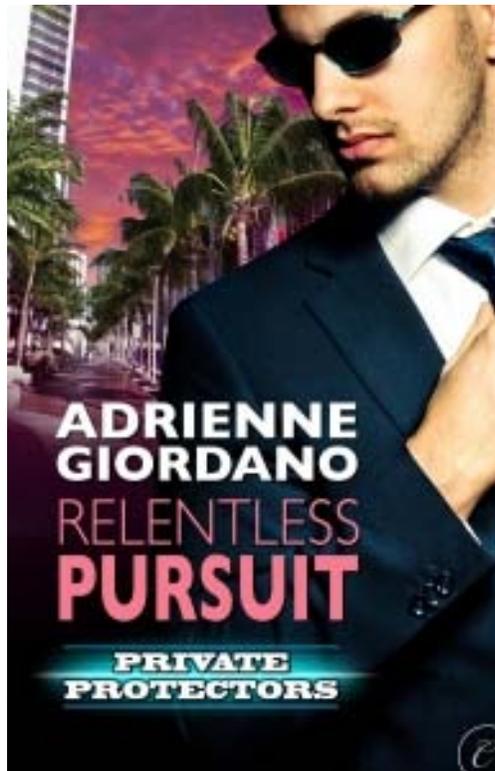
Isabelle. He wants all of her, but she's too used to guarding herself to let him in...

The third offering, **'RISKING TRUST'** (a Night Owl Top Pick, I might add!) centers around Roxann Thorgesson and Michael Taylor. Roxann's world is out of control. After her father suffers a fatal heart attack, she must take over as publisher of Chicago's second-largest newspaper. Then her ex-boyfriend Michael Taylor, CEO of his own security company, shows up needing a favor. The last thing Roxann needs is Michael around causing trouble—and potential heartbreak—but he's involved in a scandalous story she can't pass up.

Twelve years ago, Michael walked out on Roxann without explanation. Now he needs her help. Michael's estranged wife has been murdered and he is the prime

suspect. He offers something no newspaperwoman could refuse: exclusive access to his headline-making murder accusation, in exchange for her help in uncovering the true killer. When their investigation leads them to a city hall conspiracy, both their lives and their newly reignited flame could be permanently extinguished.

Fun Fact: *Risking Trust* was originally intended to be



the premier book in the series, but was actually released third. See Adrienne's website for why!

A novella followed, *NEGOTIATING POINT*. As a hostage negotiator for Taylor Security, Gavin Sheppard has just been given the toughest assignment of his career: securing the release of his boss's pregnant wife. He's uneasy negotiating a rescue without the involvement of the police, but with the life of a woman and her unborn child on the line there's no time to play by the rules. He'll have to work closely with the one woman who could prove to be a distraction...

Which brings us to the latest release in this series: **RELENTLESS PURSUIT!**

Here's the back cover blurb:

You call this a mission?

Yeah, ex-Army Ranger and Taylor Securities operative Billy Tripp screwed up. So instead of being assigned to a dangerous international mission, he's sent to babysit a pricey necklace at a trendy South Beach hotel. The only bright side to the assignment is working with the manager, smoking-hot hotel heiress Kristen Dante.

Kristen's worked hard to build her father's Miami hotel into a jet-set destination. She's confident in business but not so much with men. What could a sexy guy like Billy want with her when he could have someone like her beautiful, party-girl sister?

There's a reason Billy's known as Mr. Relentless. He doesn't give up. Not on a job, or on the woman he wants. So when three luxury cars go missing from the hotel's lot, Billy sets out to find the thief. Suddenly, he has a case with the risks he thrives on. But when his investigation leads to Kristen being threatened, the real danger is losing his heart

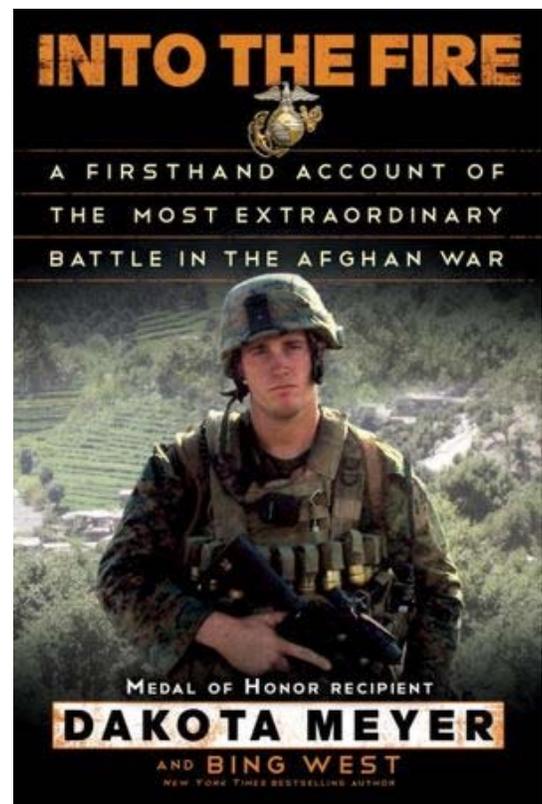
I'm interested :)

These books are ripe with suspense, and the absorbing plots will have you on the edge of your seat! You can check out the Private Protector Series at the Carina Press website, and also at www.AdrienneGiordano.com. Adrienne can also be found on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/AdrienneGiordanoAuthor> and Twitter at <http://twitter.com/AdriennGiordano>.

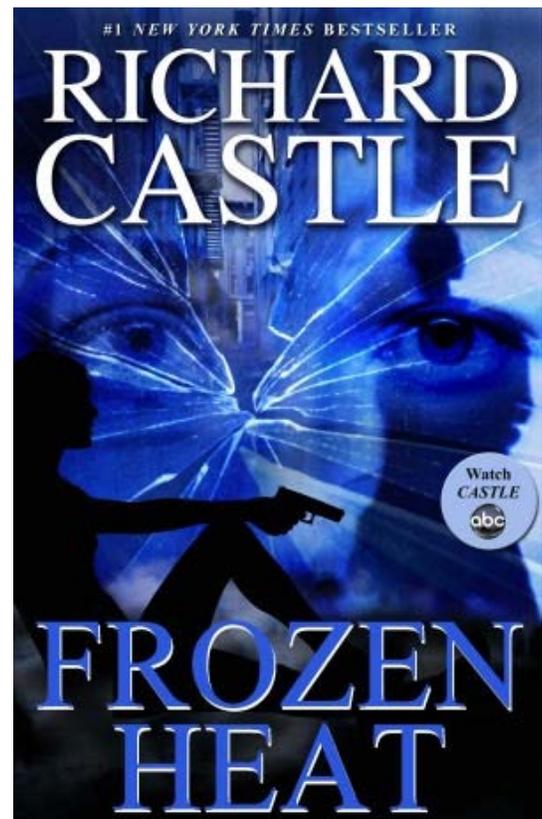
Try one – you won't be sorry!

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Into the Fire



NIKKI HEAT SERIES



LOVE · AND · ROMANCE IN · COLOR

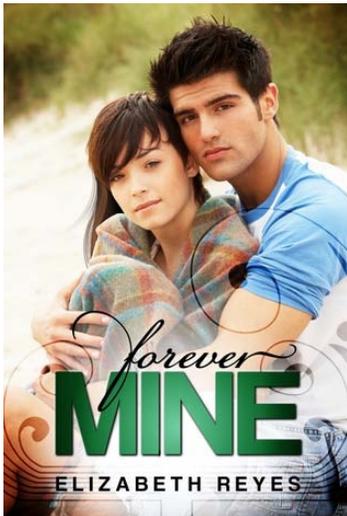
BY DELANEY DIAMOND

Young Love

Young adult literature (or YA, as it's commonly called), is not just for young adults. And while we're at it, what does YA even mean? The Young Adult Library Association defines this age group as between 12-18 years old, but I've seen some sources widen the age gap even more, to 10-25 years of age.

Whatever the range, it's a very popular subgenre in romance with readers of all ages. The popular Twilight series, for example, is a wildly popular movie franchise even though the books were written for younger audiences.

YA often tackles tough subjects such as bullying,



date rape, and of course, romance. All of which are heavily sprinkled with large doses of angst. So if you're looking for YA novels that feature protagonists of color for the young people in your life – or for yourself – you'll want to take a look at the list I've compiled below. It's for all romance lovers who are young at heart.

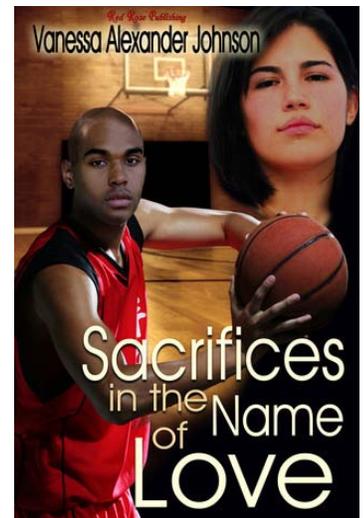
Enjoy!

Forever Mine by Elizabeth Reyes

Seventeen-year old Sarah's life is turned upside

down when her single mom is sent to jail. She's forced to move, leaving behind everything she's ever known, including her best friend Sydney. Lost and bitter in a new school, her one goal is to save money and move back home. Then she meets Angel Moreno.

Enigmatic but gorgeous, Angel is almost too good to be true. Except for one thing, his archaic belief that guys and girls can never be "just friends." The problem? Sarah's best friend Sydney is not a girl. With their unexpected romance intensifying to places neither ever experienced, how long can Sarah keep Angel in the dark about the guy waiting for her back home?



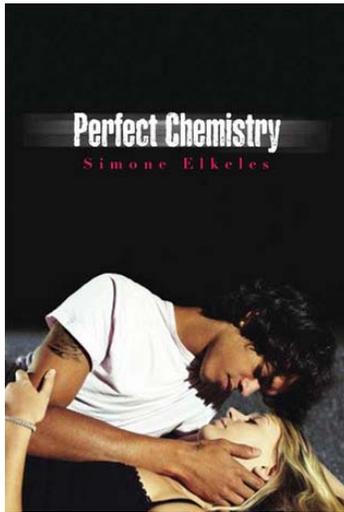
Sacrifices in the Name of Love by Vanessa Alexander Johnson

What sacrifices could you make under the guise of love?

Trey Martin, a black teenager and Tessa Phillips, a white teenager are about to find out. They are neighbors in a small Louisiana town where race mixing is still taboo in the 21st century. Despite the objections and beliefs of their parents, the two

give in to the desires for each other. Tessa becomes pregnant and creates a web of lies to conceal the baby's paternity because she fears the wrath of her self-professed racist father.

No longer able to hide the truth, Tessa will make some tough and painful sacrifices, all under the guise of love. Will she be able to live with those sacrifices? Journey with Tessa and Trey as they face challenges that include sex, death, lies, family secrets and forgiveness.

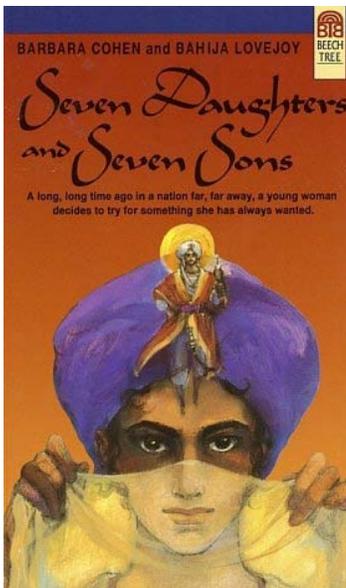


Perfect Chemistry by Simone Elkeles

A fresh, urban twist on the classic tale of star-crossed lovers.

When Brittany Ellis walks into chemistry class on the first day of senior year, she has no clue that her carefully created 'perfect' life is about to unravel before her eyes. She's forced to be lab partners with Alex Fuentes, a gang member from the other side of town, and he is about to threaten everything she's worked so hard for: her flawless reputation, her relationship with her boyfriend, and the secret that her home life is anything but perfect.

Alex is a bad boy and he knows it. So when he makes a bet with his friends to lure Brittany into his life, he thinks nothing of it. But soon Alex realizes Brittany is a real person with real problems, and suddenly the bet he made in arrogance turns into something much more.

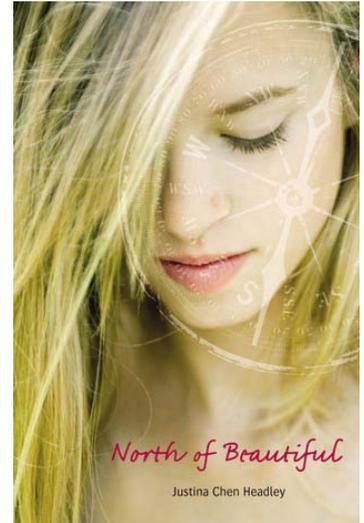


Seven Daughters and Seven Sons by Barbara Cohen, Bahija Lovejoy

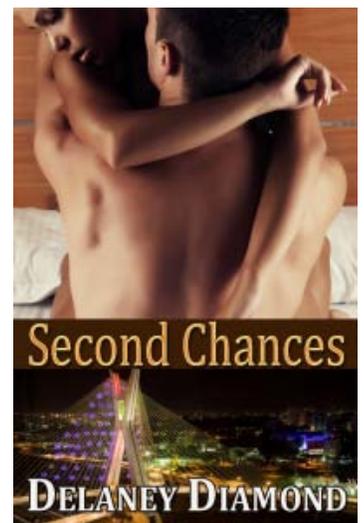
In an ancient Arab nation, one woman dares to be different. Buran will not sit quietly at home and wait to be married to the man her father chooses. Determined to use her skills and earn a fortune, she instead disguises herself as a boy and travels by camel caravan to a distant city. There, she maintains her masculine disguise and establishes a successful business. The city's crown prince comes often to her shop, and soon Buran finds herself falling in love. But if she reveals to Mahmud that she is a woman, she will lose everything she has worked for.

North of Beautiful by Justina Chen

She's tall, blond, and has an enviable body. But with one turn of her cheek, all people notice is her unmistakably "flawed" face. Terra secretly plans to leave her stifling small town in the Northwest and escape to an East Coast college, but gets pushed off course by her controlling father. When an unexpected collision puts Terra directly in Jacob's path, the handsome but quirky Chinese Goth boy immediately challenges her assumptions about herself and her life, and she is forced in yet another direction. With her carefully laid plans disrupted, will Terra be able to find her true path?

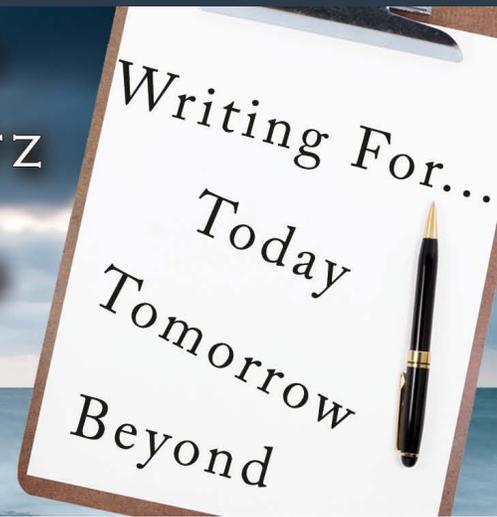


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A PIECE OF MY MIND BY BENNET POMERANTZ

ADVICE FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO WRITE!



Everything Old is New Again

A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.--Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

To raise new questions, new possibilities, to regard old problems from a new angle, requires creative imagination and marks real advance in science.--Albert Einstein

You may remember the old song "Everything Old is New Again". These last few weeks have proven this fact. It is just a new way of telling the same story.

A writer sent me an email recently. He had heard me discussing old movies vs new movies on my Blog Talk Radio show "Anything Goes" with writer Marsha Casper Cook. He mentioned that there are no real original thoughts out there in movies and TV anymore. He remarked about how many times they have done versions of Batman, in the myriad of shapes and forms. And everything old is new again.

On Friday, August 17, 2012, I hosted my Anything Goes Blog Talk Radio show with Elizabeth Black (author of Don't Call Me Baby) and

Sally J Walker (author of Screenwriting Secrets in Genre Film). Sally, Elizabeth and I debated and discussed how many original ideas were there. We discussed how Star Wars is really the Wizard of OZ and 50 Shades of Gray is really the Story of O revised for the modern day era.

About five days later after the show, a funny thing happened during a bout of insomnia. I

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tossed and turned until I had to get up. The amazing thing about technological ideals means many items are now at your fingertips that were never available so close before. I have a wonderful cable television system.

I assume it was made for a person with insomnia attacks. It has many shows and movies on demand in a special channel.

I don't know why I wanted to see what the Lifetime Channel on Demand was presenting. It was like flipping channels. In a way, it's like a quest for the Holy Grail in the middle of the night. I went to see what was on there. In the On Demand section I saw the program Write & Wrong. I figured it was a cute 90 minute film to bore me away into sleep. This movie is from 2007 and

features movie starred Kristie Alley and a pre-NCIS star Eric Christian Olsen. I thought well it couldn't be that bad.

The plot seems simple. Below is a small piece of the storyline is reprinted from IMDb (Internet Movie Database)

Once Oscar-nominated script writer Byrdie Langdon feels cheated now studios reject her work, even half-unread, just because she and her characters aren't young enough. So he enlists her brother's penniless but charming son Jason 'Krueger' Langdon to sell her work under an alias... (KGF Vissers)

Now, as I watched this film, it seemed so familiar to me. It was almost like I had seen it before. I still could not sleep after the film was over. I was not a great film that would win EMMYS, it was a simple TV movie. However it did pass the time, while I was not able to sleep.

My body wanted to sleep, but my brain was running and running like a hamster on a wheel, brimming with ideas and random thoughts.

The mystery of the similar movie just irked at my brain, which was also filled with column ideas, salsa recipes and future projects starting to seed.

I went to my bookshelf which has books as well as older films on DVDs piled high. I pulled out a movie from a middle shelf to see something on the back liner notes. A DVD from the upper shelf smacked me in the head. For those who care, there was no real damage to the DVD, the case or my hard head.

What to do you say about lucky accidents? Sorry I digress...The film that wanted to be noticed from my upper shelf was a small and forgotten 1976 Woody Allen film called the Front.

This small excerpted a portion of the plot

synopsis also from IMDb ...

In the early 1950s Howard Prince, who works in a restaurant, helps out a black-listed writer friend by selling a TV station a script under his own name. (Jeremy Perkins)

Okay, Eric Olson is no Woody Allen. However the storyline plots were so similar. So I thought it may be the telling of the retelling on a tale that an author can use.

Finding similar tie ins can be great if you like something. If you like action adventures shows. The show Leverage revisited a history lesson in crime lore in the D.B. Cooper Job. Now rehashing an old piece of history with a new spin is not new. The storytelling was good and the show gave me history and an enjoyment at the same time. Will this television show bring the case back to life. I do not know, but it was great story device. So again,

everything old is new again.

I am not a stranger to this idea of using old ideas and recycled them. Many years ago, I wrote a novella called Night of the Shylock. This is fan fiction. It combines the characters from Sherlock Holmes and the Wild Wild West

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universes. It was published in Power Star Magazine in the late 1990's. The Red Circle magazine reprinted this Holmes homage a year later.

During that year, I also wrote a novel which was a loose retelling of the Count of Monte Cristo. I thought the Dumas classic was good and needed an updating. I titled the novel Revenge is a Dish Best Served Cold (a line from Moby Dick). This modern day adaption had the man imprisoned on the rock for fraud charges by three of his so-called friends. I tried for two and a half years trying to get it published to no avail. Maybe one day I will publish Revenge as an e-book.

So next time, reach for the stars