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Accompanying CD-ROM contains graphic footage of various war wound surgeries.

Can a pregnant bride heal this tycoon's tormented past? Only from USA TODAY bestselling author Olivia Gates! Russian billionaire Ivan Konstantinov spent decades struggling with the treachery that almost destroyed him. But when Anastasia Shepherd, the only woman he's ever loved, suffers a near-fatal injury, he risks everything—even exposure to his betrayers—to save her. He intends only to heal her then walk away again, but their explosive passion can't be denied. Then she gives him the ultimate Christmas gift: she's expecting his child. Will the promise of a holiday wedding and a perfect future erase the scars of Ivan's past...or will darker secrets ruin all they hold dear?

Beginning with the absolutely critical first moments of the outbreak in China, and ending with an epilogue on the vaccine rollout and the unprecedented events between the election of Joseph Biden and his inauguration, Lawrence Wright's *The Plague Year* surges forward with essential information--and fascinating historical parallels--examining the medical, economic, political, and social ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Will this doctor's passion trump vengeance? Find out in this billionaire boss novel from USA TODAY bestselling author Olivia Gates! Rumors swirl around the world-famous surgeon who just added Dr. Liliana Accardi's research lab to his vast empire. And from their first mesmerizing encounter, Antonio Balducci breaches all her defenses as he lures Lili into a passionate affair fueled by his own dark motives. The gorgeous scientist is Antonio's entry into the family he's sworn to destroy. But his manipulations ensnare him. With his soul on fire for the woman he desires above all else, will Antonio's love prove stronger than his hunger for retribution?

Kate Blackwell is the symbol of success—a beautiful woman who has parlayed her inheritance into an international conglomerate. Now, celebrating her 90th birthday, Kate surveys the family she has manipulated, dominated, and loved: the fair and the grotesque, the mad and the mild, the good and the evil—her winnings in life.

Managing patients with thrombotic vascular disease is complex and challenging: Ischemic vascular disease remains a complicated interplay of atherosclerosis and thrombosis—even with the evolution in our understanding of the pathobiology of thrombosis. There has been tremendous growth in therapeutic options which are quickly finding their place in daily practice, including a remarkable expansion in the number of intravenous and oral antithrombotic agents and new antiplatelet agents. Now more than ever, all cardiologists, hematologists, and specialists in vascular medicine, as well as other

professionals, such as hospital pharmacists, who deal with prognosis and intervention in preventing thrombosis, need a resource that distills current knowledge of this important subject. Written and edited by today's leading international, *Therapeutic Advances in Thrombosis, 2e* provides physicians with the very latest in medical and surgical advances in antithrombotic therapies. With this comprehensively updated edition you get: Coverage of virtually all aspects of venous and arterial thrombotic disease and the corresponding therapies Strategies to manage specific clinical conditions and how to tailor treatment to individual patient needs Updated chapters covering thrombolysis in ST-elevation myocardial infarctions; thrombosis in patients with diabetes, pregnancy, and renal dysfunction Special emphasis on the pharmacology of novel anticoagulants and their practical use in venous thromboembolism and atrial fibrillation. Plus, all chapters fully explore clinical trial designs and outcomes for particular treatment therapies, as well as contain the relevant ACC/AHA/ESC guidelines, so you can confidently apply what you learn.

Explains what your body is "thinking" and tells you why your genes actually want you to be fat, and that by deactivating these "killer genes," you can reprogram your body for the health, life, looks, and longevity you desire. Reprint.

Appendices include laws and legislation concerning the Army Medical Department. Maps include those of territories and frontiers and Continental Army hospital locations. Illustrations are chiefly portraits.

"I read this book... it worked. My autoimmune disease is gone and I'm 37 pounds lighter in my pleather." --Kelly Clarkson Most of us have heard of gluten—a protein found in wheat that causes widespread inflammation in the body. Americans spend billions of dollars on gluten-free diets in an effort to protect their health. But what if we've been missing the root of the problem? In *The Plant Paradox*, renowned cardiologist Dr. Steven Gundry reveals that gluten is just one variety of a common, and highly toxic, plant-based protein called lectin. Lectins are found not only in grains like wheat but also in the "gluten-free" foods most of us commonly regard as healthy, including many fruits, vegetables, nuts, beans, and conventional dairy products. These proteins, which are found in the seeds, grains, skins, rinds, and leaves of plants, are designed by nature to protect them from predators (including humans). Once ingested, they incite a kind of chemical warfare in our bodies, causing inflammatory reactions that can lead to weight gain and serious health conditions. At his waitlist-only clinics in California, Dr. Gundry has successfully treated tens of thousands of patients suffering from autoimmune disorders, diabetes, leaky gut syndrome, heart disease, and neurodegenerative diseases with a protocol that detoxes the cells, repairs the gut, and nourishes the body. Now,

in *The Plant Paradox*, he shares this clinically proven program with readers around the world. The simple (and daunting) fact is, lectins are everywhere. Thankfully, Dr. Gundry offers simple hacks we easily can employ to avoid them, including: Peel your veggies. Most of the lectins are contained in the skin and seeds of plants; simply peeling and de-seeding vegetables (like tomatoes and peppers) reduces their lectin content. Shop for fruit in season. Fruit contain fewer lectins when ripe, so eating apples, berries, and other lectin-containing fruits at the peak of ripeness helps minimize your lectin consumption. Swap your brown rice for white. Whole grains and seeds with hard outer coatings are designed by nature to cause digestive distress—and are full of lectins. With a full list of lectin-containing foods and simple substitutes for each, a step-by-step detox and eating plan, and delicious lectin-free recipes, *The Plant Paradox* illuminates the hidden dangers lurking in your salad bowl—and shows you how to eat whole foods in a whole new way.

A sobering inside portrait of China's organ-transplant business and its connection with internment camps and political dissident "killing fields" draws on survival testimonies to reveal how the Chinese state profits from the sale of illicitly obtained organs to Western recipients.

Do you love stories with sexy, romantic heroes who have it all—wealth, status, and incredibly good looks? *Harlequin® Desire* brings you all this and more with these three new full-length titles in one collection! #2468 *THE BOSS'S BABY ARRANGEMENT* by Catherine Mann Billionaires and Babies A marriage of convenience between an executive single dad and his sexy employee in need of a green card should have nothing to do with passion...but their carefully laid plan goes out the window when their hearts become involved! #2471 *BILLIONAIRE BOSS, M.D.* by Olivia Gates The Billionaires of Black Castle As her new boss, billionaire doctor Antonio Balducci plans to use medical researcher Liliana Accardi to destroy those who left him to a hellish fate. But when love unexpectedly overwhelms him, could it overcome his need for vengeance? #2472 *SECOND CHANCE WITH THE CEO* by Anna DePalo The Serengetti Brothers Beautiful Marisa Danieli is the reason former athlete turned CEO Cole Serengetti missed a major career goal, something he's never forgotten—or forgiven. How unfortunate for her that the sexy tycoon is the one thing standing between her and the promotion she needs... Look for *Harlequin® Desire's* August 2016 Box set 1 of 2, filled with even more scandalous stories and powerful heroes!

"A fast-paced, gripping story set in a world of gruesome violence and perversity, where 'why?' is not a question and murder happens on a whim: but where a very faint ray of grace and hope lights up the landscape of salt and blood and ice. A tour de force of narrative tension and a masterful reconstruction of a lost world that seems to exist at the limits of the human imagination." --Hilary Mantel
 "This is a novel that takes us to the limits of flesh and blood. Utterly convincing and compelling, remorselessly vivid, and insidiously witty, *The North Water* is a startling achievement." --Martin Amis
 A nineteenth-century whaling ship sets sail for the Arctic with a killer aboard in this dark, sharp, and highly original tale that grips like a thriller. Behold the man: stinking, drunk, and brutal. Henry Drax is a harpooner on the *Volunteer*, a Yorkshire whaler bound for the rich hunting waters of the arctic circle. Also aboard for the first time is Patrick Sumner, an ex-army surgeon with a shattered reputation, no money, and no better option than to sail as the ship's medic on this violent, filthy, and ill-fated voyage. In India, during the Siege of Delhi, Sumner thought he had experienced the depths to which man can stoop. He had hoped to find temporary respite on the *Volunteer*, but rest proves im-

possible with Drax on board. The discovery of something evil in the hold rouses Sumner to action. And as the confrontation between the two men plays out amid the freezing darkness of an arctic winter, the fateful question arises: who will survive until spring? With savage, unstoppable momentum and the blackest wit, Ian McGuire's *The North Water* weaves a superlative story of humanity under the most extreme conditions.

In gripping prose, one of the world's leading cardiac surgeons lays bare both the wonder and the horror of a life spent a heartbeat away from death. When Stephen Westaby witnessed a patient die on the table during open-heart surgery for the first time, he was struck by the quiet, determined way the surgeons walked away. As he soon understood, this detachment is a crucial survival strategy in a profession where death is only a heartbeat away. In *Open Heart*, Westaby reflects on over 11,000 surgeries, showing us why the procedures have never become routine and will never be. With astonishing compassion, he recounts harrowing and sometimes hopeful stories from his operating room: we meet a pulseless man who lives with an electric heart pump, an expecting mother who refuses surgery unless the doctors let her pregnancy reach full term, and a baby who gets a heart transplant only to die once it's in place. For readers of Atul Gawande's *Being Mortal* and of Henry Marsh's *Do No Harm*, *Open Heart* offers a soul-baring account of a life spent in constant confrontation with death.

A cynical doctor. A nurse with a secret. How far would you go for the person you loved? Jurgen Cristo loves his role as a doctor working with the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Based in the isolated outback town of Alice Springs, his job is demanding, every call is another fight to save the life of a stranger. Betrayed by his ex-fiancé, he has become cynical of relationships, vowing to never risk his heart again. Meghan Richards is a compassionate and talented nurse working on the children's ward. Trapped by her past mistakes, she harbours a secret which has condemned her to a lifetime of singledom. Jurgen and Meghan begin a casual romance, ultimately leading them to question everything they thought they wanted. When Jurgen's old flame appears, and Meghan's devastating secret is revealed, he makes the ultimate declaration to win back the woman he loves. "Fling With The Flying Doctor" is a contemporary story of romance, recovery, and revelation. Book One in the "Outback Doctors" series, "Fling With The Flying Doctor" is set in the harsh Australian desert, featuring strong main characters that are relatable and recognisable to modern day women. Other books in the "Outback Doctors" series include "The Surgeon's Baby" (release date December 2020), "Taming the Surgeon" (release date February 2021), and "Date with the Flying Doctor Prince" (release date April 2021).

The desert prince's bride Dr Jenny Stapleton has devoted herself to those in need around the globe, risking her life but never her heart—she's done that before and lost it, along with her husband and her unborn child. In *Zaheer* she meets Dr Kam Rahman, a man she thinks is only a doctor—but actually he is a sheikh! Sheikh Kamid Rahman al'Kawali is heir to the throne of *Zaheer*! By travelling anonymously he can better address his country's needs, and he is struck by Jen's passion for his people—and the passion she arouses in him. He is soon to ascend the throne, and knows he wants this desert doctor as his queen!

This book uses the work of Bolognese physician and anatomist Gaspare Tagliacozzi to explore the social and cultural history of early modern surgery. It discusses how Italian and European surgeons' at-

itudes to health and beauty – and how patients' gender – shaped views on the public appearance of the human body. In 1597, Gaspare Tagliacozzi published a two-volume book on reconstructive surgery of the mutilated parts of the face. Studying Tagliacozzi's surgery in context corrects widespread views about the birth of plastic surgery. Through a combination of cultural history, microhistory, historical epistemology, and gender history, this book describes the practice and practitioners considered to be at the periphery of the "Scientific Revolution." Historical themes covered include the writing of individual cases, hegemonic and subaltern forms of masculinity, concepts of the natural and the artificial, emotional communities and moral economies of pain, and the historical anthropology of the culture of beauty and the face and its disfigurements. The book is essential reading for upper-level students, postgraduates, and scholars working on the history of medicine and surgery, the history of the body, and gender and cultural history. It will also appeal to those interested in the history of beauty, urban studies and the Renaissance period more generally.

#1 International Bestseller: A frontline trauma surgeon tells his “riveting” true story of operating in the world’s most dangerous war zones (The Times). For more than twenty-five years, surgeon David Nott has volunteered in some of the world’s most perilous conflict zones. From Sarajevo under siege in 1993 to clandestine hospitals in rebel-held eastern Aleppo, he has carried out lifesaving operations in the most challenging conditions, and with none of the resources of a major metropolitan hospital. He is now widely acknowledged as the most experienced trauma surgeon in the world. *War Doctor* is his extraordinary story, encompassing his surgeries in nearly every major conflict zone since the end of the Cold War, as well as his struggles to return to a “normal” life and routine after each trip. Culminating in his recent trips to war-torn Syria—and the untold story of his efforts to help secure a humanitarian corridor out of besieged Aleppo to evacuate some 50,000 people—*War Doctor* is a heart-stopping and moving blend of medical memoir, personal journey, and nonfiction thriller that provides unforgettable, at times raw, insight into the human toll of war. “Superb . . . You are constantly amazed that men such as Nott can witness the extraordinary cruelties of the human race, so many and so foul, yet keep going.” —Sunday Times “Gripping and fascinating medical stories.” —Kirkus Reviews

Do you love stories with sexy, romantic heroes who have it all—wealth, status, and incredibly good looks? Harlequin® Desire brings you all this and more with these three new full-length titles in one collection! *HOLD ME, COWBOY* by Maisey Yates Copper Ridge Rich-as-sin cowboy Sam McCormack wants nothing to do with ice princess Madison West, but when they're snowed in together at a mountain retreat, their red-hot attraction quickly burns through all their misconceptions... *HIS SECRETARY'S LITTLE SECRET* by Catherine Mann The Lourdes Brothers of Key Largo Organizing Easton Lourdes's workaholic life is a full-time job, and secretary Portia Soto is the best at keeping things professional. But when a hurricane sends her into her boss's arms—and his bed—the consequences will change everything... *HIS PREGNANT CHRISTMAS BRIDE* by Olivia Gates The Billionaires of Black Castle Ivan left the woman he loved once, to protect them both. But when he saves her from an attack, he can no longer stay away. Will keeping Anastasia as his bride mean overcoming the sinister events that shaped him? Look for Harlequin® Desire's November 2016 Box set 2 of 2, filled with even more scandalous stories and powerful heroes! Join HarlequinMyRewards.com to earn FREE books and more. Earn points for all your Harlequin purchases from wherever you shop.

She had to tell him her secret... Nurse Kimberly Brookes has postponed her week-long training session with leading heart surgeon Daniel Travis once already. Even though she feels like running for the hills, she can't put it off any longer—she has to go into Theatre and face the man she once loved with all her heart... Daniel is now even sexier than he was all those years ago—success, confidence and maturity have made him irresistible. But, as the week wears on, Kimberly feels the pressure of her renewed feelings for Daniel and of her untold secret—he is the father of her son...

In an undisclosed location in the remote outskirts of the Utah desert, a team of scientists, surgeons, and geneticists labor in secret and horrifying inhumanity. Driven by desperation brought on by the unbeatable assault of a flesh-eating virus, the compound was created to find a cure for the pandemic or so it seems. Olivia Johnson, a recently recruited, beautiful, young, and idealistic doctor, is also driven by need when she accepts a position at the compound. After all, she reasons, \$1.5 million for five years of work isn't a bad deal. But a mere sixteen months into her five-year contract, she discovers that all is not as it seems. Secrets lurk around every corner. She learns that she is just as trapped as the prisoners in this secret organ farm driven by profit and without ethics. She struggles with her part in the cruel and inhumane treatment of the prisoners. Johnson must find a way to protect both her sanity and her life under the unyielding scrutiny of Shishi Hitotsu THE LION ONE, a blood thirsty six-foot Japanese businessman who is also the primary owner of the compound. His motivation, she learns, is disturbingly personal: he is compelled by vengeance and honor to do the unthinkable to save his mother, who is also slowly dying from the virus. Olivia's only protection is harbored within: her own blood which may hold the key to an effective defense against the virus. Will she survive the harsh environment that she is confined to? Or will she find love and break free from the rich, deceitful, and politically powerful LION ONE.

The award-winning New York Times bestseller about the extraordinary things that can happen when we harness the power of both the brain and the heart Growing up in the high desert of California, Jim Doty was poor, with an alcoholic father and a mother chronically depressed and paralyzed by a stroke. Today he is the director of the Center for Compassion and Altruism Research and Education (CCARE) at Stanford University, of which the Dalai Lama is a founding benefactor. But back then his life was at a dead end until at twelve he wandered into a magic shop looking for a plastic thumb. Instead he met Ruth, a woman who taught him a series of exercises to ease his own suffering and manifest his greatest desires. Her final mandate was that he keep his heart open and teach these techniques to others. She gave him his first glimpse of the unique relationship between the brain and the heart. Doty would go on to put Ruth's practices to work with extraordinary results—power and wealth that he could only imagine as a twelve-year-old, riding his orange Sting-Ray bike. But he neglects Ruth's most important lesson, to keep his heart open, with disastrous results—until he has the opportunity to make a spectacular charitable contribution that will virtually ruin him. Part memoir, part science, part inspiration, and part practical instruction, *Into the Magic Shop* shows us how we can fundamentally change our lives by first changing our brains and our hearts.

Seven years ago sheikh and surgeon Ghaleb Aal Omraan chose duty over love and left Viv LaSalle with a broken heart and - unknowingly - a baby. Now their little boy Sam is desperate to meet his father, but is Ghaleb ready to be a dad...?

The Sheik—E. M. Hull's best-selling novel that became a wildly popular film starring Rudolph Valenti-

no—kindled "sheik fever" across the Western world in the 1920s. A craze for all things romantically "Oriental" swept through fashion, film, and literature, spawning imitations and parodies without number. While that fervor has largely subsided, tales of passion between Western women and Arab men continue to enthrall readers of today's mass-market romance novels. In this groundbreaking cultural history, Hsu-Ming Teo traces the literary lineage of these desert romances and historical bodice ripers from the twelfth to the twenty-first century and explores the gendered cultural and political purposes that they have served at various historical moments. Drawing on "high" literature, erotica, and popular romance fiction and films, Teo examines the changing meanings of Orientalist tropes such as crusades and conversion, abduction by Barbary pirates, sexual slavery, the fear of renegades, the Oriental despot and his harem, the figure of the powerful Western concubine, and fantasies of escape from the harem. She analyzes the impact of imperialism, decolonization, sexual liberation, feminism, and American involvement in the Middle East on women's Orientalist fiction. Teo suggests that the rise of female-authored romance novels dramatically transformed the nature of Orientalism because it feminized the discourse; made white women central as producers, consumers, and imagined actors; and revised, reversed, or collapsed the binaries inherent in traditional analyses of Orientalism.

The Desert Surgeon's Secret Son by Olivia Gates released on Feb 15, 2015 is available now for purchase.

"[A] richly detailed, expertly paced saga of the only female student attending a prestigious medical school in Italy...a truly captivating heroine, for then and for now." —Sally Cabot Gunning, author of *The Widow's War* and *Painting the Light* From the USA Today bestselling author of *The Girl in His Shadow* comes a riveting historical fiction novel about the women in medicine who changed the world forever. Women's work is a matter of life and death. Nora Beady, the only female student at a prestigious medical school in Bologna, is a rarity. In the 19th century women are expected to remain at home and raise children, so her unconventional, indelicate ambitions to become a licensed surgeon offend the men around her. Everything changes when she allies herself with Magdalena Morenco, the sole female doctor on-staff. Together the two women develop new techniques to improve a groundbreaking surgery: the Cesarean section. It's a highly dangerous procedure and the research is grueling, but even worse is the vitriolic response from men. Most don't trust the findings of women, and many can choose to deny their wives medical care. Already facing resistance on all sides, Nora is shaken when she meets a patient who will die without the surgery. If the procedure is successful, her work could change the world. But a failure could cost everything: precious lives, Nora's career, and the role women will be allowed to play in medicine. Perfect for book clubs and for fans of *Marie Benedict*, *Tracey Enerson Wood*, and *Sarah Penner* comes a captivating celebration of women health-care workers throughout history.

Named one of *Vulture's* Top 10 Best Books of 2020! Leftist firebrand Fredrik deBoer exposes the lie at the heart of our educational system and demands top-to-bottom reform. Everyone agrees that education is the key to creating a more just and equal world, and that our schools are broken and failing. Proposed reforms variously target incompetent teachers, corrupt union practices, or outdated curricula, but no one acknowledges a scientifically-proven fact that we all understand intuitively: Academic potential varies between individuals, and cannot be dramatically improved. In *The Cult of*

Smart, educator and outspoken leftist Fredrik deBoer exposes this omission as the central flaw of our entire society, which has created and perpetuated an unjust class structure based on intellectual ability. Since cognitive talent varies from person to person, our education system can never create equal opportunity for all. Instead, it teaches our children that hierarchy and competition are natural, and that human value should be based on intelligence. These ideas are counter to everything that the left believes, but until they acknowledge the existence of individual cognitive differences, progressives remain complicit in keeping the status quo in place. This passionate, voice-driven manifesto demands that we embrace a new goal for education: equality of outcomes. We must create a world that has a place for everyone, not just the academically talented. But we'll never achieve this dream until the Cult of Smart is destroyed.

Two Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists take an unbridled look into one of the most sensitive post-9/11 national security investigations—a breathtaking race to stop a second devastating terrorist attack on American soil. In *Enemies Within*, Matt Apuzzo and Adam Goldman "reveal how New York really works" (James Risen, author of *State of War*) and lay bare the complex and often contradictory state of counterterrorism and intelligence in America through the pursuit of Najibullah Zazi, a terrorist bomber who trained under one of bin Laden's most trusted deputies. Zazi and his co-conspirators represented America's greatest fear: a terrorist cell operating inside America. This real-life spy story—uncovered in previously unpublished secret NYPD documents and interviews with intelligence sources—shows that while many of our counterterrorism programs are more invasive than ever, they are often counterproductive at best. After 9/11, New York Police Commissioner Ray Kelly initiated an audacious plan for the Big Apple: dispatch a vast network of plainclothes officers and paid informants—called "rakers" and "mosque crawlers"—into Muslim neighborhoods to infiltrate religious communities and eavesdrop on college campuses. Police amassed data on innocent people, often for their religious and political beliefs. But when it mattered most, these strategies failed to identify the most imminent threats. In *Enemies Within*, Apuzzo and Goldman tackle the tough questions about the measures that we take to protect ourselves from real and perceived threats. They take you inside America's sprawling counterterrorism machine while it operates at full throttle. They reveal what works, what doesn't, and what Americans have unknowingly given up. "Did the Snowden leaks trouble you? You ain't seen nothing yet" (Dan Bigman, *Forbes* editor).

The sheikh doctor's virgin wife Caught up in the frantic and romantic whirl of life as an emergency doctor in the desert kingdom of Damhooor, Jay Latimer is swept off her feet by her handsome boss, playboy surgeon Sheikh Malek Aal Hamdaan. Malek is entranced by Jay's luminous strength and beauty, but while he is an eligible bachelor, he is also heir to the throne and, therefore, not free to choose his own bride. Malek knows he can offer Jay a loving and passionate relationship—but he also knows that the only proposal she deserves and can accept is to become his wife.

Secrets drove them apart. Can their child reunite them? Only from USA TODAY bestselling author Olivia Gates... Richard Graves has long battled his dark heritage, and only one woman nearly shattered his elegant facade. Though he seduced Isabella Sandoval to take revenge on the man who'd destroyed his family, walking away from her was the hardest thing he's done. Now he's learned the truth about her son, and he won't walk away again. Richard's mission of vengeance nearly cost Isabella her life. But she can't resist rekindling their dangerous passion. Can she protect her child from

the man sworn to claim him—and herself from the desire she can no longer fight?

A Sunday Times Book of the Year As featured on the BBC Radio 2 Book Club Dr James Barry: Inspector General of Hospitals, army surgeon, duellist, reformer, ladykiller, eccentric. He performed the first successful Caesarean in the British Empire, outraged the military establishment and gave Florence Nightingale a dressing down at Scutari. At home he was surrounded by a menagerie of animals, including a cat, a goat, a parrot and a terrier. Long ago in Cork, Ireland, he had also been a mother. This is the amazing tale of Margaret Anne Bulkley, the young woman who broke the rules of Georgian society to become one of the most respected surgeons of the century. In an extraordinary life, she crossed paths with the British Empire's great and good, royalty and rebels, soldiers and slaves. A medical pioneer, she rose to a position that no woman before her had been allowed to occupy, but for all her successes, her long, audacious deception also left her isolated, even costing her the chance to be with the man she loved.

Teeming with creatures, both real and imagined, this encyclopedic study in cultural history illuminates the hidden web of connections between the Victorian fascination with fairies and their lore and the dominant preoccupations of Victorian culture at large. Carole Silver here draws on sources ranging from the anthropological, folkloric, and occult to the legal, historical, and medical. She is the first to anatomize a world peopled by strange beings who have infiltrated both the literary and visual

masterpieces and the minor works of the writers and painters of that era. Examining the period of 1798 to 1923, *Strange and Secret Peoples* focuses not only on such popular literary figures as Charles Dickens and William Butler Yeats, but on writers as diverse as Thomas Carlyle, Arthur Conan Doyle, and Charlotte Mew; on artists as varied as mad Richard Dadd, Aubrey Beardsley, and Sir Joseph Noel Paton; and on artifacts ranging from fossil skulls to photographs and vases. Silver demonstrates how beautiful and monstrous creatures—fairies and swan maidens, goblins and dwarfs, cretins and changelings, elementals and pygmies—simultaneously peopled the Victorian imagination and inhabited nineteenth-century science and belief. Her book reveals the astonishing complexity and fertility of the Victorian consciousness: its modernity and antiquity, its desire to naturalize the supernatural, its pervasive eroticism fused with sexual anxiety, and its drive for racial and imperial dominion.

Gwen is a single mother who discovers that her young son has a serious medical condition. The only surgeon in the world capable of helping her son is Fareed, Sheik of the Jizan Kingdom. Upon visiting him, she is surprised by his willingness to help. After a successful surgery, Fareed gradually demonstrates his love toward Gwen as they spend time together, and their relationship shifts from platonic to physical. Fareed's heart is scorched with his desire for Gwen, and he pursues her with great intensity. She responds by offering herself to him night after night, and there is no doubt that Gwen loves Fareed with all her heart, but there's something that's she's hiding from him...