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The edge between superhero and villain has never been sharper. In the Valiant Universe RPG, players will immerse themselves in a dark and gritty world where every mission and every battle has deadly consequences. Whether playing X-O Manowar, Bloodshot, Shadowman or even the all-powerful Toyo Harada or any of dozens of characters Valiant's most fearless heroes will unite for the first time in a roleplaying game, allowing you to join their stories and create new ones! Whether you're a longtime fan or brand new to the Valiant Universe, this is the only source you'll need to bring Valiant's leading characters to life in a fantastic superheroes setting!

When Kirby, Bitsy, and their parents inherit an unusual and very pink motel in Florida, they find it filled with eccentric characters, mystery, and adventure.

Includes twenty-nine selections from the New Testament, plus questions, activities, and word lists.

Embrace and revel in the stories of the toughest cyclists of all time, told by The Velominati, originators of The Rules. Read and get ready to ride . . . In cycling, suffering brings glory: a rider's value can be judged by their results, but also by their panache and heroism. Prepared to be awed and inspired by Chris Froome riding on at the Tour de France with a broken wrist or Geraint Thomas finishing it with a broken pelvis. In *The Hardmen* the writers behind cycling superblog Velominati.com and *The Rules* will tell the stories and illuminate the myths of not just the greatest cyclists ever, but the toughest. From Eddy Merckx to Beryl Burton, and from Marianne Vos to Edwig Van Hooydonk, the book will lay bare the secrets of their extraordinary and inspirational endurance in the face of pain, danger and disaster. After all, suffering is one of the joys of being a cyclist. Embrace climbs, relish the descents, and get ready to harden up. . .

When she discovers that her husband, Christian Hill, who was forced to marry her after saving her honor, did not die in battle, as she supposed, Dorcas Froggatt refuses to sacrifice her independence to this man she barely knows.

Hoping to start his life over after his prison release, ladies' man Seven finds himself tempted by the fast money of the drug trade when his day job fails to provide his desired lifestyle, a circumstance for which he teams up with a fellow ex-con for a high-stakes operation. Original. 60,000 first printing.

Twenty-something Ellie Manuel's Prince Charming may have broken up with her, but she won't give up... because fairy tale heroines don't live Happily ever after right away, silly. So she spends the next year restoring herself to the girl he had fallen in love with. Until she discovers that life without him might not be so bad after all. So when is it okay to quit on a fairy tale?

Chosen as one of Goodreads' 21 Big Books of Fall They said she was going to be my ruin... Then let her ruin me. Caleb Lockhart has everything—wealth, adoration, a brilliant future. Until a chance encounter with a siren in a red dress changes everything. Until he meets the woman he dubs Red. Veronica Strafford's past makes it hard for her to trust anyone. Now, kicked out of her apartment, she reluctantly accepts Caleb's offer for a place to stay. Caleb feels intensely drawn to Veronica. And, for the first time in his life, he really wants something—someone. Too bad Veronica's heart might just be the one thing Caleb can't win. *Chasing Red Duology: Chasing Red (Book 1) Always Red (Book 2)* Praise for *Chasing Red*: "Chasing Red is a perfectly sweet romance, with just the right amount of spice." —Foreword Reviews "Readers will be chomping at the bit while waiting for the next installment!" —RT Book Reviews "Readers will swoon over Caleb." —Publishers Weekly

Dylan Kelly: a wicked rogue and hotshot businessman who makes men stand to attention and women weak in the knees.... Wynnie Devereaux: a clever, beautiful, but slightly ditzy girl, whom Dylan leaves feeling flustered and frustrated—in more ways than one.... The fierce tycoon and the erstwhile protester shouldn't get along—yet sparks of desire fly between them. But will Wynnie get burnt when she gets red-hot with this untamable rogue?

Bestselling author Eric Jerome Dickey's creations "have enough sultry self-confidence to suggest, at their best, a Prince song on paper" (The New York Times). Now, he puts a twist on the love triangle in this sexy, searing, and wise novel. Nicole made a bold move by dumping her fiancé at the altar. From there, she's built a successful career, relocated north to Oakland, and fallen in love all over again—this time with a woman. But Nicole's still not entirely happy. Don't get her wrong—she likes what she has. It's just that she misses what she had. The question is, can she have it all? As she brings her ex back into her life and tests the boundaries between lovers, you'd better believe that the anger, jealousy, excitement, and passion of this triangle are going to run hot.... Nicole is playing with fire, not to mention the feelings of the two people who love her most in the world. How these three fascinating people handle this unusual and complex relationship makes for one of Dickey's most provocative and unforgettable novels.

Hot and Smoky Shrimp Tacos, Roasted Wild Mushroom Tacos with Queso Fresco, Fire-Roasted Corn and Poblano Chile Tacos—these are a few of the most taste-tempting tacos you'll ever put in your mouth. And what to top them with—of course, it must be the perfect salsa!

Crammed with comic capers to try out on unsuspecting victims, and side-splitters to share, this ring-binder is a mix of practical pranks and wisecracks. Readers can depress the laughter button on the front for a tide of titters to accompany their tale telling. Three leaves of stickers and two funny photoframes are included. The jokers journal section contains 365 jokes - one for each day of the year and a space to fill with diary dates.

What do women look for in a man? And what do men look for in a woman? And how and why has this changed over the centuries? Every week thousands of people advertise for love either in newspapers, magazines or online. But if you think this is a modern phenomenon, think again - the ads have been running for over three hundred years. From the first ad in 1695 from a young gentleman who 'would willingly Match himself to some Good Young Gentlewoman, that has a Fortune of GBP3000 or thereabouts' to the GSOH, WLTM and online dating of more recent years, each ad is a snapshot of its age. The result is a startling history of sex, marriage and society over three centuries - hilarious and heartbreaking by turn.

Wanting only to mourn the end of her television series, seventeen-year-old Kaitlin, under pressure to choose her next acting project and study for her SATs, is drawn into the

Hollywood nightlife by publicity-loving "It Girls," while her friendship with Liz founders.

The filming for sure-to-be-blockbuster movie *Pretty Young Assassins* has wrapped, and teen movie star Kaitlin Burke returns to life on the set of primetime drama *Family Affair*. After ten seasons of filming the hit favorite TV show, Kaitlin would have thought that she could see any curveballs coming, but with a plotting new actress on set, all bets are off. The new diva, Alexis, makes even Kaitlin's long-time nemesis Skye seem like a puppy in comparison. Can Kaitlin keep her sane boyfriend, her insane job, and her composure in the face of this new star power? The drama-filled third book in Jen Calonita's fan-favorite six-book *Secrets of My Hollywood Life* series.

As a gawky teenager, Rosie knew she never stood a chance with heartthrob Cameron Kelly. She had pigtails and glasses, and washed dishes by night to help support her and her mother, while Cameron came from one of the richest and most revered families in Brisbane. Years later they meet again, and Rosie finds herself on a date with the devastatingly attractive billionaire! There's something different about him—he's darker, more intense, dangerous. But she's determined to ignore his three-dates-only rule and get to the heart of the rebel tycoon....

Tells the story of Kendra, a witch, and the first three-hundred years of her life, including takes on a classic fairy tale, the 1666 plague in Britain, the Titanic disaster, and the story of a modern-day, plain stepsister.

Ronney is an introverted young woman with a disgraceful appearance. She lives humbly in one of the poorest neighborhoods of Sheryl Valley, a town corrupted by the mafia in Southern California. With no diploma, she works hard in her parents' restaurant and provides voice-overs for children's animated movies during the weekend. In accordance with a long-standing family tradition, Ronney's twenty-fifth birthday celebration comes with a dare from her cousins: she must knock on the front door of the infamous Khan household. The Khans' reputation precedes them, rumored to be in association with the mafia. But when Ronney knocks on the door, before she has the chance to run, the Khan family matriarch, Camilia, takes an interest in Ronney. Ronney's lack of conventional beauty and disinterest in fashion draws Camilia in, leading her to offer Ronney the position of personal assistant to her eldest son, Yeraz, with a substantial salary at stake. It's an offer Ronney cannot refuse. To keep her job, Ronney's task is simple: do not fall in love with Yeraz. "Easy," she thinks. But what if destiny decides otherwise? Ugly Ronney is a romance in which the heroes enter the gallery of legendary lovers.

One Hundred Great Essays collects one-hundred of the most teachable and rewarding essays used in today's college composition class. The anthology combines classic, commonly taught essays with frequently anthologized contemporary essays by today's most highly regarded writers. The selections are broadly diverse in both subject matter and authorship. Essays have been selected as both models for good writing and useful springboards for student writing. An introductory section discusses the qualities of the essay form and offers instruction on how to read essays critically, and shows students how to use the writing process to develop their own essays

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There's an allure to vampire tales that have seduced readers for generations. From Bram Stoker to Stephanie Meyer and beyond, vampire stories are here to stay. For those fresh-blooded fans of paranormal romance or for those whose hunt and hunger never dies, these stories have what readers want! This collection of original tales comes from some of the hottest, most popular, and best-selling YA writers, including: Holly Black (*The Spiderwick Chronicles*, *Tithe*), Libba Bray (*A Great and Terrible Beauty*), Melissa De La Cruz (*Blue Blood*), Cassandra Clare (*City of Bones*), Rachel Caine (*Morganville Vampires*), Nancy Holder and Debbie Viguie (*Wicked*), Cecil Castellucci (*Boy Proof*, *Queen of Cool*), Kelley Armstrong (*Women of Otherworld*), Maria V. Snyder, Sarah Rees Brennan, Lili St. Crow, Karen Mahoney and Dina James.... They will make everyone a sucker for eternal kisses.

After a humiliating tumble down the social ladder, Kacey Simon is back on top, where she belongs. She's lost her lisp, traded in her Coke-bottle glasses for contacts, and learned that brutal honesty isn't always the best policy. Best of all, she's made up with Zander and her BFFs and reclaimed her spot as Gravity's lead singer. Her life is pitch-perfect--until Zander's ex-girlfriend, Stevie, arrives in town. Marquette Middle hasn't seen a girl with such killer style and impressive vocals since... well, Kacey herself. Boys want to date Stevie, girls want to be her, and Kacey wants to boot her butt out of Chicago ASAP. But when Kacey reverts to her mean-girl ways to take Stevie down, will she lose the band--and Zander--for good? It's not easy for a star to share the spotlight, but the show must go on in Meg Haston's stylish and clever sequel to *How to Rock Braces and Glasses*.

I came to the wilderness for solitude - not for two strong, rugged men to take me at the same time! This camping trip was supposed to be an escape from my stressful life, a time for me to reflect in peace and quiet. At least, until I meet Bryce and Jackson. They're sexy, rough men out in the middle of nowhere - and they both want me! I know I should say no, but I can't help but be tempted by their perfect, sculpted bodies and the whispered promises of total ecstasy. One, maybe... but two men?! Taken Twice is an MMF menage with two dominating, alpha men who take the same woman in every hole at the same time! The swords definitely cross in this threesome.

What if we're just skimming the surface? Christianity holds out the promise of a better way and a better day. So we've studied, joined more small groups, and checked all the boxes—yet, we're still hungry for more. What if the gospel we've come to know is even deeper than we ever imagined? What if the same gospel that works in us to change us continues to work through us to change everything else? Speaking from more than twenty years of experience working in the local church, Brandon Hatmaker leads us past the hurdles between our current lives and the lives we crave. He shows us how Jesus changes everything and how a greater understanding of the gospel leads to deeper faith, richer community, and more fulfilling purpose.

This book is dedicated to Aristid Lindenmayer on the occasion of his 60th birthday on November 17, 1985. Contributions range from mathematics and theoretical computer science to biology. Aristid Lindenmayer introduced language-theoretic models for developmental biology in 1968. Since then the models have been customarily referred to as L systems. Lindenmayer's invention turned out to be one of the most beautiful examples of interdisciplinary science: work in one area (developmental biology) induces most fruitful ideas in other areas (theory of formal languages and automata, and formal power series). As evident from the articles and references in this book, the interest in L systems is continuously growing. For newcomers the first contact with L systems usually happens via the most basic class of L systems, namely, DOL systems. Here "0" stands for zero context between developing cells. It has been a major typographical problem that printers are unable to distinguish between 0 (zero) and 0 (oh). Thus, DOL was almost always printed with "oh" rather than "zero", and also pronounced that way. However, this

misunderstanding turned out to be very fortunate. The wrong spelling "DOL" of "DOL" could be read in the suggestive way: DO L Indeed, hundreds of researchers have followed this suggestion. Some of them appear as contributors to this book. Of the many who could not contribute, we in particular regret the absence of A. Ehrenfeucht, G. Herman and H.A. Maurer whose influence in the theory of L systems has been most significant.

The rebels are coming. Lochlan leads the Elemental Rising, a rebel army bent on deposing the ruthless King of Carr and his slave army. Surrounded by an enemy that Lochlan can't battle with strength, he must fight his own demons in order to lead his army to victory and safety. Zillah and Brayden are tasked with finding support for the Elemental Rising from any corner they can. Finding comfort and healing in each other, they travel the globe gathering allies. Brianna throws herself headlong into her role as a royal advisor, hoping to do some good and help her friends in the rebellion. Separated from her twin brother and her friends, she struggles to choose the right path.

For the Vampire community, the Solstice Choosing has been the holiest night of the year - for a hundred thousand years. But this year, something new is about to happen. The oldest prophecies are about to be fulfilled - and the Festival of Blessings is finally upon us.

June 11, 1940 – where is Winston Churchill?

They'd not seen each other for three long years until the night Liv turned up on Ben's doorstep—in the biggest fix of all time. Still spellbound by her warmth and loveliness, he could only offer himself and his home up to her, her cantankerous toddler and cranky baby. Despite the chaos, Ben found coming home to the warmth of a family a gift after years of bachelorhood. There was only one way out of this mess—and that was marriage!

This invitation to the insights and inspiration of the old West features artist Tom Browning's stunning paintings of fearless cowboys, noble horses, and nature's vast beauty. Readers are drawn into an era when a person's good reputation garnered trust, a handshake sealed a deal, and the cowboy spirit lived large. Filled with the wisdom of the West--shared along the dusty trails and by glowing campfires--this beautiful gift book warms the soul and fuels the call to adventure. It's a timeless gift to bless those who feel a kinship with those who rode west and who wish they could have answered that call themselves.

The most comprehensive manual of the practice of insight meditation (vipassana), written by one of its foremost 20th century proponents, is translated into English for the first time. Manual of Insight is the magnum opus of Mahasi Sayadaw, one of the originators of the "vipassana movement" that has swept through the Buddhist world over the last hundred years. The manual presents a comprehensive overview of the practice of insight meditation, including the foundational aspects of ethical self-discipline, understanding the philosophical framework for the practice, and developing basic concentration and mindfulness. It culminates with an in-depth exploration of the various types of insight and spiritual fruits that the practice yields. Authored by the master who brought insight meditation to the West and whose students include Joseph Goldstein, Jack Kornfield, and Sharon Salzberg, Manual of Insight is a veritable Bible for any practitioner of vipassana.

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