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Kingdom of Exiles

"On July 20th, 1969, over half of the world's population tuned in to witness the first lunar landing, waiting with bated breath as Neil Armstrong ventured outside the cabin door of Apollo 11 and declared "that's one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind." As the most expensive civilian scientific and technological program in American history, Project Apollo symbolized

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the unmatched prestige of American space exploration. Yet despite appearances, the project was never just about winning the Space Race, advancing scientific progress, or even conquering the final frontier. Instead, the ambitions of Project Apollo would ultimately reveal that the American government was more interested in establishing its superiority much closer to home. In *Operation Moonglow*, Smithsonian curator Teasel Muir-Harmony explores how and why the moon landing became one of the most decisive geopolitical events of the 20th century. In the wake of the Soviet Union's pioneering launch of Sputnik in 1957 and a humiliating defeat at the Bay of Pigs four years later, President John F. Kennedy approached a budget-wary Congress with Project Apollo, an unconventional proposal that had the potential to restore America's tarnished geopolitical standing. With Cold War tensions between the Soviet Union and the United States approaching an all-time high, Kennedy argued that ramping up the space program would inspire global confidence in American excellence -- and might even persuade people in developing countries to pick American "freedom" over Soviet "tyranny." Following the successful return of Apollo 11, its illustrious crew embarked on a diplomatic tour around the world, celebrating the mission as an accomplishment for all of humanity. Meanwhile, the accompanying American officials used the trip as an

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opportunity to conduct secret meetings with influential heads of state, leveraging the space program's global popularity to advance American values and interests. More than just a history of spaceships, astronauts, and moon rocks, Operation Moonglow is a history of geopolitical maneuvering, of propaganda and public diplomacy, and -- above all -- of the intricate relationship between scientific innovation and national identity. Featuring first-hand accounts by Apollo astronauts, original interviews with USIA and NASA staff, and never-before-seen archival materials, Operation Moonglow is the definitive account of the Apollo mission -- and a fascinating look at how the Space Race shaped the contours of globalization and global interdependence"--

Knight 's Fork

Joanne Walker has three days to learn to use her shamanic powers and save the world from the unleashed Wild Hunt. No worries. No pressure. Never mind the lack of sleep, the perplexing new talent for healing herself from fatal wounds, or the cryptic, talking coyote who appears in her dreams. And if all that's not bad enough, in the three years Joanne's been a cop, she's never seen a dead body--but she's just come across her second in three days. It's been a bitch of a week. And it isn't over yet.

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Shadow's Messenger

Aileen has always been certain of a few undeniable facts—black raspberry is the only ice cream flavor that matters, vampires can't be trusted, and her loyalty, once given, is unquestionable. When a late-night visitor shows up needing her help, she agrees without hesitation. It's not long before a pounding at her door reminds her that nothing is ever as straightforward as it seems. Now, with her friend missing, Aileen realizes her simple favor leads to consequences she cannot avoid as she finds herself drawn further into a world she's done everything to escape. As loyalties are tested, Aileen will need to decide how far she will go in the name of friendship. Because bodies are dropping and the trail leads right back to one she holds dear. Will she stand fast in her beliefs or will she be forced to betray another? One thing is clear—her choice may lead to her salvation or her doom.

Firehearted

Vardaesia

A “master class in storytelling and survival.” —Publisher's Weekly (starred review) Welcome to The Slaughtered Lamb Bookstore and Bar. I'm Sam Quinn, the

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werewolf book nerd in charge. I run my business by one simple rule: Everyone needs a good book and a stiff drink, be they vampire, wicche, demon, or fae. No wolves, though. Ever. I have my reasons. I serve the supernatural community of San Francisco. We've been having some problems lately. Okay, I'm the one with the problems. The broken body of a female werewolf washed up on my doorstep. What makes sweat pool at the base of my spine, though, is realizing the scars she bears are identical to the ones I conceal. After hiding for years, I've been found. A protection I've been relying on is gone. While my wolf traits are strengthening steadily, the loss also left my mind vulnerable to attack. Someone is ensnaring me in horrifying visions intended to kill. Clive, the sexy vampire Master of the City, has figured out how to pull me out, designating himself my personal bodyguard. He's grumpy about it, but that kiss is telling a different story. A change is taking place. It has to. The bookish bartender must become the fledgling badass. I'm a survivor. I'll fight fang and claw to protect myself and the ones I love. And let's face it, they have it coming. *** The reviews are in: "Kelly (Welcome Home, Katie Gallagher) introduces fierce, lovable heroine Sam Quinn with this master class in storytelling and survival. Seven years ago, Sam was attacked, raped, and forcibly turned into a werewolf, putting an end to her life as she knew it.

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She's since made a home for herself in San Francisco, opening a combination bookstore/bar catering exclusively to the supernatural community. A loner by nature and still contending with her trauma, she's content to lie low without a wolf pack of her own. But when dead bodies begin piling up across the city and Sam receives a threat from an unknown source, she finds herself surrounded by a phalanx of friends she never realized she had. Among them is Clive, the leader of the city's vampire community, whose good looks attract Sam "like a zombie to brains." Kelly pulls off an impressive feat, weaving the sensitively handled story of Sam's emotional recovery through a rollicking adventure. The unique setting and endearingly quirky side characters only add to the charm. Readers will delight in both the humor and the heartache of this powerful urban fantasy, and they'll be eager to see where Sam goes next." (Publisher's Weekly (starred review)) "This action-packed paranormal series launch will appeal to readers who enjoy a plot-driven, female-centric journey of growth with a side of romance. Great for fans of Patricia Briggs's Alpha and Omega series." (Book Life (Editor's pick))

The Queen's Triumph

It's a dark day for the earth realms. Will it be the last? Sorcerer Nate Garrett lost much

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in the battle that devastated Asgard, but the war against darkness is far from over. He's spent a year searching for Arthur, hell-bent on stopping the evil leader of Avalon and rescuing his friend Tommy from his clutches. Nate's investigation brings him to Washington, DC, where he finds the city under siege. Just when all hope seems lost, Layla Cassidy and her team arrive to join the fight, but Avalon's deadly plan to conquer the earth realm is underway. Meanwhile, Mordred is on a quest to find allies in the upcoming war against Avalon, hoping to find Arthur and stop him before it's too late. As the rebellion forces close in on Arthur, each of them know this could be their last fight. But with Arthur massing an unstoppable army of his own, will Nate's fury be enough to defeat him once and for all?

Wayfarer's Keep

From The Cut's funniest writer, a hilarious journey through the odd corners of obsessive dog ownership and the author's own infatuation with her perfect dog Peter. The author met Peter in the spring of 2017. He--calm, puppy-eyed, with the heart of a poet and the soul of, also, a poet--came to her first as a foster. He was unable to stay with his previously assigned foster for reasons that are none of your business, but which we will tell you were related to

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frequent urination. The rescue needed someone free of the sort of responsibilities that would force her to regularly leave the house for either work or socializing, and a writer was the natural choice. Thus began a love story for the ages. THE PARTICULARS OF PETER is a funny exploration of the joy found in loving a dog so much it makes you feel like you're going to combust, and the author's potentially codependent relationship with her own sweet dog, Peter. Readers will follow Peter and his owner to Woofstock, "the largest outdoor festival for dogs in North America," and accompany them to lessons in Canine Freestyle, a sport where dogs perform a routine set to music, creating the illusion that they're dancing with their owners. From learning about Peter's DNA, to seeing if dogs can sense the presence of ghosts, THE PARTICULARS OF PETER will give readers a smart, entertaining respite from the harsh world of humans into the funny little world of dogs. Readers will accompany this lovable duo through exciting trips, lessons, quiet moments of connection, and probably a failure or two. By fusing memoir and infotainment, THE PARTICULARS OF PETER promises to refresh the perennially popular dog lit category in a scrumptiously bighearted barnstormer of a book.

Moonlight 's Ambassador

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“Polaris Rising is space opera at its best, intense and addictive, a story of honor, courage, betrayal, and love. Jessie Mihalik is an author to watch.”--Ilona Andrews, #1 New York Times bestselling author A space princess on the run and a notorious outlaw soldier become unlikely allies in this imaginative, sexy space opera adventure—the first in an exciting science fiction trilogy. In the far distant future, the universe is officially ruled by the Royal Consortium, but the High Councillors, the heads of the three High Houses, wield the true power. As the fifth of six children, Ada von Hasenberg has no authority; her only value to her High House is as a pawn in a political marriage. When her father arranges for her to wed a noble from House Rockhurst, a man she neither wants nor loves, Ada seizes control of her own destiny. The spirited princess flees before the betrothal ceremony and disappears among the stars. Ada eluded her father’s forces for two years, but now her luck has run out. To ensure she cannot escape again, the fiery princess is thrown into a prison cell with Marcus Loch. Known as the Devil of Fornax Zero, Loch is rumored to have killed his entire chain of command during the Fornax Rebellion, and the Consortium wants his head. When the ship returning them to Earth is attacked by a battle cruiser from rival House Rockhurst, Ada realizes that if her jilted fiancé captures her, she’ll become a political prisoner and a liability to her

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House. Her only hope is to strike a deal with the dangerous fugitive: a fortune if he helps her escape. But when you make a deal with an irresistibly attractive Devil, you may lose more than you bargained for . . .

Mist's Edge

When her most closely guarded secrets are laid bare, how will Kira survive the inevitable fall out—and will anybody be standing beside her in the end? Traveling to the planet of Jettie in the hopes of finding safe harbor for her niece, Kira arrives only to find their destination host to the quorum—a series of dangerous contests that hold the power to decide the fate of empires. With little choice but to participate, it doesn't take long for Kira to find herself knee deep in enemies. Surrounded on all sides, Kira will have to face her worst fear. Trusting others with the truth. Because it's becoming clear the tsavitee are no longer content to exist in the shadows. War is coming—and everything Kira thought she once knew is about to change.

Primal Nature

"I'm a spider, sugar. My shaper kind doesn't bear that name for nothing." That's not something Alexis Harper dares to say very often. If she did, it might just get her

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killed. Not that she is an easy mark, but even fools get lucky once in a while. In a world where the magically gifted trueborn rule and the magicless halfborn slog away in the slums, half-blood mongrels like Alex are outcasts--feared and shunned. For most of her life, she has lurked in the shadows, trying to keep her true nature a secret. But the secrecy ends abruptly when she saves two trueborn aristo children from a group of hired killers. Accused of a crime she didn't commit, Alex suddenly finds herself running from powerful enemies, with no one around to trust. Or what about the mysterious stranger who has been following her? He is one of Death's Servants, born and bred to kill at the country's command. Not the most preferable ally, but then, her choices are limited. Soon she has to decide whether she can trust him or not--it's a gamble she might not survive either way. And before Alex knows what is happening, her life is hanging by a silken thread

What readers say "WOW! This Book is EXACTLY why I fell in LOVE with the Paranormal/Urban Fantasy Genre!" -- Read Between the Lines "I absolutely loved this book! Once started, I just didn't want to stop reading." -- Elbcroust "After just a few pages you immediately feel like a part of the world, as you are observing from within, watching the events unfold." -- the_survivor "Nyna Queen does an exceptional job diving deep into the minds of her characters, and her imagery and use of metaphors are at the

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expert level." -- T&S M "I've put Nyna Queen on my author watch list. This is superb storytelling." --Tiella150 "Ms. Queen has positioned herself as one of the best new authors I have ever read. Excellent work." -- Colleen I couldn't put this book down. It has a really unique group of characters and a fresh story. -- Amazon Customer The story is brought together with seamless writing and world-building. The author brings familiar together with the unfamiliar to where everything seems normal. If you want a book with a mystery interwoven with suspense and a sprinkling of a romance then this book is for you. -- Tabby

Magic Shifts

At the Emperor's command Multiple races carefully navigate the City of Elantra under the Dragon Emperor's wing. His Imperial Wolves are executioners, the smallest group to serve in the Halls of Law. The populace calls them assassins. Every wolf candidate must consent to a full examination by the Tha'alani, one of the most feared and distrusted races in Elantra for their ability to read minds. Most candidates don't finish their job interviews. Severn Handred, the newest potential recruit, is determined to face and pass this final test—even if by doing so he's exposing secrets he has never shared. When an interrogation uncovers the

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connections to a two-decade-old series of murders of the Tha'alani, the Wolves are commanded to hunt. Severn's first job will be joining the chase. From the High Halls to the Tha'alani quarter, from the Oracles to the Emperor, secrets are uncovered, tensions are raised and justice just might be done...if Severn can survive. The Wolves of Elantra
Book 1: The Emperor's Wolves

Threshold of Annihilation

After breaking from life with the Pack, mercenary Kate Daniels and her mate - former Beast Lord Curran Lennart - are adjusting to a very different pace. While they're thrilled to escape all the infighting, Curran misses the constant challenges of leading the shapeshifters. So when the Pack offers him its stake in the Mercenary Guild, Curran seizes the opportunity - too bad the Guild wants nothing to do with him and Kate.

Polaris Rising

Scarred by her past; defined by her future. Eva is a herd mistress without a herd. A tagalong by her own definition. Not thrown away by her people, but rather someone who created a new life for herself when the old one died. When she rescues one of the mysterious winged horses, a creature straight out of myth, from those who would enslave

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him, Eva opens the door to something her chosen people want more than anything else. An alliance. Now, sent deep into the Highlands and guarded by one of the Warlord's most trusted warriors, Eva will have to brave the terrors that wait there. Someone is sowing the seeds of dissent upon which war turns. Failure will lead to death, but success may bring revelations she's not ready to face. The balance of power is shifting in the Broken Lands. Those who survive will need to adapt quickly to the ever-changing landscape. Choosing her friends wisely has never been so important.

Horsemen's War

In New York Times bestselling author G.A. Aiken's gripping new fantasy romance series, the Blacksmith Queen must confront armies and pretenders desperate to take her new-won crown. But with the Princess Knight at her side and a centaur warrior clan at her back, she'll risk everything for victory . . . LONG LIVE THE QUEEN Gemma Smythe dedicated her life to the glory of battle. With her fellow War Monks, she worshipped the war gods, rained destruction on her enemies, and raised the dead when the fancy took her. Until her sister Keeley became the prophesied Blacksmith Queen, and Gemma broke faith with her order to journey to the Amichai Mountain and fight by Keeley's side. The Amichai

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warriors are an unruly, never-to-be-tamed lot, especially their leader-in-waiting, Quinn. But when the War Monks declare support for Gemma's ruthless youngest sister Beatrix, the immaturity of her key ally is the least of Gemma's problems. She has to get to the grand masters, dispel their grudge against her, and persuade them to fight for Keeley and justice. If her conviction can't sway them, perhaps Quinn's irritating, irreverent, clearly unhinged, ferocity will win the day . . . Praise for The Blacksmith Queen "It may be laugh-out-loud funny, but at its heart this is a story of a woman who cares deeply for both the family she has and the one she creates." --Bookpage "Tilting more toward fantasy, this paranormal romance will be a hit with fans of both genres who enjoy tales that are lighthearted and humorous." --Booklist

Alchemy and Rose

Branded a traitor by her people, Shea and her warlord-the fiercely dangerous Fallon-travel to the Pathfinders' seat of power at her father's request, hoping to form an alliance despite the distrust between them. It doesn't take long before Shea and Fallon realize something is dangerously wrong in the place she once called home. Ancient, deadly creatures-gone for hundreds of years, once again walk the lands, awakened from a deep

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sleep. Worse, it seems the Pathfinders are keeping a secret—one that could destroy them all. On the brink of battle with each other, the Pathfinders and Trateri must join forces if they hope to defeat the evil at the heart of the Badlands. As the tension rises between the two peoples, and Shea and her family, Shea and Fallon must convince them to overcome their differences if they are to triumph over impossible odds. Because the beasts may be the least of their worries. Sometimes betrayal comes from within, and the most dangerous monsters may be those closest to them.

Rules of Redemption

War hero and daughter to two Houses, Kira is just beginning to learn how deep the rabbit hole goes. Agreeing to accompany her father's people back to their homeworld, Kira Forrest prepares for the fight of her life. She's agreed to undertake the Trial of the Broken, a rite of passage every member of her father's House must pass. It offers a path to independence and freedom that is too tempting to deny. Not everyone welcomes this lost daughter of Roake. There are those who fear what her presence might bring to light. Betrayal stalks the halls of Kira's birthplace—its roots embedded deep in the events that claimed her parent's lives and set her on her current path. Walking the

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wire's edge between truth and deception will test the person Kira has become as she separates ally from betrayer. An old enemy has put into motion a plan that could topple the balance of power in the universe. Letting them succeed spells doom—but the price might be more than Kira is willing to pay.

The Particulars of Peter

The MPD has three roles: keep magic hidden, keep mythics under control, and don't screw up the first two. Kit Morris is the wrong guy for the job on all counts. Begin an all-new journey through the Guild Codex world as you peer behind the mythical curtain into the depths of the ancient organization that controls the everyday lives of magic users.

By A Thread

The pathfinder, Shea, has chosen to make a place for herself among her former captors, leaving behind her people and the life she once knew. However, not all welcome this outsider in their midst. Shea will find that surviving alone in the wilderness is child's play next to navigating the politics that come with her new position. Especially when it becomes evident that there are those out for her blood. As a new danger looms on the horizon, Shea and her warlord will need all the allies they can find. Because something

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is stirring in the barren lands from which all beasts are born. Something old and not seen since the last cataclysm. Can Shea protect her people from this new threat or will it be the dangers from within her own inner circle that destroy her?

Midnight's Emissary

What's so funny about Coronavirus? America's top comics bring you a huge collection of hilarious jokes and memes about Coronavirus, quarantine, social distancing, and homeschooling to brighten your quarantine experience!

Kingdom of Shadow and Light

A favor owed, a hunt like no other. A courier for the shadow world no more, Aileen's former protection is gone. Alone but still defiant, she survives one night at a time. Sure, working a dead-end job isn't part of every young vampire's dreams, but it pays the bills. When the darkly seductive Liam calls in a favor, she'll find her carefully constructed world tilting on its axis as he draws her into a dangerous game against a wily enemy. The High Fey-creatures as powerful and beautiful as they are deadly-have come to town, their motivations unclear as lines are drawn and shadowy alliances made. And with them, they bring their Wild

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Hunt where everyone is either predator or prey. Betrayed and marked as its quarry, Aileen will find surviving until dawn has never been this hard. The only thing that might save her-are the vampires she doesn't trust.

Age of Deception

"Raw. Smart. Quick-witted. Mouthwatering. Just a few adjectives that describe this exquisite tale. Do not let this unforgettable story, or its incredible cast of characters, slip by you." -DARYNDA JONES, New York Times bestselling author A rip-roarin' new snarky, sexy sci-fi paranormal romance series with the perfect balance of humor, heat, and heart. Now that Texas has seceded and the world is spiraling into chaos, good guys come in unlikely packages and love sprouts in the most inconvenient places Rogue scientist • technologically enhanced • deliciously attractive Heron Farad should be dead. But technology has made him the man he is today. Now he heads a crew of uniquely skilled outsiders who fight to salvage what's left of humanity: art, artifacts, books, ideas-sometimes even people. People like Mari Vallejo. Gun for hire • Texan rebel • always hits her mark Mari has been lusting after her mysterious handler for months. But when a by-the-book hit goes horribly sideways, she and Heron land on the universal most wanted list.

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Someone set them up. Desperate and on the run, they must trust each other to survive, while hiding devastating secrets. As their explosive chemistry heats up, it's the perfect storm More praise: "Wanted and Wired delivers a high-octane adventure with riveting twists and turns, fresh yet gritty characters, and miles of sci-fi sizzle. I loved it!"-Amanda Bouchet, award-winning author of A Promise of Fire

Salvatore

Immortality comes at a high price. Her sanity Know simply as subject 336, she was the unwilling subject of sinister and brutal experiments designed to replicate her enormous strength, healing powers, and apparent immortality. It didn't work that way. They unleashed her primal nature. Now they're dead and she's lost. From the sweltering heat of the Mexican desert, her journey leads her to the tropical jungle of the Columbian Amazon. Against the backdrop of the 3rd World War, she fights her own grueling battle to come to terms with what she is: a killer, a monster, or maybe worse.

Warping Minds & Other Misdemeanors

A snarky fae, a sexy king, and forbidden desire deep as the sea. Once, I was a fae princess with sea-magic at my fingertips.

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Now? I'm a hunted supernatural in a squalid shop, stripped of my power. My only comforts are stale cookies, Elvis records, and my hula-hoop. Until a lethally sexy fae king arrives and rips even those away. After the brutal king throws me in prison, I strike a bargain with him: my freedom in exchange for helping him find a magic blade. What Lyr doesn't know is that the blade might restore my stolen magic. But as we journey, the gorgeous jerk is starting to make me feel things I've never felt. When Lyr touches me, desire ignites. I see raging passion in his eyes, too. If I give in, I risk losing my chance at reclaiming my power. Even worse I could be forfeiting my life.*** Readers of Sarah J. Maas, Laura Thalassa, and K.F. Breene. will love the Sea Fae Series!

Coronavirus Humor

Coming home from Afghanistan was supposed to be something great. That ended when I met tall, dark and handsome in a bar and wound up in a dumpster sporting a nice set of fangs and my life flipped on its head. Now I'm a messenger for Hermes Courier Service trying to make enough to support my ice cream habit while staying below vampire radar. When this newest job of mine goes disastrously awry, it puts me on the hook to be indentured to a sorcerer for the next fifty years unless I can find a way to fix things. What's hidden

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can't stay in the shadow's forever and my life will never be the same.

The Princess Knight

MacKayla Lane faces the ultimate threat when war breaks out between the kingdoms of shadow and light, as the #1 New York Times bestselling Fever series races to an explosive revelation. From the moment MacKayla Lane arrived in Dublin to hunt her sister's murderer, she's had to fight one dangerous battle after the next: to survive, to secure power, to keep her city safe, to protect the people she loves. The matter of who's good and who's evil can be decided by the answer to a single question: Whose side are you on? Now, as High Queen of the Fae, Mac faces her greatest challenge yet: ruling the very race she was born to hunt and kill—a race that wants her dead yesterday, so they can put a pure-blooded Fae queen on the throne. But challenges with her subjects are the least of her concerns when an ancient, deadly foe resurfaces, changing not only the rules of the game but the very game itself, initiating a catastrophic sequence of events that have devastating consequences and leave Mac questioning everything she's ever learned and everyone she's ever loved. Now begins an epic battle between Mortal and Fae, Seelie and Unseelie, would-be kings and would-be queens, with possession of the Unseelie

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King's virtually unlimited power and the fate of humanity at stake. From the exquisite, deadly gardens of the High Queen's court, to long-forgotten truths found in the Sacred Grove of Creation, from the erotic bed of her enigmatic, powerful lover to the darkest, seductive reaches of the Unseelie kingdom, Mac's final journey takes her places no human has been before, and only one human could possibly survive . . . One who's willing to sacrifice everything.

Dawn's Envoy

(A Machina Novel, Vol. 1) Machinas were made to be the galaxy's greatest super soldiers. Split into four academies, each with their own deadly abilities, machinas were thought to be machines sent from the gods. Enhanced human beings who blurred the lines between synthetic and biological lifeforms. Upon the destruction of their home planet, Mair Ultima, machinas became disgraced. Scattered among the stars. Now they work as bounty hunters, assassins, bodyguards. Anything that involves spilling blood. Only thousands remain, the most famous of whom is Beatrix Westwood, a Valkyrie Huntress, though she prefers Trix of Zilvia. Join Trix on her debut adventure as she attempts to rescue a kidnapped princess while evading warlords, slavers, and warring royal families with the help of her oldest friend, Yvach Aodun. On

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that note, welcome to the Milky Way in Earth year 2799. It's like the Wild West and piracy's golden age rolled into one lawless expanse. Trix is feeling lucky. How about you?

Operation Moonglow

An ancient dragon warrior determined to protect what's his... Former general Mikael lost his clan, his family, everything, thousands of years ago. Now he's awakened in a new world that's trying to rebuild. He and his brothers are ordered to live with Avery, a human female, and her younger brothers. Avery is nothing he should want. She's too soft, too sweet...too happy. But he can't stop his growing obsession with her. The human female who threatens his jaded heart... House flipper Avery is no stranger to heartbreak, and knows that the ones you love most can stab you in the back the quickest. When she's asked to shelter a bunch of dragon shifters, her instinct is to say no. Until she meets the ragtag group of males who are struggling to adjust to the new world. Against her better judgment, she agrees to take them in. Even if the gruff Mikael has heartbreak written all over him, she can't help but fall for the sexy dragon a little more every day. But when a threat from his past emerges, promising to tear their world apart, things suddenly change between them. As they race

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against the clock to save her family, Mikael must risk everything and claim her before it's too late. Author note: Though part of a series, this book may be read as a stand-alone, complete with HEA. Ancients Rising Series Ancient Protector, #1 Ancient Enemy, #2 Ancient Enforcer, #3 Ancient Vendetta, #4

Wanted and Wired

Queen Samara Rani knows she's likely walking into a trap, but agreeing to meet with Commander Adams is the fastest way to get within striking distance of the Quint Confederacy's biggest traitor and her sworn enemy. Adams attacked her home and destroyed her ship, and if he's not stopped, he will ruin the tentative peace between the Kos Empire and the Quint Confederacy—and Samara's chance at future with Emperor Valentin Kos. Samara is determined to serve up some well-deserved payback, but she is no longer a lone assassin, and despite her protests, her friends and allies refuse to let her undertake such a perilous mission without them. Even Valentin, usually the voice of reason, refuses to stay behind. Samara is loath to put her friends in danger, and taking a team carries its own risks, so she makes plans to keep them safe, no matter what the cost. When Adams threatens that safety, and everything she holds dear, Samara vows to show him exactly how she earned her deadly

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reputation—and why one should never cross the Rogue Queen.

Missing Wings

The Trateri are about to learn a vital lesson of the Broken Lands. Deep in the remote expanse where anything can happen, it pays to be on a pathfinder's good side. Nobody ventures beyond their village walls. Nobody sane that is. Monstrous creatures and deadly mysteries wait out there. Lucky for the people she serves, Shea's not exactly sane. As a pathfinder, it's her job to face what others fear and protect her charges from the dangers that await in the Broken Lands. It's not an easy job, but she's the best at what she does. When the people she serves betray her, Shea must rely on her wits and skill to survive the Trateri, a barbarian horde sweeping in to conquer the Lowlands, and their warlord, a man as dangerous as he is compelling. Her actions and the decisions she makes might mean the difference between life or death. Danger looms on the horizon and a partnership with the Warlord may be the only thing preventing the destruction of everything she holds dear.

The Price of Royalty

Embrace the wonder “When Day and Night combine and fight against one Enemy, then

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Dark and Light shall meet mid-strike and set the Captives free.” In the wake of loss and devastation, Alex must cast aside her grief to seek aid from those who banished the Meyarins long ago. But the proud Tia Aurans care little for the woes of mortals and demand that Alex—and her friends—undergo the Gates of Testing to prove their world is worth saving. With an ancient prophecy looming, Alex must confront the secrets of her past if she is to survive long enough to see the future. For if she returns to Medora without the Tia Aurans by her side, all hope for her world will be lost. In this explosive conclusion to The Medoran Chronicles, the fate of Medora hangs in the balance as Alex readies herself to face Aven one final time. Who will survive, and who will fall? “If, however, darkness wins, there is no strategy to keep from all that will be lost, and so will always be.”

Dark King

After an ancient war that left the outside air toxic, the shielded city of Utopia is the only safe place left in the world. Or so its citizens are taught to believe. Many dismiss the lies fed to them by a familial line of crooked presidents and choose to live outside the city's walls. But when a new president takes control, he wages a war on these Outsiders, and their leader's daughter Deryn

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Leon is caught in the crossfire. Five years later Deryn is a slave. Beaten and starved, she has little will to go on. But when a chance encounter leaves her with a means for escape, the forgotten fire inside of her ignites once more and she takes the opportunity with one swipe of a knife to her owner's throat. But escaping Utopia isn't easy. While hiding in plain site, Deryn is discovered by Xander Ruby, the Utopian Guardian inadvertently responsible for her capture in the first place. Xander, who is guilt-stricken by everything he has done as a Guardian, wants nothing more than to get Deryn home. He takes her in and they soon form a powerful bond that will not be broken, even when the reality of this cruel and beautiful world threatens to tear them apart.

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Lucia It all started with a contract signed by him, then by me, while our families watched. While my father sat silent, a man defeated, giving his daughter to the Benedetti monsters. I obeyed. I played my part. I signed my name and gave away my life. I became their living, breathing trophy, a constant symbol of their power over us. That was five years ago. Then came the time for him to claim me. For Salvatore Benedetti to own me. I had vowed vengeance. I had learned hate. And yet, nothing could have prepared me

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for the man who now ruled my life. I expected a monster, one I would destroy. But nothing is ever black or white. No one is either good or evil. For all his darkness, I saw his light. For all his evil, I saw his good. As much as he made me hate him, a passion hotter than the fires of hell burned inside me. I was his, and he was mine. My very own monster. Salvatore I owned the DeMarco Mafia Princess. She belonged to me now. We had won, and they had lost. And what better way to teach a lesson than to take from them that which is most precious? Most beloved? I was the boy who would be king. Next in line to rule the Benedetti Family. Lucia DeMarco was the spoils of war. Mine to do with as I pleased. It was my duty to break her. To make her life a living hell. My soul was dark, I was hell bound. And there was no way out, not for either of us. Because the Benedetti family never lost, and in our wake, we left destruction. It's how it had always been. How I believed it would always be. Until Lucia.

The Wind's Call

"Belen?" I blinked up at him. As usual, he was shining brightly, although he'd dampened it so I might look at him. "Lissa, this is certainly the beginning." He gazed around us. At leveled homes and devastated bodies. I understood what he said. All too clearly. It had been my suspicion, but I was too afraid

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to voice it aloud, as if saying it might make it real. It didn't need my words to make it real. It had already become real. The God Wars were upon us. "It'll only get worse, won't it?" I whispered. "If this is not stopped," Belen lowered his head as if in thought. "Either the opposing forces know something we don't, or evidence we do not have indicates that the Three are now revealed." "You don't know who all Three are, do you?" I shivered. "We know of the Mighty Hand—he has revealed himself to us, but he has placed himself behind a shield only the strongest might breach, and to my knowledge only the One might get past Strength's barrier. One other we have both felt," he nodded slightly to me. Neither of us was willing to speak Breanne's name aloud. She was in enough danger, I think, and I didn't want to add to that. "The other I cannot say, although we have seen evidence," Belen sighed. He hesitated for a moment, as if he wanted to say something else and then thought better of it. "I am afraid to say what I might think about this," Belen murmured instead. "It worries me that even the quietest voice might be heard if I speak my suspicions about this. Lissa, there's something you do not know," Belen continued. "What's that?" "I only removed the mind cloud from your son. The others—it had already been removed when I arrived to do it." "What?" I stared at Belen. "Someone quite powerful arrived before I did. I believe Gavin and

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Cheedas benefited from a visit from one of the others. At this time, I cannot say—am afraid to say—which it might have been." "I don't understand this," I rubbed my forehead. "Lissa, do not make yourself ill, I beg," Belen knelt next to me. "We must be strong and vigilant in the coming days. It is up to us to do what we can to protect innocents during these times. As much as we can, for as long as we can. We cannot say if our enemies are destroying these lives, attempting to draw one or more of the Three out. After all, if one of them falls or turns to the other side, all will be lost. More than one destroyed will only hasten our demise." "This is the flaw, isn't it?" I sighed. "Yes. This is the flaw," he agreed. * * * Those among the powerful know the God Wars have begun—except for Breanne. Without suspecting what she really is or that she has been targeted, she has chosen a new home for herself—in Earth's past. When strange events begin to happen around her, Breanne's confusion ramps up considerably. Toss in a handsome stranger and a horrible past, and Breanne seems headed for destruction.

Broken Wings

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The Emperor's Wolves

Aileen has a few rules for her life. Do her job and go home safe. Keep the supernatural world away from her human family. Stay off the vampire radar. And, above all, don't get involved in spook politics. But when Liam comes back into town bringing a mystery that threatens the life she's built, she finds every closely guarded rule flying out the window as she sinks ever deeper into the supernatural world. Ultimately, it may be the

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people she loves the most who pay the price in the high stakes game that vampires call life.

Ancient Enforcer

When the Queen Consort of the Volnoth asks him to father her child, not realizing that he is the son of her greatest enemy and that he has taken a vow of chastity, the Saurian Knight is torn between his father and a married Princess who will stop at nothing to make him bend to her will. Original.

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Blood Trouble

1866. Will Stewart is one of many who have left their old lives behind to seek their fortunes in New Zealand's last great gold rush. The conditions are hostile and the outlook bleak, but he must push on in his

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uncertain search for the elusive buried treasure. Rose is about to arrive on the shores of South Island when a storm hits and her ship is wrecked. Just when all seems lost she is snatched from the jaws of death by Will, who risks his life to save her. Drawn together by circumstance, they stay together by choice and for a while it seems that their stars have finally aligned. But after a terrible misunderstanding they are cruelly separated, and their new-found happiness is shattered. As Will chases Rose across oceans and continents, he must come to terms with the possibility that he might never see her again. And if he does, he will have to face the man who took her . . .

Urban Shaman

Born with an ability the Veilede people of Madar believe make her, 'one of the first to be blessed by God', Katrina's destiny unravels when her father is poisoned and her mother steals her into the human world to hide among those who hate her kind. In a near fatal attempt to return home, Katrina's stripped of her wings. The poison meant to kill her father leaves him in a degenerative state. When her eldest brother discovers she has survived, he orders her to stay in hiding. She must wait, concealed in the human world, until the danger of their father's uncontrolled rages is contained. Grown and

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adapted to the human world, Katrina encounters one of her kind. The promise of home and first love leads her into a situation capable of starting war among the Veilede. Will a human upbringing, mistakes, and the loss of her abilities bar her from reclaiming her heritage? Will unraveling the mystery of her mother's betrayal lead her family into even greater danger?

Arena

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