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SHADOW GAME

Penguin From the "New York Times" bestselling author comes a new series featuring a man and woman with telekinetic abilities who discover a terrifying power--and a forbidden passion--that could destroy them both. Original.

THE WINTER LONG (TOBY DAYE BOOK 8)

Hachette UK Toby thought she understood her own past; she thought she knew the score. She was wrong. It's time to learn the truth.

SHARDS OF HOPE

Penguin Imprisoned, with their psychic abilities blocked, Aden and Zaira must escape and survive to keep the Arrow squad safe from a shadowy enemy. By the author ofShield of Winter. 75,000 first printing.

PATH OF FATE

Open Road Media A young heroine and her goshawk companion face wizards and gods in the first of a trilogy: "I thoroughly enjoyed Path of Fate" (Kristen Britain). Orphaned by her mother and passed from family to family in the village of Kallas in the land of Kodu Riik, Reisil feels as if she will never truly belong. But her training as a tark, or healer, offers her the promise of acceptance by the townsfolk, and as her talents emerge, it appears she will finally be able to hold her head high. But fate has another path in store: A goshawk named Saljane swoops into her life, and Reisil discovers that she is able to communicate telepathically with the animal. This is an undeniable sign that Reisil has been chosen by Lady Amiya, the goddess of Kodu Riik, to become an ahalad-kaaslane—a guardian of the land who must live a life of constant travel and forgo the very bonds of family and community the girl healer so desires. Though the role of ahalad-kaaslane is a noble one, Reisil cannot bear the thought of losing the ties with society she has worked so hard to form. She rejects the Lady's appointment, ignoring the goshawk no matter how persistently it follows her. But when a kidnapping plot breaks a treaty with the neighboring country of Patverseme, Reisil realizes the sentient bird of prey is the only creature capable of tracking the traitors down and saving Kodu Riik from the evils of war. Reluctantly, Reisil accepts her destiny as an ahalad-kaaslane, and embarks on a dangerous pursuit of the kidnappers—and a perilous trek of self-discovery—in order to save two kingdoms. A feminist fantasy of honor and perseverance that features a special soul-to-soul bond with a blessed animal, Path of Fate was nominated for the Mary Roberts Rinehart Award.

THE MANE EVENT

Kensington Books These lion-shifters really know how to make a woman purr...First in the funny, sexy series from the New York Times-bestselling author! Mace Llewellyn. Brendon Shaw. Two tall, gorgeous, sexy alpha heroes who are 100% male—with a little something extra. Lion-shifters, to be exact, who can unleash every woman's animal side and still look good—make that spectacular—in a suit. And even better out of it... NYPD cop Desiree "Dez" MacDermot knows she's changed a lot since she palled around with her childhood buddy, Mace. But it's fair to say that Mace has changed even more. It isn't just those too-sexy gold eyes, or the six-four, built-like-a-Navy Seal body. It's something in the way he sniffs her neck and purrs, making her entire body tingle... Meanwhile, for Tennessean Ronnie Lee Reed, New York City is the place where any girl—even one who runs with a Pack—can redefine herself. First order of business: find a mate, settle down, and stop using men for sex. Even big, gorgeous, lion-shifter men like Brendon Shaw. But she needn't worry, because now that Brendon's set his sights on her, the predator in him is ready to pounce and never let go... "Shelly Laurenston's shifter books are full of oddball characters, strong females with attitude and dialogue that can have you laughing out loud." —The Philadelphia Inquirer

SWEEP IN PEACE

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform Dina DeMille isn't your typical Bed and Breakfast owner. Her inn defies laws of physics, her dog is secretly a monster, and the only permanent guest of the inn is a former Galactic tyrant with a price on her head. The inn needs guests to thrive and guests have been scarce, so when an Arbitrator shows up at Dina's door and asks her to host a peace summit between three warring species, she jumps on the chance. Unfortunately, for Dina, bridging the gap between space vampires, the Hope-Crushing Horde, and the merchants of Baha-char is much easier said than done. To make the summit a success, she must find a chef, remodel the inn, keep her guests from murdering each other, and risk everything, even her life, to save the man she might fall in love with. But then it's all in the day's work for an Innkeeper...

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S STAR WARS

VERILY, A NEW HOPE

Quirk Books The New York Times Best Seller Experience the Star Wars saga reimagined as an Elizabethan drama penned by William Shakespeare himself, complete with authentic meter and verse, and theatrical monologues and dialogue by everyone from Darth Vader to R2D2. Return once more to a galaxy far, far away with this sublime retelling of George Lucas's epic Star Wars in the style of the immortal Bard of Avon. The saga of a wise (Jedi) knight and an evil (Sith) lord, of a beautiful princess held captive and a young hero coming of age, Star Wars abounds with all the valor and villainy of Shakespeare's greatest plays. Authentic meter, stage directions, reimagined movie scenes and dialogue, and hidden Easter eggs throughout will entertain and impress fans of Star Wars and Shakespeare alike. Every scene and character from the film appears in the play, along with twenty woodcut-style illustrations that depict an Elizabethan version of the Star Wars galaxy. Zounds! This is the book you're looking for.

THE PATH TRILOGY

PATH OF FATE, PATH OF HONOR, AND PATH OF BLOOD

Open Road Media The "compelling" story of a gifted, heroic healer and her telepathic goshawk companion as they battle dark sorcery (Carol Berg, national bestselling author). "What's better than a story about a stubborn, likable heroine thrust into events fraught with danger, wizards, and gods? Well, all of the above, plus a goshawk" (Kristen Britain, New York Times–bestselling author of the Green Rider series). Experience the complete epic fantasy trilogy set in a unique magical world, where an orphaned healer becomes a guardian of her land and fulfills her ultimate destiny. Path of Fate: When a goshawk named Saljane swoops into her life, young healer Reisil discovers she can communicate telepathically with the bird of prey, an undeniable sign that she has been chosen by Lady Amiya, the goddess of Kodu Riik, to become an ahalad-kaaslane—a guardian of the land. At first, Reisil resists accepting her call to service, but when a kidnapping threatens to trigger war, she embarks on a dangerous pursuit of the traitors in order to save two kingdoms. "This delightful debut . . . intrigued me . . . and swept me away." —Carol Berg Path of Honor: As a deadly plague ravages the country, Reisil is horrified to find that she has lost her ability to heal. Without power, and with only the companionship of her goshawk, she is determined to figure out what is truly ailing the land. She soon realizes she must seek out the wizards she once fought against in order to defeat the scourge. "Likable characters and plenty of action keep things entertaining." —Locus Path of Blood: Accompanied by her sentient goshawk, Saljane, and her loyal lover, Yohuac, Reisil travels across a war-torn land into a realm of dark sorcery. She is the only one with enough power to gain entrance to the spellbound city of Mysane Kosk and close a magical rift that threatens to consume everything and everyone she loves. "Generates a lot of page-turning." —Booklist

NOAH

Kensington Publishing Corp. *The Demon King* has found the woman of his dreams but must convince her he isn't a nightmare in this paranormal romance by the New York Times bestseller. As *Demon King*, Noah is dedicated to protecting his kind from their human and Nightwalker enemies. Yet for six months he has struggled with vivid dreams that threaten his very sanity. Every night he's tormented by images of a woman both achingly real and tantalizingly beyond his grasp. And his bone-deep need leaves him no choice but to force her to leave the life she's known and enter a world beyond her imagining . . . Every day, Kestra risks her life in perilous missions that veer just shy of the law, but she instinctively knows that the imposingly sensual figure before her is a danger unlike any she's ever faced. Kestra has sworn never to trust or need another man, but Noah's lightest touch scorches her with fevered desire, branding her as his mate, blinding them both to the terrifying truth. For within the ranks of their own people lies an adversary growing in number and power. And nothing and no one will be safe again . . . "Noah is sure to enchant!" —Karen Marie Moning Praise for the Nightwalkers series "Jacob is filled with mesmerizing, breathtaking, scorching sex—and filled with unforgettable characters...I loved this book!" —Christine Feehan "Frank's latest Nightwalker entry is fast-paced and steamy, nicely developing the world of her generally upstanding, gorgeous and charismatic supernatural creatures." —Publishers Weekly on Damien

THE OLD AND THE NEW MAGIC

DIRTY DEEDS

AN URBAN FANTASY COLLECTION

When the going gets tough, the tough get their hands dirty. Join NY Times Bestselling author Faith Hunter, USA Today Bestselling author R.J. Blain, and National Bestselling authors Diana Pharaoh Francis and Devon Monk on a wild romp where the damsels bring the distress and what can go wrong will go wrong. Venture into a thrilling spinoff tale from the world of Jane Yellowrock, join vacationing gods in what appears to be a quiet, ordinary town, visit a supernatural hotel where the bedbugs could very well eat you, and dive into the zany, deadly world of the Magical Romantic Comedy (with a body count) series. In this collection of all-new urban fantasy novellas and other stories, no job is too big or too small-if the price is right.

SPLINTEGRATE

Tor Books Deborah Teramis Christian returns to science fiction with a rousing stand-alone sequel to fan favorite *Mainline*. One of the many charms of planet Lyndir is the *Between-World*, home to the licensed entertainers of the Sa'adani Empire. The most famous is Kes, a professional dominatrix who has become a celebrity attraction at a palatial house of domination called *Tryst*. One of Kes's most devoted clients is the crime cartel boss Janus, a major cog in the underworld on Lyndir and elsewhere. When a high-powered imperial authority decides she wants Janus out of the way, the seductive domina Kes is the most logical avenue. She'd never betray a client's trust, but the imperial threat to her and her *Between-World* sisters is so great that she has no choice but to assist. Imprisoned, altered against her will, and turned into a brutal weapon by the highly experimental *Splintegrate* cloning technology, Kes is at war with herself as everything she holds dear falls apart around her. It will take an enormous triumph of will and help from some unlikely avenues for Kes to survive the government's machinations and pursue the independence she's craved her entire life. Other Books Kar Kalim *Mainline Truthsayer's Apprentice* At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

THE COLOR OF EVIL

Tad McGreevy has a power that he has never revealed, not even to his life-long best friend, Stevie Scranton. When Tad looks at others, he sees colors. These auras tell Tad whether a person is good or evil. At night, Tad dreams about the evil-doers, reliving their crimes in horrifyingly vivid detail. But Tad doesn't know if the evil acts he witnesses in his nightmares are happening now, are already over, or are going to occur in the future. He has no control over the horrifying visions. He has been told (by his parents) never to speak of his power. All Tad knows is that he wants to protect those he loves. And he wants the bad dreams to stop.

TWISTED IS THE CROWN

DARK MAJI BOOK THREE

Kel Carpenter Quinn Darkova made a vow from the very beginning. And now she's home. For revenge . . . Except N'skara isn't the same as it was ten years ago, and the person she came for is nowhere to be found. After being taken ashore by armed guards of the same Council they came to sway, Quinn knows it's up to her to uncover the truth about what really happened, while seeking the retribution owed to her. Lazarus knew she was hiding something. He knew she had unfinished business in N'skara. But never could he have known this. He hadn't predicted how set in their ways the people were. He hadn't listened to the warnings when Quinn spoke of secrets and lies. He hadn't realized that the woman he couldn't stay away from was forged as much by blood as she was by darkness. Now it was time to learn. In a land of sheep, it pays to be a wolf.

KOBOLD GUIDE TO COMBAT

Kobold Press At the heart of every adventure lies conflict. A *Full-Throated Battle Cry*, the *Clash of Swords*, the *Smell of Smoke & Blood*... COMBAT! Whether it's between a cursed knight and an elf prince at swordpoint, adventurers facing down an ogre, or two great armies clashing for ultimate power, combat changes everything. Between these covers, more than 15 master game designers and storytellers get into the thick of it. These essays cover strategy and tactics, and the history of military systems at war. They demonstrate how to increase the tension in a conflict, and use monsters, magic, and war machines on the field. And these creators show you how to create great combat on the tabletop and in your storytelling. Open these pages and enter the fray!

HOW TO BE A GOOD WIFE

A NOVEL

St. Martin's Press *How To Be a Good Wife* by Emma Chapman is a haunting literary debut about a woman who begins having visions that make her question everything she knows Marta and Hector have been married for a long time. Through the good and bad; through raising a son and sending him off to life after university. So long, in fact, that Marta finds it difficult to remember her life before Hector. He has always taken care of her, and she has always done everything she can to be a good wife—as advised by a dog-eared manual given to her by Hector's aloof mother on their wedding day. But now, something is changing. Small things seem off. A flash of movement in the corner of her eye, elapsed moments that she can't recall. Visions of a blonde girl in the darkness that only Marta can see. Perhaps she is starting to remember—or perhaps her mind is playing tricks on her. As Marta's visions persist and her reality grows more disjointed, it's unclear if the danger lies in the world around her, or in Marta herself. The girl is growing more real every day, and she wants something.

NIGHTWALKER

Loveswept From New York Times bestselling author Jacquelyn Frank comes the final chapter in the *Nightwalkers* saga! As the momentous showdown with a powerful demon unfolds, a passionate encounter breaks the ultimate taboo. Kamen is a *Bodywalker*, an ancient soul reborn in one human host after another. He's also a prisoner of his own kind: for it was Kamen who released Apep, the deadly god who threatens the existence of their world. To atone for this grievous error, Kamen accepts an urgent mission: to convince the other nations of the *Nightwalkers* to set aside their centuries-old conflicts and band together. If he fails, all will be lost. And no tribe presents a greater challenge than the *Wraiths*, the spectral beings who are feared and despised for their lethal deathtouch. Kamen makes first contact with a stunning, ghostly pale beauty named Geneviève. Part *Wraith* and part human, scorned as a half-breed, Viève shares the hunger for redemption—and for connection. Her scintillating touch holds the kiss of death, and yet it makes Kamen feel more alive than ever. Soon his lips are pressed against hers, sending Viève into fits of desire and forging a bond that breaches the divide between them. Now they must unite all the *Nightwalkers*, from *Vampire* and *Shadowdweller* to *Djynns*, and fast—for Apep is ready for war. Praise for Jacquelyn Frank's *World of Nightwalkers* novels "A highly entertaining paranormal series."—*Fresh Fiction* "If you loved the original *Nightwalker* books, you'll enjoy this."—*USA Today*, on *Forsaken* "Jacquelyn Frank uses a deft hand to weave the layers of this series together. . . . The love affairs have been wildly romantic with some very sensual love scenes."—*The Romance Reviews* "The relationships in this series are intriguing. . . . The ancient struggle between two forces gives this story plenty of action and sizzle."—*RT Book Reviews*, on *Forever* "As always, Frank excels in highlighting the lovers' delight in exploring the strangeness of each other's bodies."—*Publishers Weekly* Includes a special message from the editor, as well as an excerpt from

another Loveswept title.

SCIENCE FICTION, IMPERIALISM AND THE THIRD WORLD

ESSAYS ON POSTCOLONIAL LITERATURE AND FILM

McFarland Though science fiction is often thought of as a Western phenomenon, the genre has long had a foothold in countries as diverse as India and Mexico. These fourteen critical essays examine both the role of science fiction in the third world and the role of the third world in science fiction. Topics covered include science fiction in Bengal, the genre’s portrayal of Native Americans, Mexican cyberpunk fiction, and the undercurrents of colonialism and Empire in traditional science fiction. The intersections of science fiction theory and postcolonial theory are explored, as well as science fiction’s contesting of imperialism and how the third world uses the genre to recreate itself. Instructors considering this book for use in a course may request an examination copy here.

MAGIC BITES

A SPECIAL EDITION OF THE FIRST KATE DANIELS NOVEL

Penguin #1 New York Times bestselling author Ilona Andrews invites you to experience the first novel in the “intriguing world” (Locus) of Kate Daniels with this special edition of Magic Bites... Kate Daniels is a down-on-her-luck mercenary who makes her living cleaning up magical problems. But when Kate’s guardian is murdered, her quest for justice draws her into a power struggle between two strong factions within Atlanta’s magic circles. Pressured by both sides to find the killer, Kate realizes she’s way out of her league—but she wouldn’t want it any other way... This special edition includes in-depth information about the world of Kate Daniels, with descriptions of its characters and factions. Explore Kate’s Atlanta like never before with answers to FAQ and a quiz to find your place there. And don’t miss the prequel story “A Questionable Client,” as well as scenes of events in Magic Bites from Curran’s point of view.

IN THIS HOUSE OF BREDE

A NOVEL

Open Road Media Following World War II, a British widow joins a Benedictine monastery in this poignant New York Times bestseller from the author of *Black Narcissus*. For most of her adult life, Philippa Talbot has been a successful British professional. Now in her forties, the World War II-widow has made a startling decision: She’s giving up her civil service career and elite social standing to join a convent as a postulant Roman Catholic nun. In Sussex in the south of England, Philippa begins her new life inside Brede Abbey, a venerable, 130-year-old Benedictine monastery. Taking her place among a diverse group of extraordinary women, young and old, she is welcomed into the surprisingly rich and complex world of the devout, whom faith, fate, and circumstance have led there. From their personal stories, both uplifting and heartbreaking, Philippa draws great strength in the weeks, months, and years that follow, as the confidence, conflicts, and poignant humanity of her fellow sisters serve to validate her love and sacred purpose. But a time of great upheaval in the hierarchy of the Catholic Church approaches as the winds of change blow at gale force. And for the financially troubled Brede and the acolytes within, it will take no less than a miracle to weather the storm. Author Rumer Godden spent three years living in close proximity to Stanbrook Abbey in Worcestershire communing with the Benedictine nuns in preparation for the writing of this beloved bestseller. The result is an honest and unforgettable novel of love, sacrifice, and devotion, a major literary achievement from the acclaimed author of *Black Narcissus* and *The River*. This ebook features an illustrated biography of the author including rare images from the Rumer Godden Literary Estate.

CLEAN SWEEP

CreateSpace "On the outside, Dina Demille is the epitome of normal. She runs a quaint Victorian Bed and Breakfast in a small Texas town, owns a Shi-tzu named Beast, and is a perfect neighbor, whose biggest problem should be what to serve her guests for breakfast. But Dina is... different: Her broom is a deadly weapon; her Inn is magic and thinks for itself. Meant to be a lodging for otherworldly visitors, the only permanent guest is a retired Galactic aristocrat who can't leave the grounds because she's responsible for the deaths of millions and someone might shoot her on sight. Under the circumstances, 'normal' is a bit of a stretch for Dina. And now, something with wicked claws and deepwater teeth has begun to hunt at night... Feeling responsible for her neighbors, Dina decides to get involved. Before long, she has to juggle dealing with the annoyingly attractive, ex-military, new neighbor, Sean Evans -- an alpha-strain werewolf -- and the equally arresting cosmic vampire soldier, Arland, while trying to keep her inn and its guests safe. But the enemy she's facing is unlike anything she's ever encountered before. It's smart, vicious, and lethal; and putting herself between this creature and her neighbors might just cost her everything."--Page 4 of cover.

"B" IS FOR BURGLAR

A KINSEY MILLHONE MYSTERY

Holt Paperbacks *B is for Burglar*, from Sue Grafton's #1 New York Times bestselling Kinsey Millhone Alphabet mystery series Beverly Danziger looked like an expensive, carefully wrapped package from a good but conservative shop. Only her compulsive chatter hinted at the nervousness beneath her cool surface. It was a nervousness out of all proportion to the problem she placed before Kinsey Millhone. There was an absent sister. A will to be settled--a matter of only a few thousand dollars. Mrs. Danziger did not look as if she needed a few thousand dollars. And she didn't seem like someone longing for a family reunion. Still, business was slow, and even a private investigator has bills to pay. Millhone took the job. It looked routine. Elaine Boldt's wrappings were a good deal flashier than her sister's, but they signaled the same thing: The lady had money. A rich widow in her early forties, she owned a condo in Boca Raton and another in Santa Teresa. According to the manager of the California building, she was last seen draped in her \$12,000 lynx coat heading for Boca Raton. According to the manager of the Florida building, she never got there. But someone else had and she was camping out illegally in Mrs. Boldt's apartment. The job was beginning to seem a bit less routine. It turned tricky when Beverly Danziger ordered Millhone to drop the case and it took on an ominous quality when Aubrey Danziger surfaced, making all kinds of wild accusations about his wife. But it only became sinister when Millhone learned that just days before Elaine Boldt went missing, her next-door neighbor and bridge partner had been murdered and the killer was still at large. A house destroyed by arson. A brutally murdered woman. A missing lynx coat. An apartment burgled of valueless papers, another ransacked in a melée of mindless destruction. And more murder. As Millhone digs deeper into the case, she finds herself in a nightmarish hall of mirrors in which reality is distorted by illusion and nothing--except danger--is quite what it seems. "A" Is for Alibi "B" Is for Burglar "C" Is for Corpse "D" Is for Deadbeat "E" Is for Evidence "F" Is for Fugitive "G" Is for Gumshoe "H" Is for Homicide "I" Is for Innocent "J" Is for Judgment "K" Is for Killer "L" is for Lawless "M" Is for Malice "N" Is for Noose "O" Is for Outlaw "P" Is for Peril "Q" Is for Quarry "R" Is for Ricochet "S" Is for Silence "T" Is for Trespass "U" Is for Undertow "V" Is for Vengeance "W" Is for Wasted "X"

A TOUCH OF DEAD

SOOKIE STACKHOUSE STORIES

Penguin A Sookie Stackhouse short story collection from #1 New York Times bestselling author Charlaine Harris. Together in one edition, five stories from Harris’s supernatural Louisiana town of Bon Temps, featuring telepathic waitress Sookie Stackhouse. In “Fairy Dust,” Sookie must use her talents to help fairies in danger. In “One Word Answer,” Sookie comes face to face with some unpleasant family secrets. Sookie gets an unexpected—though not unpleasant—present while celebrating the Prince of Darkness’s birthday in “Dracula Night.” Sookie’s witchy friend Amelia helps Sookie on a case in “Lucky.” And in “Giftwrap,” Sookie fights to overcome holiday blues until she has a surprising chance encounter.

ALL SEEING EYE

Simon and Schuster The New York Times bestselling author of the Cal Leandros series delivers a bold new supernatural thriller where one man’s extraordinary abilities come with an equally phenomenal cost. Picking up a small, pink shoe from the grass forever changed young Jackson Lee’s life. Not only did its presence mean that his sister Tessa was dead—murdered and stuffed in the deep, black water of a narrow well—but the shoe itself told him so. Tessa’s death triggers an even more horrific family massacre that, combined with this new talent he neither wants nor can handle, throws Jack’s life into a tailspin. The years quickly take him from state homes to the streets to grifting in a seedy carnival, until he finally becomes the cynical All Seeing Eye, psychic-for-hire. At last, Jackson has left his troubled past behind and found a semblance of peace. That is, until the government blackmails him. After

Jackson is forced to help the military contain the aftermath of a bizarre experiment gone violently wrong, everything he knows about himself will change just as suddenly as it did with his little sister's shoe. And while change is constant . . . it's never for the better.

DARK COMPANION

Tor Teen Jane Eyre meets Twilight in *Dark Companion*, a lush and romantic YA gothic tale about an orphaned girl who attends an exclusive private school and finds herself torn between the headmistress's two sons. Orphaned at the age of six, Jane Williams has grown up in a series of foster homes, learning to survive in the shadows of life. Through hard work and determination, she manages to win a scholarship to the exclusive Birch Grove Academy. There, for the first time, Jane finds herself accepted by a group of friends. She even starts tutoring the headmistress's gorgeous son, Lucien. Things seem too good to be true. They are. The more she learns about Birch Grove's recent past, the more Jane comes to suspect that there is something sinister going on. Why did the wife of a popular teacher kill herself? What happened to the former scholarship student, whose place Jane took? Why does Lucien's brother, Jack, seem to dislike her so much? As Jane begins to piece together the answers to the puzzle, she must find out why she was brought to Birch Grove—and what she would risk to stay there.... At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

THE PRIDE SERIES

Kensington Animal magnetism has a whole new meaning when the menagerie of shapeshifters in Shelly Laurenston's *Pride* series prowls, sniffs, howls, and roars into hot-blooded action . . . *THE MANE EVENT* NYPD cop Desiree "Dez" MacDermot knows she's changed a lot since she palled around with her childhood buddy, Mace. But it's fair to say that Mace has changed even more. It isn't just those intensely gold eyes, or the six-four, built-like-a-Navy Seal body. It's something in the way he sniffs her neck and purrs, making her entire body tingle . . . *THE BEAST IN HIM* Some things are so worth waiting for. Like the moment when Jessica Ward "accidentally" bumps into heartthrob Bobby Ray Smith and shows him just how far she's come since high school. Now Jess is a success on her own terms. And she can enjoy a romp with a big, bad wolf and walk away. Easy. Or so she thinks . . . *THE MANE ATTRACTION* Weddings have the strangest effect on people. Exhibit 1: Sissy Mae waking up in Mitch Shaw's bed the morning after her brother Bobby Ray's nuptials. Exhibit 2: the gunmen trying to kill Mitch. Exhibit 3: Sissy Mae escorting a bleeding yet sexy lion shifter to her Tennessee Pack's turf for safe keeping. It doesn't help that Mitch's appraising gaze makes her feel like the most desirable creature on earth . . . *THE MANE SQUEEZE* Growing up on the tough Philly streets, Gwen O'Neill knows how to fend for herself. But what is she supposed to do with a nice, suburban Jersey boy who has a tendency to turn into a massive Grizzly? Despite his menacing growl and four-inch claws, Gwen finds Lachlan "Lock" MacRyrie cute and really sweet. He actually watches out for her, and unlike the rest of her out-of-control family, manages not to morbidly embarrass her. Too bad cats don't believe in forever . . . Praise for the Novels of Shelly Laurenston "Hot and humorous." —USAToday.com "Shelly Laurenston's shifter books are full of oddball characters, strong females with attitude and dialogue that can have you laughing out loud." —The Philadelphia Inquirer "A little bit of everything . . . humor, passion, and suspense with a touch of paranormal." —FreshFiction

HEX APPEAL

Macmillan Chock full of paranormal hijinx, this fantastic collection will hold readers spellbound and enchant with its irresistible hex appeal in a magical world where witches and conjurers exact sweet revenge on those who cross them--

URBAN ENEMIES

Simon and Schuster Villains have all the fun—everyone knows that—and this anthology takes you on a wild ride through the dark side! The top villains from seventeen urban fantasy series get their own stories—including the baddies of New York Times bestselling authors Jim Butcher, Kevin Hearne, Kelley Armstrong, Seanan McGuire, and Jonathan Maberry. For every hero trying to save the world, there's a villain trying to tear it all down. In this can't-miss anthology edited by Joseph Nassise (*The Templar Chronicles*), you get to plot world domination with the best of the evildoers we love to hate! This outstanding collection brings you stories told from the villains' point of view, imparting a fresh and unique take on the evil masterminds, wicked witches, and infernal personalities that skulk in the pages of today's most popular series. The full anthology features stories by Jim Butcher (*the Dresden Files*), Kelley Armstrong (*Cainsville*), Seanan McGuire (*October Daye*), Kevin Hearne (*The Iron Druid Chronicles*), Jonathan Maberry (*Joe Ledger*), Lilith Saintcrow (*Jill Kismet*), Carrie Vaughn (*Kitty Norville*), Joseph Nassise (*Templar Chronicles*), Domino Finn (*Black Magic Outlaw*), Steven Savile (*Glasstown*), Caitlin Kittredge (*Hellhound Chronicles*), Jeffrey Somers (*The Ustari Cycle*), Sam Witt (*Pitchfork County*), Craig Schaefer (*Daniel Faust*), Jon F. Merz (*Lawson Vampire*), Faith Hunter (*Jane Yellowrock*), and Diana Pharaoh Francis (*Horngate Witches*).

KOBOLD GUIDE TO WORLDBUILDING

The Essential Elements for Building a World Roleplaying games and fantasy fiction are filled with rich and fascinating worlds: the *Forgotten Realms*, *Glorantha*, *Narnia*, *R'lyeh*, *Middle-Earth*, *Barsoom*, and so many more. It took startling leaps of imagination as well as careful thought and planning to create places like these: places that readers and players want to come back to again and again. Now, eleven of adventure gaming's top designers come together to share their insights into building worlds that gamers will never forget. Learn the secrets of designing a pantheon, creating a setting that provokes conflict, determining which historical details are necessary, and so much more. Take that creative leap, and create dazzling worlds of your own! Essays by Wolfgang Baur, Keith Baker, Monte Cook, Jeff Grubb, Scott Hungerford, David "Zeb" Cook, Chris Pramas, Jonathan Roberts, Michael A. Stackpole, Steve Winter, with an introduction by Ken Scholes. **NOMINATED FOR TWO ENNIE AWARDS:** Best Writing and Best RPG-Related Book Praise for *Prior Kobold Design Guides* "Highly recommended for gaming nerds everywhere." --CityBookReview.com "If you're an aspiring pro this book is a must. If you're a rules hacker like me, this stuff is solid gold." --Berin Kinsman, UncleBear Media "A fantastic collection ... A solid 5 star rating." --Joshua Guillion, AdventureAWeek.com "An amazing collection ... from some of the best designers and writers creating role-playing game material today." --Brian Fitzpatrick, BlogCritics.org

SCENT OF MAGIC

Harlequin As the last Healer in the *Fifteen Realms*, Avry of Kazan is in a unique position: in the minds of friends and foes alike, she no longer exists. Despite her need to prevent the megalomaniacal King Tohon from winning control of the *Realms*, Avry is also determined to find her sister and repair their estrangement. And she must do it alone, as Kerrick, her partner and sole confidant, returns to Alga to summon his country into battle. Though she should be in hiding, Avry will do whatever she can to support Tohon's opponents. Including infiltrating a holy army, evading magic sniffers, teaching forest skills to soldiers and figuring out how to stop Tohon's most horrible creations yet: an army of the walking dead—human and animal alike and nearly impossible to defeat. War is coming and Avry is alone. Unless she figures out how to do the impossible...again.

TAINTED NIGHT, TAINTED BLOOD

Kensington Publishing Corp. In the darkness, it's easy to lose your way. . . Kat Redding is a vampire with a job to do--wiping out the vamps and werewolves who prey on Pureblood humans. Someone has to do it. . .as long as that someone is her. But suddenly Kat, also known as Lady Death, has competition, and it's causing problems. Vampire houses and werewolf clans alike are blaming her for a spate of gruesome murders, and Kat needs to figure out who's really responsible before she becomes the next target. . . On the hunt, she forms an uneasy alliance with both the Luna Cult and a powerful rogue werewolf. But the truths Kat's uncovering--about her enemies and her few remaining confidantes--are far from comforting. And when the chance comes to leave her life of vengeance behind, Kat must decide whether her real motive lies in protecting the innocent, or sating her own fierce hungers. . . Praise for E.S. Moore's *To Walk the Night* "Fans of Underworld will not want to miss this fast-paced, action-packed debut!" -Jess Haines, author of *Deceived by the Others* "Kat is a complex, compelling character who takes us on a wild ride. Hold on and enjoy!" --Alexandra Ivy, *New York Times* bestselling author

DAS SCIENCE FICTION JAHR 2014

Heyne Verlag *Aufbruch in die Zukunft* Wie viel Zukunft steckt eigentlich in unserer Gegenwart? Dass eine Raumsonde einmal ein Foto der Erde umrahmt von den Ringen des Saturn schießen wird, das war vor Jahren noch Science Fiction - und heute ist es Realität. Kein anderes Genre hat die Grenzen unserer Vorstellungskraft so erweitert wie dieses. Im neuen Heyne Science Fiction Jahr können Sie einen Blick auf die Ideen werfen, die unsere Gegenwart von morgen prägen werden ...

BLOODRING

Penguin In a near future world marked by apocalyptic religious strife, Thorn St. Croix, a powerful neomage living secretly among humankind, channels her gift of stone-magery into jewelry making, until a handsome police officer, Thaddeus Bartholomew, comes into her life, changing everything. Reprint.

TRUE DEAD

Penguin Jane Yellowrock goes back to the city where it all began in the newest installment of this thrilling New York Times bestselling series. Jane used to hunt vampires, but now she's their queen. She's holed up in the mountains with the Yellowrock Clan, enjoying a little peace, when a surprise attack on her people proves that trouble is brewing. Someone is using very old magic to launch a bid for power, and it's all tied to the place where Jane was first drawn into the world of Leo Pellissier—the city of New Orleans. Jane is compelled to return to NOLA because someone is trying to destabilize the paranormal world order. And because she now sits near the top of the vampire world, the assault is her problem. She will do what she must to protect what's hers. Her city. Her people. Her power. Her crown.

RIPE FOR SEDUCTION

The League of Second Sons A secret society of younger sons, sworn to aid and abet each other, no matter the scandal or cost . . . After the scandalous demise of her marriage, Lady Olivia Carlow knows the rakes of the ton will think her fair game. So when a letter arrives bearing an indecent offer from the incorrigible Roland Devere, she seizes the opportunity. Turning the tables on the notorious rogue, she blackmails him into playing her betrothed for the season. But no matter how broad his shoulders or chiseled his features, she will never fall prey to his suave charm. When Roland boasted he'd be the first into Lady Olivia's bed, he couldn't have imagined that behind those brilliant blue eyes lurked a vixen with a scheme of her own. Still, Roland is not about to abandon his original wager. If anything, learning that the lovely Olivia is as bold as she is beautiful makes him more determined to seduce her into never saying "never" again.

CRIMSON FROST

Kensington Books High school gets even harder when there's an evil god on the loose in the New York Times bestselling author's YA urban fantasy novel. My name is Gwen Frost, and I go to Mythos Academy, a school of myths, magic and warrior whiz kids. And now there's also Loki, the evil god I helped set free against my will. On the bright side, I finally got a date with Logan Quinn, the hottest—and deadliest—Spartan at Mythos. But I should have known it was destined to end in disaster. If we'd gotten into a swordfight, or been ambushed by Reapers, I'd have been more prepared. I definitely didn't expect to get arrested mid-sip at the local coffee hangout. I'm accused of purposely helping the Reapers free Loki—and the person leading the charge against me is Linus Quinn, Logan's dad. Now pretty much everyone at school thinks I'm guilty. If I'm going to get out of this mess alive, I'll have to do it myself.

A DROP OF MAGIC

Bell Bridge Books 2020 First Horizon Award Winner For Science Fiction/Fantasy Category The war isn't over . . . With the world clinging to a fragile peace forced on the Fae by humanity after the Faerie Wars, metalsmith Alex Blackwood is plunged into the world of the half-fae who traffick in illegal magical artifacts. Her best friend's murder and his cryptic last message place her in the crosshairs of a scheme to reignite the decade-old war between humans and fae. Worse, violent attacks against her and the arrival of a fae knight on a mission force Alex to face a devastating revelation of who and what she is. To catch a killer, retrieve a dangerous artifact, and stop a war, Alex will have to accept that she's an unregistered fae "halfer" with a unique magical talent—a talent that would change everything she believes about her past, her art, and her future. Her world is crumbling around her, and Alex will have to decide who to trust if she and the world are going to survive. "A Drop of Magic is a damned fun and original read, with sass, action, hot men, and a whole lot of magic." --Diana Pharaoh Francis, author of the Diamond City Magic, Magicfall, and Horngate Witches series About the author: Born and raised in Colorado, L. R. BRADEN makes her home in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains with her wonderful husband, precocious daughter, and psychotic cat. With degrees in both English literature and metalsmithing, she splits her time between writing and art. A Drop of Magic is her first novel.

SWEET TALK

Penguin An FBI agent and a lawyer are falling in love—and making a federal case out of it in #1 New York Times bestselling author Julie Garwood's hot romantic thriller. When Special Agent Grayson Kincaid first encounters Olivia MacKenzie, she makes quite an impression. The beautiful, tough young attorney has stumbled into the middle of an FBI sting operation and reduced it to chaos. Olivia has ticked off the wrong guy. He's FBI. But Olivia is even more intimidating. She's IRS. Olivia is on the trail of an elaborate Ponzi scheme for her own very personal reasons, and her investigation has enraged some ruthless people and endangered her life. She's no stranger to tight situations, but she's smart enough to know when to call for help, especially if that help is tall, dark, and handsome. Together, Grayson and Olivia make a great team to fight corruption, but they're also fighting an intense attraction—the one battle they're bound to lose.

BLOOD ORBIT

Pyr This science fiction police procedural pairs an idealistic rookie with an officer who uses cybernetic implants to process forensics; in solving a mass murder, they will uncover a vast conspiracy. Eric Matheson, an idealistic rookie cop trying to break from his powerful family, is plunged into the investigation of a brutal crime in his first weeks on the job in Angra Dastrelas, the corrupt capital city of the corporate-owned planet Gattis. A newcomer to the planet, Matheson is unaware of the danger he's courting when he's promoted in the field to assist the controversial Chief Investigating Forensic Officer, Inspector J. P. Dillal, the planet's first cybernetically enhanced investigator. Coming from a despised ethnic underclass, the brilliant and secretive Dillal seems determined to unravel the crime regardless of the consequences. The deeper they dig, the more dangerous the investigation becomes. But in a system where the cops enforce corporate will, instead of the law, the solution could expose Gattis's most shocking secrets and cost thousands of lives—including Matheson's and Dillal's.

CIRCLE OF THE MOON

Ace Set in the same world as Faith Hunter's New York Times bestselling Jane Yellowrock novels, the fourth Soulwood novel stars Nell Ingram, who channels her power from the earth. Nell can draw magic from the land around her, and lately she's been using it to help the Psy-Law Enforcement Division, which solves paranormal crimes. Joining the team at PsyLED has allowed her to learn more about her powers and the world she always shunned—and to find true friends. Head agent Rick LaFleur shifts into a panther when the moon calls him, but this time, something has gone wrong. Rick calls Nell from a riverbank—he's naked, with no memory of how he came to be there, and there's a dead black cat, sacrificed in a witch circle and killed by black magic, lying next to him. Then more animals turn up dead, and team rushes to investigate. A blood-witch is out to kill. But when it seems as if their leader is involved in the crime, the bonds that hold the team together could shatter at any moment.