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Boy Shattered

Harmony Ink Press LLC **Popular athlete Brian had everything until a school shooter nearly killed him. He survived the massacre with the help of a heroâhis classmate Landon, who faced death to help othersâ; and who is openly gay. Brian might be alive, but he can't face his fears or move on, especially since the shooters were never caught. He's falling apart, and he can only reach for Landon and hope Landon will take his hand a second time. Landon did what anyone would do when he found Brian dying on the cafeteria floor. He doesn't think of himself as a hero, but he's ready to take a stand against the gun violence tearing apart the lives of young peopleâpeople like Brian, who returned to school a shadow of the happy, outgoing quarterback Landon used to admire. Brian still needs him, and as their friendship grows and deepens, wounds might begin to heal. The bond they share could lead a new start for them both. Only the terror that visited Jefferson Waller High School isn't over yet.**

Falling Down

Independently Published **Josh finds himself homeless at eighteen, but he has a plan. He'll head north on the bus to New England and spend October there for his mother's sake. She always talked about going to see the fall leaves someday. And when the leaves are done and the harsh winter comes, Josh plans to find a place to curl up and let go. It will be a relief to finally stop fighting. Mark spent his life trying to live up to the tough swagger of his older brothers until he pushed himself so far against his nature that he cracked. Now a former Marine, he rents a little cabin in the White Mountains of New Hampshire where he can lick his wounds and figure out**

what to do with the rest of his life. One thing was clear: Mark was nobody's hero. Fate intervenes when Josh sets up camp under a covered bridge near Mark's cabin. Mark recognizes the dead look in the young stranger's eyes, and he feels compelled to do something about it. When Mark offers Josh a job, he never expects that he'll be the one to fall. The snow is coming soon. Can Mark convince Josh that the two of them can build a life together before the flurries begin? Trigger Warning: Suicidal thoughts

Better Than Good

Dreamspinner Press **Matt Sullivan understands labels: law student, athlete, heterosexual. He has goals: graduate and begin his career in law. One fateful night, Matt tags along with his gay roommate to a dance club and everything changes. Matt finds himself attracted to the most beautiful man he's ever seen. All labels go flying out the window. Aaron Mendez doesn't believe in labels, and he's leery of straight curious men. He makes it clear that he'll hide his fabulous light for no one. While Aaron can't deny the attraction between him and Matt, he is reluctant to start anything with someone who is still dealing with what this new label means-especially when that someone has a girlfriend.**

Christmas Kitsch

Rusty's friendship with Oliver helped him move beyond entitled jock, and now Oliver is all he wants. Over the holiday break, Oliver and his family help Rusty see that even though he failed as the family's golden boy, he can pass life with flying rainbow colors.

Snowblind

When a storm strands male model Jude in Hutch's secluded cabin, really good things happen. But is Jude tied to the secrets Hutch moved to Alaska to escape?

Sex in Seattle

Sex in Seattle: Books 1 & 2 The Trouble With Tony As part of a murder investigation, PI Tony DeMarco poses as a patient of Dr. Jack Halloran, the therapist who treated the victim at a sex clinic. This isn't the first time Tony has gone undercover, but it's the first time he's wanted to go under the covers with a suspect. First he'll have to prove Halloran's innocence and maintain his ruse. Dr. Halloran suffers from a damaged arm sustained as a combat surgeon in Iraq and the PTSD that followed. But Tony's humor slips past Jack's defenses, making him feel things he thought long buried. Can the doctor and the PI find romance despite their secrets? **The Enlightenment of Daniel** The death of his father is a revelation for workaholic businessman Daniel Derenzo. **The Expanded Horizons** sex clinic

helps him admit his attraction to his business partner, and he goes after Nick with fierce determination. Nick Ross was in love with Daniel back in college. But Daniel was straight and Nick patched his broken heart by marrying Marcia. Neither of them is satisfied in the marriage anymore, but Nick's afraid of losing his kids. Can he trust his heart to an awakening Daniel and secure a happy future for everyone?

Head to Head

An Enemies-to-Lovers, Forced Proximity, MM Romance

If these two don't kill each other, they might fall in love. Rand hates Jax because he's the laid-back, vegan-eating, tree-hugging, total-Zen-until-I-get-a-chance-to-screw-you president of Sigma Mu Tau, the nerdy fraternity that's the sworn enemy of Rand's house, Alpha Lambda Alpha. What a phony! Jax hates Rand for being the privileged, rich-heir-to-an-oil-empire, environment-destroying, soul-sucking president of the ALA jocks-but mostly because Rand hated him first. Rand has sent nothing but hateful vibes his way since the day they met. What a douche! The enemies have never had a single conversation that didn't involve shouting-until Jax's old Buick breaks down on a road trip and Rand plays reluctant rescuer. Jax is forced to sit on Rand's dead cow seats. Rand learns chickens can enter the living room and that Jax's beliefs are more than skin-deep. The bitter rivals embark on a quest to save a family member and discover that sometimes animosity is a mask for crazy-hot attraction. With this much face time, head-to-head might become heart-to-heart. HEAD TO HEAD is an enemies to lovers, forced proximity, opposites attract, searching for his sister, clashing cultures, MM romance-with a whole lot of fracking.

Speculative Everything

Design, Fiction, and Social Dreaming

MIT Press How to use design as a tool to create not only things but ideas, to speculate about possible futures. Today designers often focus on making technology easy to use, sexy, and consumable. In *Speculative Everything*, Anthony Dunne and Fiona Raby propose a kind of design that is used as a tool to create not only things but ideas. For them, design is a means of speculating about how things could be—to imagine possible futures. This is not the usual sort of predicting or forecasting, spotting trends and

extrapolating; these kinds of predictions have been proven wrong, again and again. Instead, Dunne and Raby pose “what if” questions that are intended to open debate and discussion about the kind of future people want (and do not want). *Speculative Everything* offers a tour through an emerging cultural landscape of design ideas, ideals, and approaches. Dunne and Raby cite examples from their own design and teaching and from other projects from fine art, design, architecture, cinema, and photography. They also draw on futurology, political theory, the philosophy of technology, and literary fiction. They show us, for example, ideas for a solar kitchen restaurant; a flypaper robotic clock; a menstruation machine; a cloud-seeding truck; a phantom-limb sensation recorder; and devices for food foraging that use the tools of synthetic biology. Dunne and Raby contend that if we speculate more—about everything—reality will become more malleable. The ideas freed by speculative design increase the odds of achieving desirable futures.

The Mating of Michael

Dreamspinner Press LLC **Sex in Seattle: Book Three** Everyone admires Michael Lamont for being a nurse, but his part-time work as a gay sex surrogate not only raises eyebrows, it's cost him relationships. Michael is small, beautiful, and dedicated to working with people who need him. But what he really wants is a love of his own. He spends most of his time reading science fiction, especially books written by his favorite author and long-time crush, the mysteriously reclusive J.C. Guise. James Gallway's life is slowly but inexorably sliding downhill. He wrote a best-selling science fiction novel at the tender age of eighteen, while bedridden with complications of polio. But by twenty-eight, he's lost his inspiration and his will to live. His sales from his J.C. Guise books have been in decline for years. Wheelchair bound, James has isolated himself, convinced he is unlovable. When he is forced to do a book signing and meets Michael Lamont, he can't believe a guy who looks like Michael could be interested in a man like him. Michael and James are made for each other. But they must let go of stubbornness to see that life finds a way and love has no limitations.

Perspectives Intermediate

Heinle ELT **Perspectives** teaches learners to think critically and to develop the language skills they need to find their own voice in English. The carefully guided language lessons, real-world stories and TED Talks motivate learners to think, creatively and communicate effectively.

Schooling the Jock

An Enemies-to-Lovers, Campus Romance

Only an unfair universe makes a guy who's that gorgeous so damned obnoxious. A-hoe! Poindexter! Snarky, superbrain Dobbs and snooty football star Jesse stare at each other from their rival frat houses on opposite sides of the street -- and opposite sides of everything else. Alpha Lambda Alpha and Sigma Mu Tau have been sworn enemies for decades. Then one disastrous prank proves to be the final straw, and the college dean blows his cork! Work together or lose both your houses. Question - -How can Dobbs win his coveted Quiz Bowl championship when he's forced to put a dumb jock on his team? Answer -- Lots of personal schooling. But when personal becomes very personal, Jesse risks causing his overtaxed family one more huge worry and the running back starts running. Will Dobbs give up on the shocked jock, or show him that the answer to the big question is, Yes? SCHOOLING THE JOCK is an enemies-to-lovers, opposites attract, campus romance - with one hell of a lightning round.

Robby Riverton: Mail Order Bride

Being a fugitive in the old west shouldn't be this much fun. The year is 1860. Robby Riverton is a rising star on the New York stage. But he witnesses a murder by a famous crime boss and is forced to go on the run-- all the way to Santa Fe. When he still hasn't ditched his pursuers, he disguises himself as a mail order bride he meets on the wagon train. Caught between gangsters that want to kill him, and the crazy, uncouth family of his "intended", Robby's only ally is a lazy sheriff who sees exactly who Robby is -- and can't resist him. Trace Crabtree took the job as sheriff of Flat Bottom because there was never a thing going on. And then Robby Riverton showed up. Disguised as a woman. And betrothed to Trace's brother. If that wasn't complication enough, Trace had to find the man as appealing as blueberry pie. He urges Robby to stay undercover until the danger has passed. But a few weeks of having Robby-Rowena at the ranch, and the Crabtree family will never be the same again.

Stitch

[Dreamspinner Press LLC](#) When a certain kind of man is needed, why not make him to order? Much can go wrong--but much can go wonderfully right.

Better Red

Who's afraid of the big, bad Wolfe? Red Ridley knows he could have a happy life in Ever After, New York, waiting on tables at Mom and Pop's, making numbers add up for clients, studying business at the junior college - and maybe, just maybe having the man of his dreams, Mark Woods, the young owner of the local garage. One problem. Red's gorgeous. Amazing looking. Totally unique. And no one who sees him - especially his grandmother, who's his biggest promoter -- believes he won't end up on the cover of a magazine. Gran's dreams come true when famous New York agency owner, Brock Wolfe, shows up in Ever After and sets his sights on Red. Red doesn't want to leave Mark, but Gran has given everything to raise him, and the money he could make would give her a happy, easy life. Then, the news gets worse - Gran could lose her house -- so Red breaks down and goes to New York where the Wolfe shows just how bad he can be. Faced with a fate worse than death, Red needs a hero or needs to be one. Is there any chance to live happily in Ever After?

Watson and Holmes - A Study in Black

Collecting the entire first arc of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes and Dr John Watson re-envisioning as African Americans living in New York City's famous Harlem district. Watson, an Afghanistan war vet, works in an inner-city clinic; Holmes, a local P.I. who takes unusual cases. When one of them ends up in Watson's emergency room, the unlikely duo strike up a partnership to find a missing girl. Watson & Holmes bump heads along the way as they enter a labyrinth of drugs, guns, gangs and a conspiracy that goes higher and deeper than they could have imagined. Containing epilogue issue #5 Second Printing- Includes extra 36 pages of material not available previously.

2020 Top Ten Gay Romance

JMS Books LLC 2020 Top Ten Gay Romance brings together the best-selling short stories published by JMS Books that year. From first love to true love, from submission to sensual, from heat to sweet and everything in between, the couples in these stories are sure to keep you turning the pages as you fall in love with them. With stories by Kris T. Bethke, Ofelia Gränd, Nell Iris, Shawn Lane, Marco May, J.L. Merrow, Amanda Meuwissen, K.S. Murphy, Elizabeth Noble, and K.L. Noone, this head-over-heels collection goes beyond bedtime reading. Whether happily ever after or happy for now, there's an ending for everyone in here! Contains the stories: Once and Floral by Kris T. Bethke, Turning Wood by Ofelia Gränd, Always You by Nell

Iris, A Thankful Heart by Shawn Lane, The Sir by Marco May, The King's Honour by J.L. Merrow, The Immaculate Marlow King by Amanda Meuwissen, Pretend You Are for Five More Minutes by K.S. Murphy, The Freedom of Submission by Elizabeth Noble, and A Demon for Forever by K.L. Noone.

Seidman

Harmony Ink Press **In Viking Age Iceland, where boys are expected to grow into strong farmers and skilled warriors, there is little place for a sickly twelve-year-old boy like Kol until he catches the eye of a seio-woman-a sorceress-and becomes her apprentice. Kol travels to the sorceress's home, where her grandson, Thorbrand, takes Kol under his wing. Before long Kol discovers something else about himself that is different-something else that sets him apart as unmanly: Kol has fallen in love with another boy. But the world is changing in ways that threaten those who practice the ancient arts. As Kol's new life takes him across the Norse lands, he finds that a new religion is sweeping through them, and King Olaf Tryggvason is hunting down and executing sorcerers. When a decades-old feud forces Thorbrand to choose between Kol and his duty to his kinsman, Kol finds himself cast adrift with only the cryptic messages of an ancient goddess to guide him to his destiny-and possibly to his death."**

Sex and Film

The Erotic in British, American and World Cinema

Springer **Sex and Film is a frank, comprehensive analysis of the cinema's love affair with the erotic. Forshaw's lively study moves from the sexual abandon of the 1930s to filmmakers' circumvention of censorship, the demolition of taboos by arthouse directors and pornographic films, and an examination of how explicit imagery invaded modern mainstream cinema.**

They're Playing Our Song

Samuel French, Inc. **America's premier funny man and the Tony Award-winning composer of A Chorus Line; collaborated on this hit musical; a funny, romantic show about an established composer and his relationship with an aspiring young female lyricist, not unlike Carole Bayer Sager. Professionally, their relationship works beautifully, but ultimately leads to conflict on the home front. Of course, there's a happy ending.**

Bones

Dreamspinner Press **Don't miss this exclusive bundle of the Bones series by Kim Fielding!**

Classical Myth on Screen

Springer **An examination of how screen texts embrace, refute, and reinvent the cultural heritage of antiquity, this volume looks at specific story-patterns and archetypes from Greco-Roman culture. The contributors offer a variety of perspectives, highlighting key cultural relay points at which a myth is received and reformulated for a particular audience.**

Cult Fiction

Popular Reading and Pulp Theory

Springer **Here is an exploration of pulp literature and pulp mentalities: an investigation into the nature and theory of the contemporary mind in art and in life. Here too, the violent, the sensational and the erotic signify different facets of the modern experience played out in the gaudy pages of kitsch literature. Clive Bloom offers the reader a chance to investigate the underworld of literary production and from it find a new set of co-ordinates for questions regarding publishing and reading practices in America and Britain, ideas of genre, problems related to commercial production, concerns regarding high and low culture, the canon and censorship, as well as a discussion of the rhetoric of current critical debate. Concentrating on remembered authors as well as many long disregarded or forgotten, Cult Fiction provides a theory of kitsch art that radically alters our perceptions of literature and literary values whilst providing a panorama of an almost forgotten history: the history of pulp.**

Coaching the Nerd

An Opposites Attract, Campus MM Romance

Super-bod meets super-brainWhat happens when marshmallow-bodied supernerd Sean volunteers to be on the jocks' flag-football team? It screws Bubba's fraternity's chances at the coveted flag football title, that's what. Bubba is drafted to be Sean's personal trainer. He has to whip Sean into shape and make sure he doesn't F up their team. Sean may be a supernerd, but to Bubba he's funny, and wise, and kinda cute. He's also the

one person on campus who doesn't see Bubba as a big, stupid jock. One BIG problem. Sean's motivation for getting into shape is to lose his virginity -- and Bubba isn't happy when guys start sniffing around. But Bubba's straight. Isn't he? Can a big, dumb jock from Nowhere, Wisconsin change his whole life for a genius who just wants to get laid? COACHING THE NERD is a total makeover, opposites attract, My Fair Lady trope, bi awakening, campus romance - that grabs your flag.

When Everything Is Blue

Dreamspinner Press LLC In this quirky coming-of-age romance, Theo's path to manhood is fraught with awkward firsts and a few haters, but also the unexpected comfort of a friend turned lover.

Nodes of Contemporary Finnish Literature

BoD - Books on Demand This book examines phenomena from Finnish and Finnish-Swedish literature written in the years between the 1980s and the first decade of the new millennium. Its objective is to study this interesting era of literary history in Finland and to sketch some possible directions for future development by identifying literary turning points which have already occurred. The nine articles found in the anthology are written by some of the most prominent literary scholars in Finland. These distinguished authors examine such varied topics as postmodern allegories, feminism, historiography, autobiographic writing, modern subjects in postmodern conditions, metalyrical poetry, realistic involvement in the novel, successful children's literature, and the intertextuality of Sofi Oksanen's famous novel *Purge*.

Holiday House Swap

Dreamspinner Press LLC Reclusive author Noah meets the owner of his holiday home, Connor, and romance might mean the end of his writer's block.

Dreams of Fire and Gods

Harmony Ink Press Sael's lover, Koreh, died while the two rescued the Taaweh queen. Years later Sael must fight to save Dasak. If only Koreh were at his side.

Edifying Justice: A Wellspring of Healing

AuthorHouse As the first volume of a multi-volume set, this short collection of essays, entitled **Edifying Justice: A Wellspring of Healing**, describes the changes by which the Criminal Judicial System might serve the whole scope of justice effectively. With the Criminal Judicial System as its object of change, this collection of essays explores the logic and historical precedents behind the idea of complementing the Criminal Judicial System with a counter-balancing judicial arm. It explains why the current judicial arm, though suitable to the task of investigating crime and dispensing punishment, is hardly suitable to the task of investigating civilness and dispensing reward nor to the task of adjudicating a certain category of offenses. While intended for a general audience, this collection of essays figuratively places readers in the role of jurists and legislators who are tasked to transform the abstract concept of a balanced, two-armed Criminal Judicial System into concrete action. Given how distant is the completion of that epic task, the essays more immediate aim is to persuade readers to value the full scope of justice and to prize the fairer half.

The Sustainable Dentist

The New Normal

ARE YOU READY TO JOIN A DENTAL EVOLUTION?We're living in a new era - one where people are more socially conscious and seek dentists who can not only treat their oral health but also do it in a way that benefits society. Becoming a sustainable dentist isn't a gimmick or a fad. It's part of an evolution of all-in-clusive thinking that not only benefits patients but also the environment. Also, it enhances your financial bottom line. It's a part of an emerging lifestyle whose broader focus includes further-ing the greater good of society. You will not be able to ignore it as we move forward into the New Normal; it will require finding new safety procedures and practices to deal with crises like global pandemics and the challenges of climate change. In this exciting and innovative book, you will learn about the benefits of becoming a Sustainable Dentist! Wher-ever you are in the process, this book provides: Leadership Tips, Practice Examples, Techniques, Case Studies

Best Agile Articles 2020

Independently Published We are delighted to bring you this volume of the best agile articles of 2020. Our goal in publishing this book is to cull through the many articles that are published every year to bring you a curated set of high-quality articles that capture the latest knowledge and experience of the agile community in one compact volume. Our purpose is twofold. First, we understand that it can be hard to figure out where to go when looking for ideas and answers. There are thousands of blogs, videos, books, and other resources available at the click of a mouse. But that can be a lot to sort through. So, we thought we could be of some assistance. Second, we wanted to bring some visibility to many people who are doing good work in this field and are providing helpful resources. Our hope is that this publication will help them connect to you, the ones they are writing for. Our intention is that this publication is to be by the agile community as a service to the agile community and for the agile community. With that in mind, we pulled together a great group of volunteers to help get this work into your hands. The articles in this volume were selected by: - A diverse Review Committee of twenty-four people with expertise in a variety of areas related to agile.- The agile community. A call for nominations went out in early 2020 and over 120 articles were nominated by the community. We selected the top 50 articles to present in the publication. The articles themselves cover a wide variety of topics, including organizational structure, culture, and agile leadership. There is something for almost everyone here. This is the fourth book in the series. Previous books, Best Agile Articles of 2017, 2018, and 2019, are available on Amazon and on the website at <https://baa.tco.ac/books>. We are thankful for the great participation of the agile community at large and to our sponsor, Scrum.org.

Cannibalism in Literature and Film

Springer A comprehensive study of cannibalism in literature and film, spanning colonial fiction, Gothic texts and contemporary American horror. Amidst the sharp teeth and horrific appetite of the cannibal, this book examines real fears of over-consumerism and consumption that trouble an ever-growing modern world.

Late for Christmas

Dreamspinner Press When perfectionist Cassidy gets distracted and hit by a tree, he comes under the care of his neighbor, doctor Mark—the distraction. Mark sees Cassidy's loneliness, but also his surprising kindness and creativity. Can he convince Cassidy he doesn't have to be perfect to be loved?

Hemlock Grove

A Novel

Macmillan "An epic, original reinvention of the Gothic novel, taking the characters of our greatest novels, myths, and nightmares - the werewolf, the vampire, Frankenstein - and reimagining them for our time"--

Superhero

Triskell Edizioni **Non è facile per un giovane artista gay come Jordan Carson crescere a Jefferson, nel Wisconsin, dove il pensiero fisso di tutti, alle scuole medie e al liceo, sono le squadre sportive. Ma Jordan è stato fortunato. Ha incontrato Owen Nelson in seconda elementare, e da allora i due sono diventati migliori amici. Owen è un grosso ragazzone biondo di bell'aspetto ed è il campione di lotta libera della scuola. Nessuno infastidisce lui né chiunque gli sia vicino, e si oppone all'opinione popolare tenendo Jordan sotto la sua ala anche dopo che l'amico si dichiara gay a scuola. La loro amicizia sopravvive, ma il peggiore nemico di Jordan potrebbe essere lui stesso: non sembra riuscire a smettere di essere follemente innamorato di un caso disperato: il suo amico etero, Owen. Owen non vuole permettere che nulla gli tolga l'amicizia di Jordan, ma non avrebbe mai pensato che Jordan sarebbe scappato via per vivere una vita lontana da lui. Dovrà affrontare la natura della loro relazione se vuole riconquistarlo.**

City of Thorns

I never thought I'd be singing happy birthday to myself in a dungeon. And yet when a sinfully sexy demon crashes happy hour, that's exactly what happens. He's known as the Lord of Chaos, he's mistaken me for my succubus doppelgänger. Happy birthday to me. When he tastes my blood, he finally understands I'm mortal. And I realize we have something in common: we both crave revenge. So we make a deal: I can stay in the forbidden city to hunt for my mom's killer. In return, I'll help him get the vengeance he craves. I just have to pose as a sexy succubus. One problem- -he's my number one suspect. And that's increasingly hard to remember as he teaches me my role: seduction. With each heated touch I drift further into peril. And if I fall under his seductive spell, death awaits me. "I flew through this book... Hot demon lord-check. Action-check. Romance-check. And there's spice! If you love my books, you definitely want to read this one." -Laura Thalassa

Finna

[Tor.com](#) “A magical anti-capitalist adventure.” —Annalee Newitz Nino Cipri's **Finna** is a rambunctious, touching story that blends all the horrors the multiverse has to offer with the everyday awfulness of low-wage work. It explores queer relationships and queer feelings, capitalism and accountability, labor and love, all with a bouncing sense of humor and a commitment to the strange. When an elderly customer at a Swedish big box furniture store — but not that one — slips through a portal to another dimension, it's up to two minimum-wage employees to track her across the multiverse and protect their company's bottom line. Multi-dimensional swashbuckling would be hard enough, but those two unfortunate souls broke up a week ago. To find the missing granny, Ava and Jules will brave carnivorous furniture, swarms of identical furniture spokespeople, and the deep resentment simmering between them. Can friendship blossom from the ashes of their relationship? In infinite dimensions, all things are possible. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

How to Wish Upon a Star (Howl at the Moon Book 3)

Dr. Jason Kunik is working on the most earth-shattering genetics project ever, DNA mapping of a new species, the quickened--dogs who can shift into human form. The problem is, no one knows the quickened exist and Jason can't betray them by publishing his studies. When he moves to Mad Creek to continue his research in a town full of quickened, all he wants is peace, quiet, and to be allowed to bury himself in his work. Perhaps if he figures how out the mutation is activated, he can silence his own inner dog forever. Milo is a hospice comfort dog who has bonded with, and lost, many beloved patients in his life. He intuitively understands sickness and pain on a spiritual level most can't see. When he gains the ability to become a man, he thinks he finally has everything he ever wanted. But being a man isn't the same thing as being loved, and taking shelter in Mad Creek isn't the same thing as finding a home. When a mysterious illness hits Mad Creek and threatens all the quickened in town, it's up to the scientist and the comfort dog to figure out what it is and how to stop it. Along the way they might discover that true love is possible--if you wish upon a star. This is the third book in the "Howl at the Moon" series, but it can be read as a stand-alone.

Walking on Thin Ice

Ice and Snow Christmas It's not easy for Spenser Roland to admit it, but he needs help. Christmas is just a few days away, and he can't face the idea of showing up to his family's gathering alone ... again. They want to see him happily settled, but Spenser doesn't date. He can't risk it if he wants to protect his family. But one unexpected night with Evan Scott has him thinking that maybe he can strike a deal that will make his family happy and give him a little holiday cheer as well. Evan never should have accepted a ride home from the sexy-as-hell corporate executive, but he's proud that he stuck to his guns. He's done with the one-night stand game. He wants something real. Something that lasts. But when Spenser returns, asking him to pose as his boyfriend over the weekend at a Christmas celebration, Evan is sure he's lost his mind. But he can't say no. Maybe it's the shadow of loneliness in Spenser's bright blue eyes that's too much like his own. Or maybe it's his heart-stopping smile. Either way, Evan knows he's on thin ice with Spenser, risking his own rules and heart, but Spenser is worth the risk.

Defekt

Tordotcom Find out if five Dereks are better than one in Nino Cipri's Defekt, the sequel to Finna, the surrealist world-hopping adventure. Derek is LitenVärld's most loyal employee. He lives and breathes the job, from the moment he wakes up in a converted shipping container at the edge of the parking lot to the second he clocks out of work 18 hours later. But after taking his first ever sick day, his manager calls that loyalty into question. An excellent employee like Derek, an employee made to work at LitenVärld, shouldn't need time off. To test his commitment to the job, Derek is assigned to a special inventory shift, hunting through the store to find defective products. Toy chests with pincers and eye stalks, ambulatory sleeper sofas, killer mutant toilets, that kind of thing. Helping him is the inventory team — four strangers who look and sound almost exactly like him. Are five Dereks better than one? At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The Tribulations of Ross Young, Supernat PA

"Company policy forbids me from exchanging my blood, my soul, or my firstborn child with customers..." When Ross starts working third-shift at a gas station, he doesn't think anything extraordinary will happen. He expects a lot of quiet shifts. Well, you know what they say about assumptions. One explosion later and he's the personal assistant to a

vampire-who he admits is not only sexy, but the sane one-in charge of his supernatural clan's paperwork, and managing any trouble the members get into. Spoiler alert: the clan can get into quite a bit of trouble. Ross is definitely not paid enough for this. Tags: The crack ship armada sails again, and then it got out of hand, poor put upon retail workers, Ross didn't deserve this, Fate is cruel, so am I, the trauma of changing jobs, Ross has a paperclip and knows how to use it, Ross isn't clear if he's a PA, bartender, or babysitter, troublesome werewolves, Australian wizards, spells gone awry, very awry, sexy vampires, developing relationship, coming out, not a single degree of chill from Glenn where Ross is concerned, slow burn, boss/secretary, light bondage, Ross has to teach ancient mythical beings how to text, pray for him, SHENANIGANS, did I mention crack?, the most absurd workplace romance in history