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#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • More than one million copies sold! A “brilliant” (Lupita Nyong’o, Time), “poignant” (Entertainment Weekly), “soul-nourishing” (USA Today) memoir about coming of age during the twilight of apartheid “Noah’s childhood stories are told with all the hilarity and intellect that characterizes his comedy, while illuminating a dark and brutal period in South Africa’s history that must never be forgotten.”—Esquire Winner of the Thurber Prize for American Humor and an NAACP Image Award • Named one of the best books of the year by The New York Time, USA Today, San Francisco Chronicle, NPR, Esquire, Newsday, and Booklist Trevor Noah’s unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of The Daily Show began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. Living proof of his parents’ indiscretion, Trevor was kept

mostly indoors for the earliest years of his life, bound by the extreme and often absurd measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could, at any moment, steal him away. Finally liberated by the end of South Africa’s tyrannical white rule, Trevor and his mother set forth on a grand adventure, living openly and freely and embracing the opportunities won by a centuries-long struggle. Born a Crime is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. It is also the story of that young man’s relationship with his fearless, rebellious, and fervently religious mother—his teammate, a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life. The stories collected here are by turns hilarious, dramatic, and deeply affecting. Whether subsisting on caterpillars for dinner during hard times, being thrown from a moving car during an attempted kidnapping, or just trying to survive the

life-and-death pitfalls of dating in high school, Trevor illuminates his curious world with an incisive wit and unflinching honesty. His stories weave together to form a moving and searingly funny portrait of a boy making his way through a damaged world in a dangerous time, armed only with a keen sense of humor and a mother's unconventional, unconditional love.

A New York Times Top Ten Book of the Year and National Book Award finalist, Pachinko is an "extraordinary epic" of four generations of a poor Korean immigrant family as they fight to control their destiny in 20th-century Japan (San Francisco Chronicle). NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF 2017 * A USA TODAY TOP TEN OF 2017 * JULY PICK FOR THE PBS NEWSHOUR-NEW YORK TIMES BOOK CLUB NOW READ THIS * FINALIST FOR THE 2018 DAYTON LITERARY PEACE PRIZE* WINNER OF THE MEDICI BOOK CLUB PRIZE Roxane Gay's Favorite Book of 2017, Washington Post NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER * #1 BOSTON GLOBE BESTSELLER * USA TODAY BESTSELLER * WALL STREET JOURNAL BESTSELLER * WASHINGTON POST BESTSELLER "There could only be a few winners, and a lot of losers. And yet we played on, because we had hope that we might be the lucky ones." In the early 1900s, teenaged Sunja, the adored daughter of a crippled fisherman, falls for a wealthy stranger at the seashore near her home in Korea. He promises her the world, but when she discovers she is pregnant--and that her lover is married--she refuses to be bought. Instead, she accepts an offer of marriage from a gentle, sickly minister passing through on his way to Japan. But her decision to abandon her home, and to reject her son's powerful father, sets off a dramatic saga that will echo down through the generations. Richly told and

profoundly moving, Pachinko is a story of love, sacrifice, ambition, and loyalty. From bustling street markets to the halls of Japan's finest universities to the pachinko parlors of the criminal underworld, Lee's complex and passionate characters--strong, stubborn women, devoted sisters and sons, fathers shaken by moral crisis--survive and thrive against the indifferent arc of history. *Includes reading group guide*

He has the money and she's driving the getaway car. Gio DelGado, a mafia capo with money in the bank and a spotless record, has hit rock bottom. After the death of his mother, his best and only friend is a bottle of whiskey. Then, she shows up. Dressed in black and driving the getaway car of the men trying to rob his bar. For some reason, Gio decides to cut her some slack. Annie Bryne sees her life flash before her eyes when a sexy man in an expensive suit catches her red-handed. But he's willing to make a deal. He'll pay her debts if she'll work for him. Can she survive being indebted to the devil himself? *This is a HEA, enemies to lovers, mafia romance.

The author of Race for Profit carries out "[a] searching examination of the social, political and economic dimensions of the prevailing racial order" (Michelle Alexander, author of The New Jim Crow). In this winner of the Lannan Cultural Freedom Prize for an Especially Notable Book, Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor "not only exposes the canard of color-blindness but reveals how structural racism and class oppression are joined at the hip" (Robin D. G. Kelley, author of Freedom Dreams). The eruption of mass protests in the wake of the police murders of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and Eric Garner in New York City have challenged the impunity with which officers of the law carry out violence against black peo-

ple and punctured the illusion of a post-racial America. The Black Lives Matter movement has awakened a new generation of activists. In this stirring and insightful analysis, activist and scholar Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor surveys the historical and contemporary ravages of racism and the persistence of structural inequality, such as mass incarceration and black unemployment. In this context, she argues that this new struggle against police violence holds the potential to reignite a broader push for black liberation. "This brilliant book is the best analysis we have of the #BlackLivesMatter moment of the long struggle for freedom in America. Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor has emerged as the most sophisticated and courageous radical intellectual of her generation." —Dr. Cornel West, author of *Race Matters* "A must read for everyone who is serious about the ongoing praxis of freedom." —Barbara Ransby, author of *Ella Baker and the Black Freedom Movement* "[A] penetrating, vital analysis of race and class at this critical moment in America's racial history." —Gary Younge, author of *The Speech: The Story Behind Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream*

It was supposed to be business. Two families, one wedding, zero emotion. My father's mafia outfit had saved my life. I owed them everything. An arranged marriage was hardly a sacrifice when I would have already been long dead had it not been for them. I would give up my independence for the Lucciano Family. I would bind myself to the man whose family tore my life to pieces. Matteo De Luca was vicious claws sheathed in refinement and class. He saw my untamed independence as a challenge. I saw his alluring authority as a threat. There was a ruthless storm that raged in his oceanic

gaze. A majestic tidal wave of temper and domination looking to break on my rocky shores. He would annihilate me. Rip open my layers until all my pretty secrets were scattered at his feet. The worst part? I wanted to experience whatever it was Matteo had to offer, and I hated myself for it. I wanted to launch myself at him. To kiss him. To kill him. To end the debilitating torture of the unknown. The moment our paths collided, our lives were altered irrevocably. Taking us from enemies allied by a strategic marriage to something dark and consuming. Something that tasted like obsession. Matthew Dela Cruz believes that love is simply the search for the one girl who will make him feel complete. This collection of stories is about his journey to find her—and what happens when he finally does. Pop Fiction's beloved authors hanjhanjbe, areyaysii, notjustarandomgirl, HippityHoppityAzure, Kwento Ni Jhingness, and kendaniel tell his story through the tales of the five girls he loved and lost before destiny led him to the one. They say that everyone is connected to everyone. In the mysterious machinations of life and love, Matthew finds out that the girl he's been looking for all his life has always been there. In fact, she was just six degrees of serendipity away from him.

Travis Maddox, Eastern University's playboy, makes a bet with good girl Abby that if he loses, he will remain abstinent for a month, but if he wins, Abby must live in his apartment for the same amount of time.

There's A Reason I Never Go To Parties... I saw him in a cloud of smoke, like sin made flesh. Even bruised and battered, I'd never seen anything more beautiful... Unless I hate myself, I should stay far away from Nero. He's a heartbreaker. A mess-maker. A walking disaster. Here's

the problem: I'm in deep trouble with a dirty cop. The only person who can save me is Nero. We're not friends. If he saw me drowning, he'd throw me an anchor. But he's the only chance I've got. He's no hero, he's a Savage Lover.

Conceived to provide a bone marrow match for her leukemia-stricken sister, teenage Kate begins to question her moral obligations in light of countless medical procedures and decides to fight for the right to make decisions about her own body.

Tessa O'Connell is a girl as ordinary as they come - or so she thinks. Her aim for senior year is to keep her head down yet somehow manage to convince her childhood love Jay Stone to love her back. What she isn't prepared for is for Jay's brother, Cole, to return to town and change the life she's always been seemingly content to live.

The Kelly Group International (KGI): A super-elite, top secret, family-run business. Qualifications: High intelligence, rock-hard body, military background. Mission: Hostage/kidnap victim recovery. Intelligence gathering. Handling jobs the U.S. government can't...P.J. and Cole were sharpshooting rivals on the same KGI team and enjoyed a spirited, uncomplicated camaraderie. Until the night they gave in to their desires and suddenly took their relationship one step further. In the aftermath of their one-night stand, they're called out on a mission that goes terribly wrong, and P.J. walks away from KGI, resolved not to drag her teammates into the murky shadows she's poised to delve into. Six months later, Cole hasn't given up his search for P.J., and he's determined to bring her back home where she belongs. Bent on vengeance, P.J. has plunged into a serpentine game of payback that will make

her question everything she's ever believed in. But Cole—and the rest of their team—refuse to let her go it alone. Even if it means sacrificing their loyalty to KGI, and their lives...

He stole my heart out of revenge. There was one thing I always thought was mine to give: my heart. I never imagined a marauder would steal it out of vengeance-vengeance that had nothing to do with me. His greatest enemy happened to be the man in love with me, and somehow I became nothing but a pawn. I was no damsel in distress, though. More like an archer, ready to battle. And my target? The marauder himself. Cashel "Cash" Kelly. Kelly might have been as gorgeous as he was ruthless, but he had no idea what I'd do to steal it back. Or better yet, get even. She was determined to keep what was mine. They say hearts can't be stolen unless they're willing to be. Tell that to the man everyone on the streets called "the marauder." Me. Because by the time I was through, Keely Ryan's heart would be mine. And my enemy's? As good as broken. Trouble was, the archer was precise with her aim, and her arrow was pointed at my heart. Marauder is the second of three books set in the savage world of the Gangsters of New York series. Each book can be read as a standalone, but they are all based in the same world.

From Wall Street Journal and USA Today bestselling author Bella Love-Wins comes an emotionally dark mafia crime family romance serial. My name is Antonio DeLucci. They call me The Trigger. I'm the most trusted made man in the Romano crime family. I'm at the peak of my career with the mob, and in their good graces, but I'm not their blood. All this time, I thought there was an upside to that fact. It meant one day, I could

have her. Natalia. The boss's only daughter and sole heir of the Romano empire. I protected her since she was a kid. I craved her since the day she turned eighteen and snuck into my apartment to tell me she wanted to be mine and mine alone. But she is forbidden. Off limits. I wouldn't dare give in to temptation. Until now. And when her father finds out what I'm now doing in secret with his sweet virgin daughter, there'll be hell to pay. Loyalty is everything to him, and I've betrayed him in the worst possible way, with the person that matters most to him. Any day now, it'll all come back to haunt me. Except right now, I don't care. She's mine, and I'll move heaven and earth to keep her. No matter the cost. No matter how far I fall. Even if it kills me. Author's Note: Fall is book one of the Saints of Sin Series. This is a full-length serial romance that ends in a cliffhanger. Cover design by Book Cover by Design (Kellie Dennis).

She's Yours For The Taking: A Man's Guide to the Seduction and Sexual Enchantment of Women goes beyond the juvenile notion of just "picking up women". It's a complete Dating and Mating Handbook that a man can refer to at every step along the way to seduction: from how to first engage a woman in a manner that makes an intriguing impression on her... to guiding her straight into his arms by feeding her the proper romantic signals that she craves at every step along the way. And it's all done with paint-by-numbers ease! To begin, SYFT presents a very low-pressure cold-meeting move called Pull Tabbing. This easy-going, casual socializing technique will equip you with a solid plan of social action that can be stored away in your head all ready to spring into action. It's especially effective for making hay with those sudden "gotcha" chances to meet

women that happen when you least expect them... at the mall, in school or even out on the street. Pull Tabbing shows you how to flirt in an appropriate and friendly manner that can capture a woman's immediate interest -- and without having to hang your Ego out to dry in the process! Pulling a phone number will seem like a natural extension of the flirt, rather than an awkward intrusion into her life. Then you'll learn about the Three Date Master Seduction: Action, Connection and Romantic-style get together that appeal to her deepest romantic instincts like a lock-and-key. Understanding this correct approach to her heart can quickly forge that elusive bond of "chemistry" that is often lacking on first dates that fizzle. *She's Yours* then completes the journey in the bedroom with a galaxy of erotic moves that are designed to send her straight into orgasmic orbit... while turning YOU into her favorite new addiction! No matter what your current level of social or romantic skill, SYFT will show you how to take it to the next level and turn any girl that you've got your eye on into the girl of your dreams.

New York Times bestselling author Life After Death, the hip-hop generation's beloved and most compelling storyteller, delivers a powerful story about love and loyalty, strength and family. In her bestselling novel, *The Coldest Winter Ever*, Sister Souljah introduced the world to Midnight, a brave but humble lieutenant to a prominent underworld businessman. Now, in a highly anticipated follow-up to her million-selling masterpiece, she brings readers into the life and dangerously close to the heart of this silent, fearless young man. Raised in a wealthy, influential, Islamic African family, Midnight enjoys a life of comfort, confidence, and protection. Midnight's father provides him with a veil of privilege and

deep, devoted love, but he never hides the truth about the fierce challenges of the world outside of his estate. So when Midnight's father's empire is attacked, he sends Midnight with his mother to the United States. In the streets of Brooklyn, a young Midnight uses his Islamic mind-set and African intelligence to protect the ones he loves, build a business, reclaim his wealth and status, and remain true to his beliefs. Midnight, a handsome and passionate young man, attracts many women. How he interacts and deals with them is a unique adventure. This is a highly sensual and tremendous love story about what a man is willing to risk and give to the women he loves most. Midnight will remain in your mind and beat in your heart for a lifetime. Her "raw and true voice" (Publishers Weekly) will both soothe and arouse you. In a beautifully written and masterfully woven story, Sister Souljah has given us Midnight, and solidified her presence as the mother of all contemporary urban literature.

"What would happen if Harry met Sally in the age of Tinder and Snapchat? . . . A field guide to Millennial dating in New York City" (New York Daily News). When New York-based graphic designers and long-time friends Timothy Goodman and Jessica Walsh found themselves single at the same time, they decided to try an experiment. The old adage says that it takes 40 days to change a habit—could the same be said for love? So they agreed to date each other for 40 days, record their experiences in questionnaires, photographs, videos, texts, and artworks, and post the material on a website they would create for this purpose. What began as a small experiment between two friends became an Internet sensation, drawing 5 million unique (and obsessed) visitors from around the globe

to their site and their story. *40 Days of Dating: An Experiment* is a beautifully designed, expanded look at the experiment and the results, including a great deal of material that never made it onto the site, such as who they were as friends and individuals before the 40 days and who they have become since.

The year is 1929. New York is ruled by the Bright Young Things: flappers and socialites seeking thrills and chasing dreams in the anything-goes era of the Roaring Twenties. Letty Larkspur and Cordelia Grey escaped their small Midwestern town for New York's glittering metropolis. All Letty wants is to see her name in lights, but she quickly discovers Manhattan is filled with pretty girls who will do anything to be a star. . . . Cordelia is searching for the father she's never known, a man as infamous for his wild parties as he is for his shadowy schemes. Overnight, she enters a world more thrilling and glamorous than she ever could have imagined—and more dangerous. It's a life anyone would kill for . . . and someone will. The only person Cordelia can trust is Astrid Donal, a flapper who seems to have it all: money, looks, and the love of Cordelia's brother, Charlie. But Astrid's perfect veneer hides a score of family secrets. Across the vast lawns of Long Island, in the illicit speakeasies of Manhattan, and on the blindingly lit stages of Broadway, the three girls' fortunes will rise and fall—together and apart. From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Luxe* comes an epic new series set in the dizzying last summer of the Jazz Age.

A TODAY SHOW BEST ROMANCE PICK FROM NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR JASMINE GUILLORY "In a romance featuring Black joy, plus-sized beauty, and Mexican pride, the conflicts

are entirely believable, and not overly dramatic, and make for a thoroughly enjoyable read. It is fake dating at its best." —Library Journal, starred review. D'Vaughn and Kris have six weeks to plan their dream wedding. Their whole relationship is fake. Instant I Do could be Kris Zavala's big break. She's right on the cusp of really making it as an influencer, so a stint on reality TV is the perfect chance to elevate her brand. And \$100,000 wouldn't hurt, either. D'Vaughn Miller is just trying to break out of her shell. She's sort of neglected to come out to her mom for years, so a big splashy fake wedding is just the excuse she needs. All they have to do is convince their friends and family they're getting married in six weeks. If anyone guesses they're not for real, they're out. Selling their chemistry on camera is surprisingly easy, and it's still there when no one else is watching, which is an unexpected bonus. Winning this competition is going to be a piece of wedding cake. But each week of the competition brings new challenges, and soon the prize money's not the only thing at stake. A reality show isn't the best place to create a solid foundation, and their fake wedding might just derail their relationship before it even starts. Carina Adores is home to romantic love stories where LGBTQ+ characters find their happily-ever-afters.

National bestselling authors Kiki Swinson and De'nesha Diamond bring you two irresistible novellas about men so bad, they're everything you don't need--and exactly what you want. . . I Need a Gangsta Kiki Swinson Melody Goldman isn't about to let her rich, cheating, ungrateful husband walk out and leave her with nothing. Fortunately, ex-con Scotty Harris has no problem disposing of her problems in exchange for plenty of cold,

hard cash--and hot, hard sexing. But when Scotty crosses one line too many, Melody's revenge will be a hustle he never saw coming . . . Gentlemen Prefer Bullets De'Nesha Diamond Successful publicist Blake Scott survived by playing the Hollywood game. . .and keeping far, far away from her gangsta kingpin father. But now the only person who can protect her is his enforcer, Eli Hardwick. Good thing this thug cleans up real nice--and is even better when he gets down and dirty . . . "Kiki captures the heat of the streets." --Wahida Clark "Diamond's hairpin plot twists, snappy dialogue, sultry sex scenes, and colorful, often hilarious characters keep the pages turning." --Publishers Weekly on Heist

When Vincent Gambuzzo, the not-so-bright proprietor of the Tiffany Gentleman's Club in Panama City, Florida, loses his business playing poker, his headliner, exotic dancer Sierra Lavotini, faces a crisis. The new sign out front reads BIG MIKE'S HOUSE OF BOOTY, and Big Mike's new business strategy leaves a little to be desired in the class department and even less to the imagination of the increasingly rambunctious clientele. As the dancers' unofficial leader and mother hen, Sierra leads most of her coworkers in a walkout and schemes to restore Vincent to power. But he's in jail, charged with murdering a man in a shootout at the end of that same disastrous poker game. Can Sierra prove Vincent innocent, help her fellow out-of-work dancers, and manage to make next month's trailer payment without a job? With the help of her neighbor Raydean, her on-again boyfriend, Panama City Homicide Detective John Nailor, and her "uncle," "Big Moose" Lavotini of the New Jersey syndicate, of course she can, and it adds up to another fantastic ride in this hilarious and sexy series. "What a

game! What a dame!" - Publishers Weekly

This "adrenaline-soaked thriller" (Publishers Weekly) follows the game of cat and mouse between a girl on the run from a murder she witnessed—or committed?—and the boy who's sent to kill her. Nicolette Holland is the girl everyone likes. Up for adventure. Loyal to a fault. And she's pretty sure she can get away with anything...until a young woman is brutally murdered in the woods near Nicolette's house. Which is why she has to disappear. Jack Manx has always been the stand-up guy with the killer last name. But straight A's and athletic trophies can't make people forget that his father was a hit man and his brother is doing time for armed assault. Just when Jack is about to graduate from his Las Vegas high school and head east for college, his brother pulls him into the family business with inescapable instructions: find this ruthless Nicolette Holland and get rid of her. Or else Jack and everyone he loves will pay the price. As Nicolette and Jack race to outsmart each other, tensions—and attractions—run high. Told in alternating voices, this tightly plotted mystery and tense love story challenges our assumptions about right and wrong, guilt and innocence, truth and lies.

Dahlia 'You Don't Own Me.' Zane 'In my world I own everything.' Zane I'm everything a mother prays her daughter will never come across. Manwhore, Mafia boss and ruthless killer. I've never met a woman who could hold my attention longer than it took to satisfy my c**k. Until Dahlia Fury. She alone is different. She walked into my world, the way a lamb strays into the path of a wolf, completely defenseless. She made me hard the moment our eyes locked. I had to have her. But I never imagined taking

her would be like popping a powerful drug. One I'd crave over and over. The heat between us is blazing, like nothing I've experienced before, and every time I see her I want to devour her inch by inch. I defined the terms of our arrangement (one month), but each time I brand her, like a damned addict I need another fix ... - Dahlia 'You can do it. It's just a simple Swedish massage, ' my friend pleaded. I should have listened to my inner voice. I shouldn't have gone, but I didn't, and ended up in a room alone with the epitome of an Alpha male, a sexy powerful Mafia boss with eyes cold enough to freeze my blood. He took hold of my body in the most shockingly possessive way. He made me lose control. I ran from him as if all the devils in hell were hot on my heels, but he never left my mind. Then, something unthinkable happens and the cold-hearted predator is the only one who can help. He agrees to help, but ... nothing is for free. Now I roam around his London mansion waiting for him to summon me, touch me, arouse me, and satisfy me. The way only my Russian Man Beast can...

A tour-de-force by rising indy comics star Gene Yang, American Born Chinese tells the story of three apparently unrelated characters: Jin Wang, who moves to a new neighborhood with his family only to discover that he's the only Chinese-American student at his new school; the powerful Monkey King, subject of one of the oldest and greatest Chinese fables; and Chin-Kee, a personification of the ultimate negative Chinese stereotype, who is ruining his cousin Danny's life with his yearly visits. Their lives and stories come together with an unexpected twist in this action-packed modern fable. American Born Chinese is an amazing ride, all the way up to the astonishing climax. American Born Chinese is a 2006 National

Book Award Finalist for Young People's Literature, the winner of the 2007 Eisner Award for Best Graphic Album: New, an Eisner Award nominee for Best Coloring and a 2007 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year. This title has Common Core Connections

"A top-notch thriller, one of the best of the genre" (Minneapolis Star Tribune) from international crime-writing sensation Camilla Läckberg tells the story of brutal murders in a small Swedish fishing village, and the shattering, decades-old secrets that precipitated them. In this electrifying tale of suspense from an international crime-writing sensation, a grisly death exposes the dark heart of a Scandinavian seaside village. Erica Falck returns to her tiny, remote hometown of Fjällbacka, Sweden, after her parents' deaths only to encounter another tragedy: the suicide of her childhood best friend, Alex. It's Erica herself who finds Alex's body—suspended in a bathtub of frozen water, her wrists slashed. Erica is bewildered: Why would a beautiful woman who had it all take her own life? Teaming up with police detective Patrik Hedström, Erica begins to uncover shocking events from Alex's childhood. As one horrifying fact after another comes to light, Erica and Patrik's curiosity gives way to obsession—and their flirtation grows into uncontrollable attraction. But it's not long before one thing becomes very clear: a deadly secret is at stake, and there's someone out there who will do anything—even commit murder—to protect it. Fans of Scandinavian greats Stieg Larsson and Henning Mankell will devour Camilla Läckberg's penetrating portrait of human nature at its darkest.

WINNER OF THE 2017 NATIONAL BOOK AWARD IN NONFICTION FINALIST FOR

THE NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE AWARDS WINNER OF THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY'S HELEN BERNSTEIN BOOK AWARD NAMED A BEST BOOK OF 2017 BY THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW, LOS ANGELES TIMES, WASHINGTON POST, BOSTON GLOBE, SEATTLE TIMES, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, NEWSWEEK, PASTE, and POP SUGAR The essential journalist and bestselling biographer of Vladimir Putin reveals how, in the space of a generation, Russia surrendered to a more virulent and invincible new strain of autocracy. Award-winning journalist Masha Gessen's understanding of the events and forces that have wracked Russia in recent times is unparalleled. In *The Future Is History*, Gessen follows the lives of four people born at what promised to be the dawn of democracy. Each of them came of age with unprecedented expectations, some as the children and grandchildren of the very architects of the new Russia, each with newfound aspirations of their own—as entrepreneurs, activists, thinkers, and writers, sexual and social beings. Gessen charts their paths against the machinations of the regime that would crush them all, and against the war it waged on understanding itself, which ensured the unobstructed reemergence of the old Soviet order in the form of today's terrifying and seemingly unstoppable mafia state. Powerful and urgent, *The Future Is History* is a cautionary tale for our time and for all time.

From *Hood to Good* will make you laugh, and you'll want to tell a friend about it, because it will be hard for you to put it down. People from all walks of life will enjoy reading it, because no matter what country, culture, or language group you come from, you will relate to the experiences expressed through poetry. You will learn about urban relationships, ratchet

thinking and solutions, linguistics, and urban behavior. Through it all, there is always a cause and effect for everything you may encounter, good or bad, throughout life. Words are powerful, and Allens words will speak greatness into your life, help you stay spiritual, meditate, and keep God first. They will also help you remember where you come from and never go around thinking that you are better than anyone. We as people must stay humble and embrace humility, so only success can stay ever present in our life. This book will be sold worldwide through AuthorHouse.com, Amazon.com, airport bookstores, mall bookstores, book fairs, local bookstores, a variety of events, and Barnes and Noble.

The #1 New York Times Bestseller “An engaging look at the often head-scratching, frequently infuriating mating behaviors that shape our love lives.” —Refinery 29 A hilarious, thoughtful, and in-depth exploration of the pleasures and perils of modern romance from Aziz Ansari, the star of *Master of None* and one of this generation’s sharpest comedic voices At some point, every one of us embarks on a journey to find love. We meet people, date, get into and out of relationships, all with the hope of finding someone with whom we share a deep connection. This seems standard now, but it’s wildly different from what people did even just decades ago. Single people today have more romantic options than at any point in human history. With technology, our abilities to connect with and sort through these options are staggering. So why are so many people frustrated? Some of our problems are unique to our time. “Why did this guy just text me an emoji of a pizza?” “Should I go out with this girl even though she listed Combos as one of her

favorite snack foods? Combos?!” “My girlfriend just got a message from some dude named Nathan. Who’s Nathan? Did he just send her a photo of his penis? Should I check just to be sure?” But the transformation of our romantic lives can’t be explained by technology alone. In a short period of time, the whole culture of finding love has changed dramatically. A few decades ago, people would find a decent person who lived in their neighborhood. Their families would meet and, after deciding neither party seemed like a murderer, they would get married and soon have a kid, all by the time they were twenty-four. Today, people marry later than ever and spend years of their lives on a quest to find the perfect person, a soul mate. For years, Aziz Ansari has been aiming his comic insight at modern romance, but for *Modern Romance*, the book, he decided he needed to take things to another level. He teamed up with NYU sociologist Eric Klinenberg and designed a massive research project, including hundreds of interviews and focus groups conducted everywhere from Tokyo to Buenos Aires to Wichita. They analyzed behavioral data and surveys and created their own online research forum on Reddit, which drew thousands of messages. They enlisted the world’s leading social scientists, including Andrew Cherlin, Eli Finkel, Helen Fisher, Sheena Iyengar, Barry Schwartz, Sherry Turkle, and Robb Willer. The result is unlike any social science or humor book we’ve seen before. In *Modern Romance*, Ansari combines his irreverent humor with cutting-edge social science to give us an unforgettable tour of our new romantic world.

Street kid turned undercover cop. ‘This time he wasn't getting up. Neither were the two young women he'd just murdered. The two unarmed young police

officers he cut down in a hail of 32 bullets and the fragments of a grenade, ending their promising lives so savagely, so senselessly. I felt empty. Cold. How had it come to this?' Shay grew up on a tough Manchester council estate where drugs and gangs were rife. A life of crime would have been an easy path to take. So it went against everything that was expected of him when he joined the police. It wouldn't be long before Shay's prodigious talent caught the attention of the top. Then came the call that changed his life: an offer to join the secret Level 1 undercover unit known as Omega. And it was easy to see why they wanted him; he wouldn't have to stray too far from what he already knew. He had all the attributes of a professional criminal - the athletic physique of a cage fighter, the talk, the walk. Streetwise and fearless, he'd be a match for the most hardened villain. He was given a new identity, his DNA and fingerprints were removed from the national database, and so began the life of Mikey O'Brien. In a distinguished covert career spanning 17 years, former soldier Shay infiltrated Moss Side gangs, was part of a hand-picked team hunting Dale Cregan and was brought in to break up a gang war wall of silence after the murder of Salford 'Mr Big' Paul Massey. But there would be a heavy price to pay for a life in the shadows, where any mistake could have lethal consequences...

Nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's The Great American Read. Renowned hip-hop artist, writer, and activist Sister Souljah brings the streets of New York to life in a powerful and utterly unforgettable first novel. I came busting into the world during one of New York's worst snowstorms, so my mother named me Winter. Ghetto-born,

Winter is the young, wealthy daughter of a prominent Brooklyn drug-dealing family. Quick-witted, sexy, and business-minded, she knows and loves the streets like the curves of her own body. But when a cold Winter wind blows her life in a direction she doesn't want to go, her street smarts and seductive skills are put to the test of a lifetime. Unwilling to lose, this ghetto girl will do anything to stay on top. The Coldest Winter Ever marks the debut of a gifted storyteller. You will never forget this Winter's tale.

In Volume I of this special collectors' edition, visit the first three unforgettable novels by New York Times bestselling author Sister Souljah: *The Coldest Winter Ever*, *Midnight: A Gangster Love Story*, and *Midnight and the Meaning of Love*. **THE COLDEST WINTER EVER** In *The Coldest Winter Ever*, internationally known author, activist, and hip-hop artist Sister Souljah brought the streets of New York to life in a powerful and unforgettable first novel. Beautifully written, raw, and authentic, this novel firmly established Sister Souljah as the mother of all contemporary urban literature and the author of the first classic of the genre. **MIDNIGHT: A GANGSTER LOVE STORY** Sister Souljah, the hip-hop generation's number one author and most compelling storyteller, delivers a powerful story about love and loyalty, strength and family. In her bestselling novel *The Coldest Winter Ever*, Sister Souljah introduced the world to *Midnight*, a brave but humble lieutenant to a prominent underworld businessman. Now, in a highly anticipated follow-up to her million-selling masterpiece, she brings readers into the life and dangerously close to the heart of this silent, fearless young man. **MIDNIGHT AND THE MEANING OF LOVE** Sister Souljah, the New York Times bestselling author of *The Coldest Winter Ever* and *Midnight*,

delivers her most compelling and enlightening story yet. With *Midnight and The Meaning of Love*, Souljah brings to her millions of fans an adventure about young, deep love, the ways in which people across the world express their love, and the lengths that they will go to have it.

In this “brave and heartbreaking novel that digs its claws into you and doesn’t let go, long after you’ve finished it” (Anna Todd, New York Times bestselling author) from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *All Your Perfects*, a workaholic with a too-good-to-be-true romance can’t stop thinking about her first love. Lily hasn’t always had it easy, but that’s never stopped her from working hard for the life she wants. She’s come a long way from the small town where she grew up—she graduated from college, moved to Boston, and started her own business. And when she feels a spark with a gorgeous neurosurgeon named Ryle Kincaid, everything in Lily’s life seems too good to be true. Ryle is assertive, stubborn, maybe even a little arrogant. He’s also sensitive, brilliant, and has a total soft spot for Lily. And the way he looks in scrubs certainly doesn’t hurt. Lily can’t get him out of her head. But Ryle’s complete aversion to relationships is disturbing. Even as Lily finds herself becoming the exception to his “no dating” rule, she can’t help but wonder what made him that way in the first place. As questions about her new relationship overwhelm her, so do thoughts of Atlas Corrigan—her first love and a link to the past she left behind. He was her kindred spirit, her protector. When Atlas suddenly reappears, everything Lily has built with Ryle is threatened. An honest, evocative, and tender novel, *It Ends with Us* is “a glorious and touching read, a forever keeper. The kind of book that

gets handed down” (USA TODAY).

10 Things To Accomplish: Make him notice you. ? Differentiate yourself from other girls. ? Get an invite to a date. ? Make the said date memorable. ? Make him take you seriously. ? Ensure that he’s dating you exclusively. ? Snag an invite to meet his parents. ? Get a kiss – a sincere one. ? Be the best girlfriend he’s ever had. ? And finally, break his heart. In this mission, there is one and only one rule you must abide: Do not fall in love. If you break this rule, the mission will be considered a failure. Your punishment will be severe.

In the suburbs of Chicago, Jayceon and Leah were all set to start their new lives together as husband and wife. In Jace, Leah thought she married the perfect man until she accidentally stumbles across his deleted secret that quickly turns her sanity, and their marriage, upside down. The night before Jayceon marries Leah, he hits the record button on his iPhone when the curvaceous dancer—Jessica Fox—from his bachelor party makes her way back to his hotel suite. Soon after, the nasty recorded mistake comes back to haunt Jace, and the stripper, in the worst way possible. The life Leah planned with Jace rapidly spins out of control when she becomes obsessed with the X-rated video, and the girl in it. Leah will do whatever it takes to right her new husbands wrong, even if it means getting rid of Jessica Fox for good . . .

The bestselling workbook and grammar guide, revised and updated! Hailed as one of the best books around for teaching grammar, *The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation* includes easy-to-understand rules, abundant examples, dozens of reproducible quizzes, and pre- and post-tests to help teach grammar to mid-

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KINGS OF ITALY DUET, PART 1 FAUSTO I am the darkness, the man whose illicit empire stretches around the globe. Not many have the courage for what needs to be done to maintain power . . .but I do. And I always get what I want. Including my son's fiancée. She's mine now, and I'll use Francesca any way I see fit. She's the perfect match to my twisted desires, and I'll keep her close, ready and waiting at my disposal. Even if she fights me at every turn.

FRANCESCA I was stolen away and held prisoner in Italy, a bride for a mafia king's only heir. Except I'm no innocent, and it's the king himself-the man called *il Diavolo*-who appeals to me in sinful ways I never dreamed. Fausto's wickedness draws me in, his power like a drug. And when the devil decides he wants me, I'm helpless to resist him-even if it means giving myself to him, body and soul. He may think he can control me, but this king is about to find out who's really the boss. *****

MAFIA MISTRESS is a full-length mafia romance written by a USA Today Best-selling author. It's the first book in the *Italian Kings* duet, not a standalone. Having survived being set up and various attempts on their lives, Mika and Kane are dead set on walking away, leaving the treachery of the hood and street life far behind them. They quickly discover, however, that certain things are easier said than done. As Kane takes steps to dissolve his various partnerships, he and Mika soon discover that - although they may be done with the streets - the streets are not done with them. Someone is after them. Someone with power, money and influence...and a personal score to settle. As the walls start to close in, Mika and Kane quickly realize that running isn't the solution. The only way to stay alive is to attack the problem - and their enemies - headfirst. But with danger and double-dealing around every corner, will Mika and Kane, as well as their growing love, manage to survive?

The book that inspired the major new motion picture *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom*. Nelson Mandela is one of the great moral and political leaders of our time: an international hero whose lifelong dedication to the fight against racial oppression in South Africa won him the Nobel Peace Prize and the presidency of his country. Since his triumphant release in 1990 from more than a quarter-century of imprisonment, Mandela has been at the center of the most compelling and inspiring political drama in the world. As president of the African National Congress and head of South Africa's anti-apartheid movement, he was instrumental in moving the nation toward multiracial government and majority rule. He is revered everywhere as a vital force in the fight for human rights and racial

equality. *LONG WALK TO FREEDOM* is his moving and exhilarating autobiography, destined to take its place among the finest memoirs of history's greatest figures. Here for the first time, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela tells the extraordinary story of his life--an epic of struggle, setback, renewed hope, and ultimate triumph.

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Three orphans grew up on the streets of Moscow among Bratva. Their experiences made them brothers. Their strength made them leaders. Three best friends on unforgettable summer vacation find more than they bargained for. Women from privileged American families pulled into a world they knew nothing about. Will these women see past their men's violent beginnings and discover the honor within them?
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Book 2 *Scarred* - Nikolai and Olivia
Book 3 *Disgraced* - Sergei and Scarlett
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vealed, her life became marked. Would she stay in my world or go back to her carefree, privileged life?
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A Little Life follows four college classmates—broke, adrift, and buoyed only by their friendship and ambition—as they move to New York in search of fame and fortune. While their relationships, which are tinged by addiction, success, and pride, deepen over the decades, the men are held together by their devotion to the brilliant, enigmatic Jude, a man scarred by an unspeakable childhood trauma. A hymn to brotherly bonds and a masterful depiction of love in the twenty-first century, Hanya Yanagihara's stunning novel is about the families we are born into, and those that we make for ourselves. Look for Hanya Yanagihara's new novel, *To Paradise*, coming in January 2022.