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## **Guide to Gracious Lesbian Living** Oct 08 2020

Louisiana Facts and Symbols Jul 17 2021 Presents information about the state of Louisiana, its nickname, flag, motto, and emblems.

**Who Fears Death** Jun 03 2020 An award-winning literary author enters the world of magical realism with her World Fantasy Award-winning novel of a remarkable woman in post-apocalyptic Africa. Now optioned as a TV series for HBO, with executive producer George R.R. Martin!

*Black Sun* Jul 05 2020 NOMINATED FOR THE 2021 HUGO AWARDS AND THE 2020 NEBULA AWARDS FOR BEST NOVEL From the New York Times bestselling author of Star Wars: Resistance Reborn comes the first book in the Between Earth and Sky trilogy, inspired by the civilizations of the Pre-Columbian Americas and woven into a tale of celestial prophecies, political intrigue, and forbidden magic. A god will return When the earth and sky converge Under the black sun In the holy city of Tova, the winter solstice is usually a time for celebration and renewal, but this year it coincides with a solar eclipse, a rare celestial event proscribed by the Sun Priest as an unbalancing of the world. Meanwhile, a ship launches from a distant city bound for Tova and set to arrive on the solstice. The captain of the ship, Xiala, is a disgraced Teek whose song can calm the waters around her as easily as it can warp a man's mind. Her ship carries one passenger. Described as harmless, the passenger, Serapio, is a young man, blind, scarred, and cloaked in destiny. As Xiala well knows, when a man is described as harmless, he usually ends up being a villain. Crafted with unforgettable characters, Rebecca Roanhorse has created an epic adventure exploring the decadence of power amidst the weight of history and the struggle of individuals swimming against the confines of society and their broken pasts in the most original series debut of the decade.

Misrule Apr 25 2022 Does true love break curses or begin them? The dark sorceress of "Sleeping Beauty" reclaims her story in this sequel to Malice. "Fans of reimagined fairy tales and LGBTQ+ themes will be delighted with the conclusion of this fantasy duology."—Booklist (starred review) The Dark Grace is dead. Feared and despised for the sinister power in her veins, Alyce wreaks her revenge on the kingdom that made her an outcast. Once a realm of decadence and beauty, Briar is now wholly Alyce's wicked domain. And no one will escape the consequences of her wrath. Not even the one person who holds her heart. Princess Aurora saw through Alyce's thorny facade, earning a love that promised the dawn of a new age. But it is a love that came with a heavy price: Aurora now sleeps under a curse that even Alyce's vast power cannot seem to break. And the dream of the world they would have built together is nothing but ash. Alyce vows to do anything to wake the woman she loves, even if it means turning into the monster Briar believes her to be. But could Aurora love the villain Alyce has become? Or is true love only for fairy tales? Book Two of the Malice Duology

**The Book of Hidden Things** Oct 20 2021 From "one of the most significant figures of the last generation of fantasy", comes Francesco Dimitri's debut novel in English, an enthralling and seductive fantasy following four old friends and the secrets they keep. Four old school friends have a pact: to meet up every year in the small town in Puglia they grew up in. Art, the charismatic leader of the group and creator of the pact, insists that the agreement must remain unshakable and enduring. But this year, he never shows up. A visit to his house increases the friends' worry; Art is farming marijuana. In Southern Italy doing that kind of thing can be very dangerous. They can't go to the Carabinieri so must make enquiries of their own. This is how they come across the rumours about Art; bizarre and unbelievable rumours that he miraculously cured the local mafia boss's daughter of terminal leukaemia. And among the chaos of his house, they find a document written by Art, The Book of Hidden Things, which promises to reveal dark secrets and wonders beyond anything previously known. Francesco Dimitri's first novel written in English, following his career as one of the most significant fantasy writers in Italy, will entrance fans of Elena Ferrante, Neil Gaiman and Donna Tartt. Set in the beguiling and seductive landscape of Southern Italy, this story is about friendship and landscape, love and betrayal; above all it is about the nature of mystery itself.

**Firethorn** Nov 01 2022 Firethorn, the first volume in an epic trilogy, is a stunning debut. Sarah Micklem has introduced an unforgettable heroine into the fantasy pantheon. Loving, reckless, and indomitable, Firethorn travels through an imaginary world as real as history and as marvelous as legend. Firethorn flees a life of drudgery to live alone in the forest, relying on her knowledge of herb lore to survive. She

returns transformed, indebted to the god who saved her life, and blessed -- or cursed -- with uncanny abilities and a nagging sense of destiny. After a few nights of dalliance with Sire Galan, a high-caste warrior on his way to join the king's army, Firethorn seizes the chance to go with him, only to find she has exchanged one form of servitude for another. The army readies for war in the vast encampment of the Marchfield, where men prey on each other and women dare go nowhere alone. Among the lowborn harlots and the highborn dames of the camp, Firethorn learns to use her gifts as a healer, venturing into realms of dream and shadow. Desire drew Firethorn and Sire Galan together, but love binds them -- a love that has no place in the arrangement between a warrior and his sheath. When Galan makes a wager with disastrous consequences, Firethorn uses her gifts to intervene in his fate and learns just how hard it can be to tell honor from dishonor, justice from vengeance. Sarah Micklem has written an extraordinary tale -- at once magical and earthbound, beautiful and violent. She immerses readers in a remarkably imagined world where gods are meddling, the highborn uphold their privileges with casual brutality, and a woman's only recourse may be the strength she finds within.

*Complete Horse Riding Manual* Jun 27 2022 Gallop your way to horse riding success with this comprehensive and bestselling handbook. Perfect your equestrian skills with the Complete Horse Riding Manual. Suitable for horse riders of all ages and all abilities it will guide you through every stage of the riding process from the first time in the saddle to mastering advanced riding skills. Revised and updated to include all the latest techniques and equipment, you'll find everything you need to know about dressage, show jumping, cross country and young horse training as well as how to find and develop your ultimate horse, all presented in spectacular visual detail. Professional tips on mental and physical preparation for both horse and rider from internationally renowned horse trainer, William Micklem, will ensure equestrian excellence - Complete Horse Riding Manual is a truly thoroughbred guide.

*Days of Blood and Fire* Jun 15 2021 In the peaceful land of the Rhiddaer, Jahdo the ratcatcher's son stumbles upon a secret meeting between a city council man and a dangerous, mysterious woman. Suddenly the boy is tangled in a web of intrigue and black magic that drags him far from home. In the company of a blind bard, Jahdo must travel to Deverry to unravel the evil that binds him. But there the boy is caught up in dangers far greater than he has ever known. Two powerful sorcerers--one human, the other elven--are battling to save the country from a goddess gone mad. Their strongest ally is the mercenary soldier Rhodry Maelwaedd, a berserker bound to both women by fate and magic . . . and to the dragon upon whom all their lives may depend. Days Of Blood And Fire begins an exciting new chapter in the chronicles of Deverry and the Westlands, with a story suited to new readers and loyal fans alike.

*Pearls of Wisdom* Aug 18 2021 An oyster can't produce pearls without first suffering with a grain of sand. Each of the chapters in *Pearls of Wisdom: 30 Inspirational Ideas to Lead Your Best Life Now* gives guidance to readers on how to turn their own grains of sand into pearls. With four New York Times bestselling authors, including *Chicken Soup for the Soul's* Jack Canfield, Chris and Janet Attwood, and Marci Shimoff plus 25 of the best up and coming self-help authors, each chapter contains a fresh idea for a positive life change. With each chapter as diverse as the cast of authors who have come together to create this unique book, there is certain to be an idea to help transform anyone's life. *Pearls of Wisdom* contains the greatest ideas of today's top self-help authors, combining traditional and new techniques, affirmations, theories, meditations and practices to lead readers from the struggles they deal with in their current situations to a higher, enlightened life; not merely an existence. For anyone who has thought, "am I really living the best possible life I could be?", *Pearls of Wisdom* grants the answers for any of life's questions, straight from the words of the masters of self-help themselves.

*Two Brains, One Aim* Jul 25 2019 A valuable, thought-provoking look at the best ways riders and horses can learn and improve together. Riding well can be a puzzle. This book puts together the pieces, including: How humans and horses learn. Striving for partnership vs. dictatorship. Early training and developing skills. Demystifying equestrian-speak. Dressage outside the arena. Ground poles for the rest of us. Jumping and cross-country tips. Solving problems, wherever you ride. Competition psychology. Being coached and being a coach. "This book is aimed at riders, coaches, and anyone interested in learning more about how humans and horses interact. I have tried to harness my own experiences when I cover the three main disciplines—dressage, show jumping, and eventing—and how they relate to one another. I look at how those in a coaching position can guide riders to perform better by making their lives less complicated and more fulfilling, and I examine how riders can apply the same principles to training their horses and become self-sufficient." —Eric Smiley

*The Forbidden Land* Aug 06 2020 After her adventures with the League of the Healing Hand, Finn the Cat finds her life at Castle Rurach boring. Snowbound for the winter and faced with the prospect of being molded into "Lady Fionnghal" by her mother, she pines to be on the battlefield with her father against the sea demons. But Finn's talents are needed elsewhere. Summoned by the Righ, Lachlan the Winged, she must embark on a perilous journey into the Forbidden Land. Imprisoned in the Black Tower is a rebellious prophet whose beliefs have made him an enemy among his own people. Now Finn must help rescue the one whose words can free a land enshrouded in darkness.

*The Best of Lady Churchill's Rosebud Wristlet* Nov 20 2021 Unexpected tales of the fantastic, & other odd musings by Nalo Hopkinson, Karen Joy Fowler, Karen Russell, Jeffrey Ford, and many others. Contains stories by the amazing Jeffrey Ford, the fabulous Karen Joy Fowler, the unlikely Kelly Link, the thrilling Nalo Hopkinson, the shockingly good Karen Russell, the unnerving James Sallis, and dozens of uncanny others, as well as useful lists of many kinds and straight-shooting advice from Aunt Gwenda. Edited by Kelly Link & Gavin J. Grant. Introduction by Dan Chaon. Contents include: "Travels with the Snow Queen" by Kelly Link "Scotch: An Essay into a Drink" by Gavin J. Grant "Unrecognizable" by David Findlay "Mehitobel Was Queen of the Night" by Ian McDowell "Tan-Tan and Dry Bone" by Nalo Hopkinson "An Open Letter Concerning Sponsorship" by Margaret Muirhead "I Am Glad" by Margaret Muirhead "Lady Shonagon's Hateful Things" by Margaret Muirhead "Heartland" by Karen Joy Fowler "What a Difference a Night Makes" "Pretending" by Ray Vukcevic "The Film Column: Don't Look Now" by William Smith "A Is for Apple: An Easy Reader" by Amy Beth Forbes "My Father's Ghost" by Mark Rudolph "What's Sure to Come" by Jeffrey Ford "Stoddy Awchaw" by Geoffrey H. Goodwin "The Rapid Advance of Sorrow" by Theodora Goss "The Wolf's Story" by Nan Fry "Three Letters from the Queen of Elfland" by Sarah Monette "Tacoma-Fuji" by David Moles "Bay" by David Erik Nelson "How to Make a Martini" by Richard Butner "Happier Days" by Jan Lars Jensen "The Fishie" by Philip Raines and Harvey Welles "Dear Aunt Gwenda, Vol. 2" by Gwenda Bond "The Film Column: Greaser's Palace" by William Smith "The Ichthyomancer Writes His Friend with an Account of the Yeti's Birthday Party" by David J. Schwartz "Serpents" by Vernioica Schanoes "Homeland Security" by Gavin J. Grant "For George Romero" by David Blair "Vincent Price" by

David Blair "Music Lessons" by Douglas Lain "Two Stories" by James Sallis "Help Wanted" by Karen Russell "Eft" or "Epic" by Sarah Micklem "The Red Phone" by John Kessel "The Well-Dressed Wolf: A Comic" by Lawrence Shimmel and Sara Rojo "The Mushroom Duchess" by Deborah Roggie "The Pirate's True Love" by Seana Graham "You Could Do This Too" "The Posthumous Voyages of Christopher Columbus" by Sunshine Ison

**Dark Breakers** Oct 27 2019 Coming Feb. 15 from World Fantasy Award winner C. S. E. Cooney "Welcome to a Gilded Era like you've never before known and will never be able to forget ... If Titania herself were to commission a book, it would be this one." —Fran Wilde, two-time Nebula Award-winning author of *Updraft* and *Riverland* "Cooney's lush follow-up to *Desdemona* and the Deep offers five stories linked by an intricate shared world ... Throughout, Cooney's descriptions are extravagant and gorgeous, and the musical cadence of her prose makes it exceptionally easy to be drawn into the worlds she weaves ... Romantic fantasy readers will find a lot to love." —Publishers Weekly A young human painter and an ageless gentry queen fall in love over spilled wine—at the risk of his life and her immortality. Pulled into the Veil Between Worlds, two feuding neighbors (and a living statue) get swept up in a brutal war of succession. An investigative reporter infiltrates the Seafall City Laundries to write the exposé of a lifetime, and uncovers secrets she never believed possible. Returning to an oak grove to scatter her husband's ashes, an elderly widow meets an otherworldly friend, who offers her a momentous choice. Two gentry queens of the Valwode plot to hijack a human rocketship and steal the moon out of the sky. *Dark Breakers* gathers three new and two previously uncollected tales from World Fantasy Award-winning writer C. S. E. Cooney that expand on the thrice-enfolded worlds first introduced in her *Locus* and World Fantasy award-nominated novella *Desdemona* and the Deep. In her introduction to *Dark Breakers*, Crawford Award-winning author Sharon Shinn advises those who pick up this book to "settle in for a fantastical read" full of "vivid world-building, with layer upon layer of detail; prose so dense and gorgeous you can scoop up the words like handfuls of jewels; a mischievous sense of humor; and a warm and hopeful heart." "C. S. E. Cooney's prose is like a cake baked by the fairies—beautifully layered, rich and precise, so delicious that it should be devoured with a silver fork." —Theodora Goss, World Fantasy and Mythopoeic Award-winning author of *The Extraordinary Adventures of the Athena Club* series "Dark Breakers is compounded of voluptuous invention and ferocious structural loves—for new romances and old friends, for the works of hands, for mortality and its gifts, and all the possibilities of worlds bleeding, weeping, wandering into each other's arms." —Kathleen Jennings, World Fantasy Award-winning author of *Flyaway* "Few people create worlds as lavish and sensual as those to spring from Cooney's effervescent imagination. Her writing isn't so much inspirational, but inspiration itself: gentry-magic spun into pages and paragraphs of glittering, fizzing, jaw-dropping beauty." —Cassandra Khaw, British Fantasy Award-nominated author of *The All-Consuming World* MORE PRAISE FOR C. S. E. COONEY "C. S. E. Cooney is one of the most moving, daring, and plainly beautiful voices to come out of recent fantasy. She's a powerhouse with a wink in her eye and a song in each pocket." —Catherynne M. Valente, New York Times bestselling author of *Space Opera* "C. S. E. Cooney's imagination is wild and varied, her stories bawdy, horrific, comic, and moving—frequently all at the same time." —Delia Sherman, author of *The Evil Wizard Smallbone* "C. S. E. Cooney is a master piper, playing songs within songs. Her stories are wild, theatrical, full of music and murder and magic." —James Enge, author of *Blood of Ambrose* "Newcomers will find Cooney's glittering narrative skills and vivid worldbuilding addictive, her diverse characters intriguing, and her message of justice and freedom stirring." —Publishers Weekly

*The Harsh Cry of the Heron* May 03 2020 Set fifteen years after the seismic events of *Brilliance of the Moon*, *The Harsh Cry of the Heron* is an elegiac and bittersweet successor to the bestselling series by Lian Hearn, *Tales of the Otori*. Their realm is held in balance by their union ... Break that union and the Three Countries will fall apart. Otori Takeo and Kaede have ruled the Three Countries peacefully for over sixteen years, following the events laid out in the epic *Tales of the Otori*. They have three daughters: Shigeiko, fifteen years old and heir to the Otori, and Maya and Miki, thirteen-year-old twins who have inherited the supernatural skills of their father. Kaede knows nothing of the prophecy that Takeo will die at the hands of his son and longs to give him a male child. Nor does she know of the boy he fathered sixteen years ago – a boy whose heart is filled with hatred and whose skills as a Ghostmaster give him the power to incite the dead. Takeo is determined that clan conflicts will never again ravage the Three Countries, but warriors are born to fight: the warlord Arai Zenko has deadly ambitions, the Emperor himself has challenged Takeo's rule and, despite a delicate truce between the deadly Tribe and the Otori, revenge still eats at the heart of renegade leader Kikuta Akio ... Against these gathering threats Takeo draws strength from his love for Kaede, but even this is not beyond the reach of their enemies ...

**Inspection** Mar 13 2021 "Josh Malerman is a master at unsettling you—and keeping you off-balance until the last page is turned."—Chuck Wendig, New York Times bestselling author of *Blackbirds* J is a student at a school deep in a forest far away from the rest of the world. J is one of only twenty-six students, all of whom think of the school's enigmatic founder as their father. J's peers are the only family he has ever had. The students are being trained to be prodigies of art, science, and athletics, and their life at the school is all they know—and all they are allowed to know. But J suspects that there is something out there, beyond the pines, that the founder does not want him to see, and he's beginning to ask questions. What is the real purpose of this place? Why can the students never leave? And what secrets is their father hiding from them? Meanwhile, on the other side of the forest, in a school very much like J's, a girl named K is asking the same questions. J has never seen a girl, and K has never seen a boy. As K and J work to investigate the secrets of their two strange schools, they come to discover something even more mysterious: each other.

**In The King's Service** Jan 11 2021 In this first book of an all-new Deryni trilogy, New York Times bestselling author Katherine Kurtz takes readers back in time—before King Kelson's bride...before King Kelson's birth... when the magical Deryni blood was sought by the most powerful men and women in the kingdom of Gwynedd. Back when a man named Donal ruled over all.

**The Nixie's Song** Jun 23 2019 The *Spiderwick Chronicles* leave the old-fashioned charm of New England far behind and head south for some fiendish faerie fun in the hot Florida sun. Eleven-year-old Nicholas Vargas only thinks his life has been turned upside down after his developer father remarries and moves his new wife and daughter into the soon-to-be completed Mangrove Hollow. But an "expedition" to a nearby lake turns up a little nixie with a giant problem - the huge, lumbering, fire-breathing variety - and it's up to Nick; his stepsister, Laurie; and his big brother, Julian (plus a familiar face from the original *Spiderwick Chronicles*) to figure out the best way to stop a host of rampaging giants before all of Florida goes up in smoke.

**The Bell at Sealey Head** Nov 28 2019 An “elegant” (Library Journal) fantasy from the World Fantasy Award-winning author of *Solstice* Wood Sealey Head is a small town on the edge of the ocean, a sleepy place where everyone hears the ringing of a bell no one can see. On the outskirts of town is the one truly great house, Aislinn House, where the aged Lady Eglantyne lies dying, and where the doors sometimes open not to its own dusty rooms, but to the wild majesty of a castle full of knights and princesses...

*The Night Voice* Mar 01 2020 The New York Times bestselling authors of *First and Last Sorcerer* present the final breathtaking chapter in their epic *Noble Dead* saga.... With much relief, Magiere, Leesil, and Chap prepare to hide the last two of the powerful orbs. Once this last great task is completed, Magiere can take Leesil home to a life of peace. Then, rumors reach them that a horde of undead creatures, slaughtering everything in their wake, are gathering in the far east regions of the Suman desert. This gathering could only be caused by the Ancient Enemy awakening. With no other choice, Magiere tells Leesil they cannot go home yet. They must go to the desert and seek to learn if the rumors are true . . . and if so, face an awakening evil: *The Night Voice*.

*Children of the Serpent Gate* Mar 25 2022 In this third novel in her acclaimed *Tears of Artamon* saga, Sarah Ash once again transports readers to a realm where sorcery collides with political intrigue . . . and where one man haunted by a dark legacy is locked in a fierce struggle between the forces of good and evil battling for supremacy within him. . . . Gavril Nagarian is believed dead—perished in the heat of battle. But the Lord Drakhaon of Azhkendir lives on. Now he is entrusted with a sacred mission: to rescue the aged Magus, who has been kidnapped and in whose possession are the five priceless rubies that compose the fabled *Tears of Artamon*. Ancient law decrees that whoever possesses the coveted stones has the power to impose his rule over the five princedoms in the Empire of New Rossiya. But the task exacts a cost. The Drakhaoul that destroyed his forebears has penetrated Gavril’s psyche and is gaining power over his soul. With the dark forces inside him seeking immortality, Gavril must feed on the blood of innocents—or die. Toppled by the loss of the *Tears of Artamon*, Emperor Eugene of Tielen is tormented by his own daemon. Now he must defend his lands against King Enguerrand of Francia, who claims ownership of the *Tears*. But both men share a common goal: to destroy Gavril Nagarian and the Drakhaoul that lives within him once and for all. Ingenious and unforgettable, *Children of the Serpent Gate* delivers a thrilling conclusion to the epic trials of a man of honor in a world run amok—a calamity that can be laid to rest only by an Emperor’s *Tears*.

**The Fathomless Caves** Feb 21 2022 In Eileanan, victory has finally been won, and those of faery kind—from the mighty dragons to the mysterious nyx—have sworn their friendship and aid. Only the sea-dwelling Fairgean have refused to sign the *Pact of Peace*. Driven by ancient hatreds, they have devoted themselves to destroying all who dwell upon the land. Troubled by the darkness that may lie ahead, Lachlan agrees to release his beloved Iseult from the sacred oath that binds them together. It will then be for Iseult to decide whether she will remain in the mountains to resume life with her own kin, or return to the man who let her go. To help bring peace to Eileanan, Iseult’s flame-haired twin, Isabeau, must also face her most difficult challenge yet. But before she can prove herself worthy of both the scar of the *Soul-Sage* and the ring of the sorceress, she must first find a way to heal her own wounded spirit.

*Kushiel’s Mercy* Sep 26 2019 From the “New York Times”-bestselling author of “*Kushiel’s Scion*” and “*Kushiel’s Justice*” comes the final adventure in the *Imriel* Trilogy.

**Complete Horse Care Manual** Dec 10 2020 Comprehensive, fully illustrated and up-to-date, *Complete Horse Care Manual* is a thoroughbred guide to horse care. An excellent working relationship with your horse is based on understanding and communication. These lie at the heart of this practical guide. From day-to-day upkeep, stabling, and grooming, to nursing a sick horse and first-aid techniques, this accessible handbook will appeal to all horse lovers. With over 650 specially commissioned photographs and diagrams, step-by-step sequences tell you all you need to know about caring for your horse. A detailed guide to ailments allows you to recognize common problems and deal with them efficiently. Practical suggestions for daily, monthly, and annual routines will ensure you keep your horse healthy and comfortable throughout the year.

*The Alchemist’s Code* Dec 22 2021 It is said the legendary Maestro Nostradamus is able to glimpse the ever-changing future, but even he cannot see the danger that is about to envelop him when he is hired to find a foreign spy by Venice’s ruling Council of Ten. Especially since the only clues are the spy’s intercepted messages, encoded in a seemingly unbreakable cipher. But Nostradamus soon detects evil influences working against him, and realizes the spy can only be caught by occult means. He turns to his able apprentice, the daring young swordsman Alfeo Zeno, whose unique talents may prove essential to unraveling the truth. But the truth may be the end of both master and apprentice... “One of the best writers in the fantasy world today.”—*Writers Write*

*The Etched City* Aug 30 2022 “Combine equal parts of Stephen King’s *Dark Tower* series and China Miéville’s *Perdido Street Station*, throw in a dash of Aubrey Beardsley and J.K. Huysmans, and you’ll get some idea of this disturbing, decadent first novel.”—*Publishers Weekly* Gwynn and Raule are rebels on the run, with little in common except being on the losing side of a hard-fought war. Gwynn is a gunslinger from the north, a loner, a survivor . . . a killer. Raule is a wandering surgeon, a healer who still believes in just—and lost—causes. Bound by a desire to escape the ghosts of the past, together they flee to the teeming city of Ashamoil, where Raule plies her trade among the desperate and destitute, and Gwynn becomes bodyguard and assassin for the household of a corrupt magnate. There, in the saving and taking of lives, they find themselves immersed in a world where art infects life, dream and waking fuse, and splendid and frightening miracles begin to bloom . . . “The plot, with its stories-within-stories and its offhand descriptions of wonders and prodigies, brings to mind the works of Italo Calvino and Jorge Luis Borges.”—*Locus*

**Shadowmancer** Apr 13 2021 *Shadowmancer* takes you into a world of superstition, magic and witchcraft, where the ultimate sacrifice might even be life itself. Obadiah Demurral is a sorcerer who is seeking to control the highest power in the Universe. He will stop at nothing. The only people in his way are Raphah, Kate, Thomas and the mysterious Jacob Crane. Packed full of history, folklore and smuggling, *Shadowmancer* is a tale of an epic battle that will grip both young and old. The thrills, suspense and danger are guaranteed to grab the attention and stretch imaginations to the limit.

**The Pillars of the Earth** Jan 23 2022 #1 New York Times Bestseller Oprah’s Book Club Selection The “extraordinary . . . monumental masterpiece” (*Booklist*) that changed the course of Ken Follett’s already phenomenal career—and begins where its prequel, *The Evening and the Morning*, ended. “Follett risks all and comes out a clear winner,” extolled *Publishers Weekly* on the release of *The Pillars of the*

Earth. A departure for the bestselling thriller writer, the historical epic stunned readers and critics alike with its ambitious scope and gripping humanity. Today, it stands as a testament to Follett's unassailable command of the written word and to his universal appeal. The Pillars of the Earth tells the story of Philip, prior of Kingsbridge, a devout and resourceful monk driven to build the greatest Gothic cathedral the world has known . . . of Tom, the mason who becomes his architect—a man divided in his soul . . . of the beautiful, elusive Lady Aliena, haunted by a secret shame . . . and of a struggle between good and evil that will turn church against state and brother against brother. A spellbinding epic tale of ambition, anarchy, and absolute power set against the sprawling medieval canvas of twelfth-century England, this is Ken Follett's historical masterpiece.

You're Ok, Your Cat's Ok Dec 30 2019 An entertaining guide to developing a greater understanding of feline behavior reveals why some cats are standoffish while others are friendly, why cats continue to hunt, and much more. Written with wry humor and a strong knowledge of feline behavior.

**Dragon in Chains** Jul 29 2022 From award-winning author Daniel Fox comes a ravishingly written epic of revolution and romance set in a world where magic is found in stone and in water, in dragons and in men—and in the chains that bind them. Deposed by a vicious usurper, a young emperor flees with his court to the small island of Taishu. There, with a dwindling army, a manipulative mother, and a resentful population—and his only friend a local fishergirl he takes as a concubine—he prepares for his last stand. In the mountains of Taishu, a young miner finds a huge piece of jade, the potent mineral whose ingestion can gift the emperor with superhuman attributes. Setting out to deliver the stone to the embattled emperor, Yu Shan finds himself changing into something more than human, something forbidden. Meanwhile, a great dragon lies beneath the strait that separates Taishu from the mainland, bound by chains that must be constantly renewed by the magic of a community of monks. When the monks are slaughtered by a willful pirate captain, a maimed slave assumes the terrible burden of keeping the dragon subdued. If he should fail, if she should rise free, the result will be slaughter on an unimaginable scale. Now the prisoner beneath the sea and the men and women above it will shatter old bonds of loyalty and love and forge a common destiny from the ruins of an empire.

**Sex in the System** May 27 2022 Every form of technology humankind has invented has been co-opted for two uses: warfare and getting off. Electricity, internal combustion, the telephone, the Internet -- there's no reason to think this trend will stop as we move into the future of nanotechnology, neuroscience, and space travel. However, whether the future is a Gernsbackian vision of flying cars and cloud cities, or a gritty gray cyberpunk world, there is always a need for sex. Award-winning authors such as Joe Haldeman, Nalo Hopkinson, and Catherine Asaro are among the leading lights of science fiction and erotica who contribute to this book, as well as Paul DiFilippo, Sarah Micklem, Bruce Sterling, M. Christian, Thomas S. Roche, Saachi Green, and many others.

**A City Burning** Jan 29 2020 Many of the characters in 'A City Burning' face decisions about embracing a fuller life, though at a cost to themselves. Others are witness to events in which they must decide to be involved or pass by. These are stories, especially the ones set in *The Troubles*, where the reader is bound to a characters dilemmas by tellingly empathetic writing.

*Of Beast and Beauty* Sep 18 2021 In the beginning was the darkness, and in the darkness was a girl, and in the girl was a secret... In the domed city of Yuan, the blind Princess Isra, a Smooth Skin, is raised to be a human sacrifice whose death will ensure her city's vitality. In the desert outside Yuan, Gem, a mutant beast, fights to save his people, the Monstrous, from starvation. Neither dreams that together, they could return balance to both their worlds. Isra wants to help the city's Banished people, second-class citizens despised for possessing Monstrous traits. But after she enlists the aid of her prisoner, Gem, who has been captured while trying to steal Yuan's enchanted roses, she begins to care for him, and to question everything she has been brought up to believe. As secrets are revealed and Isra's sight, which vanished during her childhood, returned, Isra will have to choose between duty to her people and the beast she has come to love.

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon Sep 06 2020 This stunning fantasy inspired by Chinese folklore is a companion novel to *Starry River of the Sky* and the New York Times bestselling and National Book Award finalist *When the Sea Turned to Silver* In the valley of Fruitless mountain, a young girl named Minli lives in a ramshackle hut with her parents. In the evenings, her father regales her with old folktales of the Jade Dragon and the Old Man on the Moon, who knows the answers to all of life's questions. Inspired by these stories, Minli sets off on an extraordinary journey to find the Old Man on the Moon to ask him how she can change her family's fortune. She encounters an assorted cast of characters and magical creatures along the way, including a dragon who accompanies her on her quest for the ultimate answer. Grace Lin, author of the beloved *Year of the Dog* and *Year of the Rat* returns with a wondrous story of adventure, faith, and friendship. A fantasy crossed with Chinese folklore, *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* is a timeless story reminiscent of *The Wizard of Oz* and Kelly Barnhill's *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*. Her beautiful illustrations, printed in full-color, accompany the text throughout. Once again, she has created a charming, engaging book for young readers.

*Shadowplay* May 15 2021 A year ago, the March Kingdoms were at peace, and the Eddon family held the throne. King Olin Eddon is a prisoner in a faraway land, and Olin's heir Kendrick is dead—slain by treachery and dark, bloody magic. With their father and brother taken from them, the royal twins Barrick and Briony have done their best to hold the kingdom together, but now Barrick has been captured in a failed war against the immortal Twilight People and Briony has been forced to flee. Behind the Shadowline, Prince Barrick is lost and spellbound in the land of the fairies, while Princess Briony finds both allies and deadly enemies in unexpected places far from the land of her birth. During their desperate journeys the twins discover that even a land's rulers may know little of it's true history, and that both families and nations can hide dark and terrible secrets. But even if Barrick and Briony survive learning the astonishing truths at the heart of their own family and of Southmarch itself, they must still find a way to do the impossible: they must reclaim their kingdom and rescue their home and people from the multitude of powerful enemies—from traitors, tyrants, a god-king, and even the angry gods themselves.

**No Mistakes!** Feb 09 2021 Have you ever wondered if there was any truth to the adage, "Everything happens for a reason"? Wonder no more. This is the book that demonstrates the truth in that old piece of conventional wisdom. Madisyn Taylor, Sunny Dawn Johnston, Heather Ash and twenty other motivational and inspirational authors and speakers explore how synchronicities, blessings, and miracles can be found even in the most seemingly daunting circumstances. Written from the perspective that every experience that you have is designed to be an opportunity for growth, *No Mistakes* contains over twenty-five uplifting chapters, each contributed by a different author. Each

story demonstrates in concretely how what appear to be dire circumstances are ultimately opportunity for blessings. Drawing on situations ranging from financial hardship, divorce, and even death of a loved one, these accounts leave no doubt that even in the darkest moments of our lives, a divine hand is at work. For anyone traveling a rough road or experiencing difficulties, this will provide the fortitude to move ahead. There is indeed a silver lining behind every dark cloud.

*Wildfire* Sep 30 2022 The highly anticipated second book in Sarah Micklem's literary fantasy trilogy that began with the critically acclaimed debut, *Firethorn*. Sarah Micklem brings her lush prose and rich imagination to the second installment of this epic trilogy, set in an imaginary world as real as history and as marvelous as legend. Sire Galan has forbidden his servant and lover Firethorn to follow him to war, but she disobeys, and sets sail with the army of Corymb to the land of Incus. During the crossing, Firethorn is struck by lightning. She regains consciousness to find her speech garbled and her memory in tatters. Despite her injuries, others see her as blessed, for she has survived the touch of a god, *Wildfire*. Priests and soldiers search her nonsensical utterances for hidden prophecies. In the aftermath of battle, Firethorn is captured by the defeated king of Incus. He takes refuge in the kingdom where Firethorn was born, a place she remembered only in dreams. There, a world away from Galan, she discovers not only the land and language she was born to, but a life of unexpected luxury and power. But this privilege has a high cost, one which Firethorn may not be able to bear.

**The Wayfarer Redemption** Nov 08 2020 A millennia-old prophecy was given when the Forbidden Ones were driven from Achar. And now, the Acharites witness its manifestation: Achar is under attack by an evil lord from the North, Gorgreal-his ice demons strike from the sky and kill hundreds of brave warriors in the blink of an eye. All Acharites believe the end is near. One young woman, Faraday, betrothed of Duke Borneheld, learns that all she has been told about her people's history is untrue. While fleeing to safety from the dangerous land, Faraday, rides with Axis, legendary leader of the Axe-Wielders-and hated half-brother of Borneheld-and a man Faraday secretly loves although it would be death to admit it. She embarks on a journey, which will change her life forever, in search of the true nature of her people. This grand and heroic story tells the tale of one woman's plight to learn the truth of her people and change their hearts and their minds forever. She fights against oppressive forces to share this reality and will not desist until everyone knows. . . . The truth of the Star Gate At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

*The Horse Encyclopedia* Aug 25 2019 From tiny ponies to heavy draught horses and rapid thoroughbreds, explore the history and variety of this noble animal that helped shape human history. A stunning celebration of the equine world, *The Horse Encyclopedia* is a fully illustrated book about horses and ponies, featuring over 150 breeds and types, including all those recognized by national horse societies. First domesticated around 6000 years ago, horses rapidly became invaluable to humans. They pulled chariots and ploughs, and became essential to transport and war. In this comprehensive volume, you will discover breeds from all over the world, from imposing Shires whose ancestors carried knights in chainmail into battle, to thoroughbreds bred to run like the wind, and Lipizzanas that can execute exquisite dressage moves such as the capriole where they jump with all four feet off the ground. *The Horse Encyclopedia* gives concise details of each breed, including its origins and anatomy, as well as famous individuals such as Secretariat, who is widely regarded as one of the greatest racehorses of all. This dazzling guide also includes expert advice on horse care, feeding and grooming, and horse health, making this a truly wonderful gift for all horse riders and equine enthusiasts.

*River of Words* Apr 01 2020 An intimate group portrait of contemporary Hudson Valley writers.