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### THE DOPEFIEND:

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### PART 2 OF THE DOPEMAN'S TRILOGY

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**Urban Books** Part 2 of the Dopeman's Trilogy, JaQuavis Coleman chillingly chronicles the life and crimes of Harlem resident Hazel Brown, as she rises to the highest highs and spirals into an inevitable, devastating downfall. Hazel has nothing and no one in her life; the only thing she "owns" is an insatiable addiction to heroin. Her addiction brings her to the slums, where she quickly learns the tricks of surviving—of hustling and getting her street smarts. She'll do anything to feed her habit, even if that means robbing and conning and selling her own body. Yet no matter how much heroin she does, the pain that's cut so deep within her never goes away in this story so intimate and compellingly written, you'll feel like you're walking in her shoes.

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### THE DOPEMAN'S WIFE

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### PART 1 OF THE DOPEMAN'S TRILOGY

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**Urban Books** Once the streets pull you in, they own you. Or at least that's the way it's been for Nautica. Growing up in the 'hood, all she's ever known is the fast life—fast money ill-gotten through scandals and relentless scheming. But when a big scam nearly finishes her off, she decides to seek more out of life than the "hustle" and tries to make a new life for herself on the East Coast. It isn't long,

though, before she falls in with Manny, a drug kingpin, who sweeps her off her feet. He promises to marry her and make her "Queen of the Street." Then everything falls apart. As their relationship unravels, both of their dark secrets are uncovered, pitting them against each other in this exciting tale of love and deception.

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## THE DOPEMAN

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**Xlibris Corporation** Johnny "Boy" Pierre- is the son of Haitian immigrants coming to the U.S. seeking a better opportunity, only to live in dire poverty; when faced with the opportunity to enter the fast life, Johnny decides to take it head-on, even though it ultimately leads to the destruction of his family and of many around him. The DopeMan chronicles the life and crimes of Johnny "Boy" Pierre. Growing up at the height of the crack epidemic in New York City in the late 80s, early 90s, Johnny watched his parents struggle immensely. He hooks up with a local drug dealer with connections to Virge Maronzano, son of the most powerful Mafia boss in the country. Johnny quickly ascends through the ranks and becomes the gang's leader. During their peak the gang grosses over a billion dollars a year in the drug trade. His reign as leader lasts ten years before the FBI led by Milton Schwartz, the no nonsense head of the FBI's New York office, and Jimmy Smith, an undercover agent in the gang, are able to take him down. Johnny cooperates; assisting in breaking up the unholy alliance between his gang and the American mafia; an alliance that spanned three decades.

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## THE TROPHY WIFE

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**Urban Books** Love, lies, adultery, and death. Ashley and JaQuavis introduce readers to London, a beautiful immigrant from Trinidad. She was given to her husband by her father in order to settle a debt. Standing by her husband's side to make him the envy of his associates is a day in the life, but behind closed doors, their relationship becomes cold, and the abuse that she encounters has her looking for a way out. When she meets a young thug named Kalil, he opens her eyes to a world she never knew. Afraid of the repercussions of her actions, she avoids Kalil at all costs, but his relentless pursuit makes their love inevitable. Enter the world of The Trophy Wife. Her story will keep you guessing until the final page, and the outcome will leave you breathless.

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## DOPEMAN: MEMOIRS OF A SNITCH:

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### PART 3 OF DOPEMAN'S TRILOGY

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**Urban Books** DopeMan: Memoirs of a Snitch is a complex tale about the life and times of one the biggest drug traffickers the Midwest has ever seen. The FBI has launched an intricate plot to take down one of the most prolific drug organizations in the summer

of 2009, and Seven Smith is their main target. Seven establishes a relationship with an up and coming hustler and takes him under his wing. Unbeknownst to Seven, his protégé works for the authorities. The young hustler falls in love with a woman who is off-limits, and he has to make a difficult decision that puts many people's lives at risk. Lola Banks is the daughter of a well-known hit man and street legend in Ohio. When she lays her eyes on the out-of-towner/snitch, it becomes a forbidden love. She is caught in a web of lies and deceit, only to get the hurtful truth on the last page. This is a hustler's love story at its absolute finest. The conclusion to this story is so unpredictable and intelligent that no one will see it coming--no one.

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## THE WHITE HOUSE

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**Akashic Books** "The White House is a fast-paced thriller that doesn't disappoint." --Urban Reviews "White House by JaQuavis Coleman starts with a bang and will leave you wanting more." --Book Referees "Kidnapping, murder, and mayhem lead [Draya]--and the reader--through a harrowing and twisting plot to an explosive ending that no one sees coming." --Reading in Black & White "The White House is one of my most personal books ever. I took from a real-life situation and told a story that has been Detroit's secret for years. I'm bringing that to the forefront with my own twist. This venture with Infamous and Akashic feels right...It feels good. They are very in tune with my culture and style of writing which makes this a perfect situation for me." --JaQuavis Coleman on The White House The White House is based on true events, reimagining the dark chronicles of a notorious drug kingpin's death, and the unfortunate events that followed. The young heroine Draya lives paycheck to paycheck, laboring as a maid in a luxurious white house. One day, in the course of performing her duties, she is presented with an irresistible opportunity for a quick--and risky--payday. What unfolds in the white house changes the course of her life. Kidnapping, murder, and mayhem lead her--and the reader--through a harrowing and twisting plot to an explosive ending that no one sees coming. Look through the eyes of this young woman and glimpse how a life can forever be altered due to an unfortunate series of events--all touched off in a legendary white house. Infamous Books, curated by Albert "Prodigy" Johnson of the legendary hip-hop group Mobb Deep, is a revolutionary partnership that pairs the Infamous Records brand with Brooklyn-based independent publisher Akashic Books. Infamous Books' mission is to connect readers worldwide to crime fiction and street lit authors both familiar and new.

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## DIARY OF A STALKER

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**Urban Books** Electa Rome Parks paints a powerful portrait of a crazed fan who can't seem to close the book on the affair after a one-night-stand with a famous author—and who will stop at nothing to make him hers. Even if that means killing him. . . Bestselling author Xavier Preston is used to women throwing themselves at him. On top of being a successful writer, he's also tall, dark and sexy as sin.

He's always relished the attention, in fact, and is ever-willing to entertain the erotic urges of women wanting to get between more than the covers of his novels. Except once he meets Kendall, he decides it's time to put his womanizing ways behind him and devote himself to her entirely. Well, almost. . . Gorgeous Pilar is the last decadent treat Xavier decides he'll help himself to—thinking they are both on the same "no strings" page. Except behind Pilar's fine façade beats the heart of a raving maniac—a fatally attracted fan addicted to the kind of hot loving only Xavier can give her. And she's not about to let him get away from her so easily. So what starts out as a discreet dalliance soon spirals into a deadly game of obsession and pain—which can only have one winner. . .

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## FOREVER A HUSTLER'S WIFE

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### A NOVEL

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**One World** The high priestess of the hood, Nikki Turner, is back with the novel fans have been feenin' for: the sequel to her #1 bestselling novel, *A Hustler's Wife*. Des, Virginia's slickest gangsta, is about to become a dad when he is charged with the murder of his own attorney. But with Yarni, his gorgeous wife (and a brilliant lawyer), now calling the shots, Des isn't going back to the slammer without a fierce fight. Even with the heat on, Des manages to take his game to the next level and finds a new hustle, one that will allow him to possess the three things all major players desire: money, power, and respect. He becomes a preacher. Reluctantly, Yarni stands by her man as he trades in his triple beam scale for a Bible and a Bentley and makes his Church of the Good Life Ministry a welcoming place for all sinners to step up to the altar. But when Des's nephew is killed in the high-stakes heroin trade and Des learns that someone close to him okayed the hit, the dyed-in-the-wool gangsta sets aside the Bible for the gospel of the streets—even if it means risking the one person who's always had his back.

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## MURDERVILLE 2

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### THE EPIDEMIC

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**Simon and Schuster** Liberty and her new friend Po decide to take on the California kingpin and embark on a journey to Sierra Leone, where, with a new overseas connection, they hope that they and their drug empire can survive.

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## MURDERVILLE

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## FIRST OF A TRILOGY

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**Simon and Schuster** While Liberty lies on her deathbed, A'shai recalls their violent past together, which includes a Mexican drug cartel, child brothels, and the Los Angeles underworld.

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## LET THAT BE THE REASON

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### A NOVEL

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**Simon and Schuster** From literary icon and Essence bestselling author of *Imagine This* and *Dirty Red* comes forth the classic urban novel that launched Vickie Stringer's wildly successful career -- *Let That Be the Reason*. This is the remix. Based on Stringer's real-life experiences, this epic tale has changed the face of contemporary literature and continues to resonate and provide voice to thousands of urban readers as a cautionary tale of will and redemption. Pamela Xavier is a young woman left for dead by her drug-dealing boyfriend, Chino. With stacks of bills, no food in the fridge, and a baby on the way, Pammy turns to the streets for survival. Her back against the wall, Pammy relies on her alter ego, Carmen, to guide her through the male-dominated game and to achieve what she thinks will buy back her life and her happiness: money. In no time, Carmen graduates from call-girl service to leader of a major drug cartel -- all to raise her son so he may never know her same pain and struggle. But with money on her mind, Carmen soon realizes that the perilous choices and consequences of the game come at a much higher cost than she could ever have imagined. *Let That Be the Reason* in this collector's edition, including additional chapters and dialogue, is a true-to-life saga of a woman's love, ambition to survive, forgiveness, and salvation.

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## DIRTY TO THE GRAVE

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**Urban Books** Karen Williams, author of *Harlem on Lock* and *The People Vs. Cashmere*, brings you this dark street tale. Follow the highs and lows of Cha, Goldie, and Red, who come together for fun, laughs, and sometimes treachery in Long Beach, California. For these three ladies, survival was always about getting over by using lies, deceit, and sex. But when a plan goes dangerously wrong, Cha and Goldie take a step back out of the life. Cha desperately wants to rid herself of the demons of her past so she can at least feel normal enough to raise her son, Omari. Goldie ain't feeling the hood life anymore. She's tired of going from man to man, and knows her parents are rolling over in their graves at the life she chose for herself. Red craves the streets, and will cross anyone, friends included, to get what she wants. She steps deeper in the game, making her dirtier than she already is--so dirty that she will betray both Cha and Goldie, leading to horrifying consequences. *Dirty to the Grave* goes harder than Karen Williams has ever gone, with an

explosive ending that will shock you and make you wonder: Are your friends really your friends? They say life is hard from the cradle to the grave, and once you think people can't get any dirtier, they do!

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## **MURDER MAMAS**

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**Urban Books** Robyn and Aries are "The Murder Mamas," contract killers taking no prisoners in Los Angeles. It doesn't take them long to link up with Hollywood's biggest drug kingpin, who hires them to take out a snitch and a judge. But the plans backfire and they only complete half the job. Robyn gets caught and put on Death Row, and Aries goes on the run. She winds up in the Islands, where she takes up a new life as a mother and wife, and tries to forget who she once was. But unfinished business has a way of coming back to haunt you; and when it's the killing kind, there's a huge price to pay. Now Aries has to put it all on the line as she sets out to finish what the Murder Mamas started, leaving her family and her sanity and her soul behind. . . .

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## **DIRTY MONEY**

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**Urban Books** Anari is the epitome of a good-girl-turned-bad after her world is brutally destroyed. Consumed with her desire for revenge, she and her best friend Monica enter a life of drugs, fast money and betrayal - adopting the lifestyle that pushed them into the game in the first place. Hiding their true identities they quickly rise to the top of New Jersey's dope game. Using everyone who crosses their paths, nothing - not betrayal or addiction - will stop them from dispensing their street justice.

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## **THE DAY THE STREETS STOOD STILL**

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**Urban Books** In this gripping and heart-wrenching story, you will meet Sean. He was raised by a hustling, well-connected mother and was taught early about street survival. When his mother is brutally murdered, Sean is thrust into a cold world all alone. An old friend of his mother takes Sean under his wing and introduces him to a life of drug dealing at its highest level. Sean becomes "King Sean" and rises up the drug game's totem pole. King Sean makes a solid name for himself in the street game. The only weakness he has ever had is a childhood friend and also the love of his life—a beauty named Sunny. Sunny has a struggle with drugs, and along her road to recovery, Sean falls victim to the vice as well. His life is slowly headed on a downward spiral, and his decline from street fame is filled with murder, lies, backstabbing, and a struggle to survive. Walk on the journey with Sunny and Sean as they hit rock bottom and steal, lie, and deceive in their struggle with addiction. Someone dies . . . but not until the end is the truth unveiled. New York Times bestseller JaQuavis Coleman pens an intricate, fast-paced street thriller that tells a bold story of true love, addiction, and murder. Read about The Day the Streets Stood Still.

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### MURDERVILLE 3

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### THE BLACK DAHLIA

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**Simon and Schuster** In the final installment of the Murderville series, the characters learn that sometimes you have to give up pride and glory if you are ever going to survive life on the streets. Original. 50,000 first printing.

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### DIARY OF A STREET DIVA

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**Kensington Books** When his wife, Remy, is locked up unexpectedly, Cease, a young hustler from Flint, Michigan, stumbles upon her diary, which exposes her deepest and darkest secrets, and discovers a new side to this woman he thought he knew. Reprint.

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### WHITE MAN'S JUSTICE, BLACK MAN'S GRIEF

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**Holloway House Publishing** Goines' classic novel of prison life, it has been called "one of the most revealing books ever written about prison life and the bigotry built into our system."

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### A STICKY SITUATION

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**Dafina Books** Sexy straight shooter Maxine Shaw is a federal parole officer, but she strays from the rules when she hooks up with seriously fine parolee Seth Richardson. Maxine is even ready to look the other way on Seth's drug dealing, as he is letting her use some of the money to start her business. But when Seth's former ride-or-die chick Samantha returns from prison, Maxine discovers that two women fighting over one man is a real sticky situation.

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### GUILTY GUCCI

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**Urban Books** The Red Bottom Bandits may be the world's most fashion-forward gang of masked outlaws. They're the talk of D.C. for their daring robberies and fly gear. And their latest caper is penned by Ashley Antoinette (of Ashley & JaQuavis) at her sultry, streetwise best. When the innocent, naïve Gucci recognizes ringleader Sunny Raegan during a holdup, that's her "in" with the Bandits. Knowing she's got a lot more beauty than brains, Gucci sees the gang as her meal ticket. More likely, they'll be her ticket to the morgue! The Bandits may be lawless, but they play by a few simple rules: Get in and get out. . .shoot first and ask questions later. . .never leave without the money. . .and innocent people don't get hurt. But it's only a matter of time before all these rules get

broken—and that's when Gucci gets caught! If there's one thing a girl needs, it's a little help from her friends. But her "friends" have skipped town without giving her a second thought. And Sunny is distracted by her new baby and her violent ex-lover. So Gucci's on her own. She's on trial for her life, and she must decide whether to snitch on the girls—or take the fall all by herself. Whichever she chooses, it may be her death sentence.

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## **INNER CITY HOODLUM**

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**Holloway House Publishing** After a heist on a freight train leads to murder, Johnny and his friends go to work for kingpin Duke Davis, but when Duke recruits Johnny's little sister Leslie for prostitution and later kills her, Johnny seeks revenge.

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## **DOPEFIEND**

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**Kensington Books** Terry and Teddy's relationship crumbles and they go in separate directions as they become heroin addicts and seek their dealer's favor in order to feed the addiction.

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## **WHEN VILLAINS RISE**

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**HMH Books For Young Readers** With her best friend, Kovit's, life in danger, Nita is determined to take down the black market once and for all.

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## **THE DOPEMAN'S WIFE**

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## **PART 1 OF THE DOPEMAN'S TRILOGY**

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**Urban Books** After scoring a big payday, Nautica, who was raised by the streets, moves to the East Coast to start a new life, but instead gets involved with a rich and powerful drug lord who makes her his wife until past secrets turn them against each other.

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## **THE STUD PALACE**

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**Simon and Schuster** Leave your inhibitions at the door. Beautiful women from all walks of life, looking for a night of unadulterated pleasure with other women, choose from a menu of studs—women who have the swag of a man—to cater to their every sexual whim. Discover what happens when sexually frustrated Octavia Daniels is invited by her friend to take a walk on the wild side in the four levels of The Stud Palace.

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## STALKER

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**Urban Renaissance** After a brutal divorce, Abigail Wilson vowed to never love again, but when Brent Carson crosses her path, she simply can't resist his good-guy persona that exemplifies perfection. From A to Z, Brent appears to have it all. Abigail falls head over heels for him—until the unthinkable happens. Brent's announcement, "I'm just not that into you," sends her on a downward spiral. She can't cope with ill treatment from another man, and now nothing would please her more than to see Brent making his way to the gates of hell. In a rush to get him there, Abigail takes on an unforgettable, head-shaking, and shocking role as . . . Mrs. Stalker.

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## THE STILETTO AGREEMENT

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**St. Martin's Griffin** A gritty, dramatic, pulse-pounding street thriller by New York Times bestselling author JaQuavis Coleman. One wife. One mistress. One deadly game of sex, deception, and betrayal... Both wife and mistress are attached to the same man, a man heir to the throne of a powerful business. The same man that had led them on for years and kept secrets from them both. But now he's thousands of miles away, duct-taped and bound to a chair in a basement in Detroit, Michigan. As the intricate plan concocted between the two women unfolds, more and more layers of secrets are exposed. What starts out as a quest for ransom money turns into a ruthless game of cat and mouse. Within 72 hours, sex, manipulation, lies, and altered plans will all explode into unpredictable consequences that will change their three lives forever...

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## SUPREME CLIENTELE

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**Urban Books** Every Hustler's reign ends in one of two ways. . .prison or death. Refusing to let the prediction become a reality, Julius "Jules" Carter creates new rules to an old game. Strategically, he forms one of the most notorious drug operations Harlem has ever seen. Jules thought the game was his biggest challenge that is until he meets Tish. Young and Ambitious she is determined to escape from Harlem's allure, but her love for Jules has her rooted. She gets tangled in his web of lies and deceit. When she finds out about his past demons and connects them with her own, she soon finds out that there's a thin line between love and hate. You can't turn a bad girl good, but once a good girl turns bad she's gone forever. Julius finds out the hard way that everything done in the dark eventually comes to light. Ashley and JaQuavis narrate a fast paced, suspenseful tale of one of Harlem's biggest drug lords, his rise to power, and the woman behind him.

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## GAME OF GWOP

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**WAHIDA CLARK PRESENTS** What do you get when the baddest chick and four cold blooded killers enter a Newark, New Jersey strip club strapped with Mac 11s? You get a nasty body count and the lick of a lifetime! Not only do Charisma, GQ, Shamar and Crook steal bricks of coke and a load of gwop from the strip club, but the crew also reaps the promise of certain death once the club s owner puts his goons on their trail! The close knit crew refuses to go out like suckers, and soon hits the money making blocks of Wilmington, Delaware, where a cycle of vicious murders, merciless thefts, and insatiable greed follow them. As they grow more ruthless, their diabolical deeds finally capture the attention of the deadliest queenpin in the drug game, placing her right in their path. With goons aiming for their heads, the crew splits up with plans to work new hustles. But once a secret is revealed, the crew s bond is nearly broken and an enemy catches them slipping and declares swift revenge. Will the crew remain intact, or fall like a line of well set dominoes in the Game of Gwop?

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## RIDING DIRTY ON I-95

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## A NOVEL

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**One World BONUS:** This edition contains an excerpt from Nikki Turner's Heartbreak of a Hustler's Wife. Queen of hip hop fiction Nikki Turner follows her gritty, emotionally charged novel The Glamorous Life with this new tale from the hood featuring a beautiful down-on-her-luck sister who can out-hustle the best of them as she rises from the ghetto to glory. After Mercy's beloved dad is murdered in cold blood on her seventh birthday, her mother gives her up to foster care. But despite an unsavory upbringing, Mercy vows to make something of herself-at all costs. Working as a concierge at a hotel notorious for its shady clientele, Mercy meets and falls hard for a notorious dealer who keeps her living large in Gucci clothes and off-the-hook apartments. Then she lands a real lucrative deal: running drugs up Interstate 95 from Miami to New York. But Mercy doesn't want to live the gangsta life forever. She's got bigger dreams. She turns legit and makes her mark, yet despite a new, cleaned-up career, she can't get the streets completely out of her blood. A sexy hustler named C-Note steals her heart. And as their relationship heats up, Mercy discovers that their pasts are hopelessly-and tragically-entwined.

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## THUG-A-LICIOUS

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## AN URBAN EROTIC TALE

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**One World** "Have you ever wanted something so bad you was willing to crawl over bodies to get it? I mean, fiend for it so hard it didn't matter who you hurt, how low you had to scrape, it was gonna be yours? That's what music and balling did for me. They were the fundamentals behind my rise . . . and the perpetrators of my fall. They called me Harlem's black prince—a rising star who carried street dreams on his back. But the streets, ya know. They got a way of coming for theirs. A method of sneaking up on you when you ain't looking . . ." Andre "Thug-A-Licious" Williams came up on Harlem's meanest streets. But thanks to his nearly ankle-breaking hoop moves and explosive mic skills, he makes it out-and dominates the rap scene with chart-topping urban hits. Thug has sexed all the hottest freaks and has a slew of baby mamas to show for it. But no matter how many women he takes to his bed, only one can claim his heart: successful beauty salon owner Carmiesha "Lil Muddah" Vernoy, his ride-or-die queen who has stuck by his side and guarded his back through thick and thin. But Thug also has a nightmarish history with someone else. Pimp Williams, his older cousin and ex—partner in crime, is a cold-blooded killer who spreads havoc all over Harlem and will stop at nothing to get what he wants—even if it means betraying his own family, crushing Carmiesha, and forcing Harlem's black prince down to his knees and back to his bloody beginnings. "Urban erotica has never been hotter!" -Nikki Turner, author of Riding Dirty on I-95

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## THE CARTEL

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**Urban Soul** When Carter Diamon, the leader of The Cartel, which controls eighty percent of the cocaine industry, dies, his illegitimate son, Carter Jones, takes his place and starts sleeping with the enemy--Miamor, the leader of The Murder Mamas, who wants to take down The Cartel. Original.

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## FLYY GIRL

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**Simon and Schuster** From a fresh new voice with talent to burn comes this brash bitter sweet novel about Tracy Ellison, a young girl with knockout looks, slanted hazel eyes, tall hair, and attitude, as she comes of age during the hip-hop era. Motivated by the material life, Tracy, her friends, and the young men who will do anything to get next to them are plunged into a world of violence, gratuitous sex, and heartbreak. Slowly, Tracy begins to examine her life, her goals, and her sexuality—as she evolves from a FLYY GIRL into a woman. A captivating tale, written with fluid narrative and contemporary dialect, FLYY GIRL captures the complete feel and sounds of the streets and is destined to become an urban classic.

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## THE STREETS HAVE NO KING

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**St. Martin's Griffin** A street thriller of kidnapping, murder, trickery, and love that will have you at the edge of your seat. After 7 years of prison, multi-millionaire drug mogul Kane Garrett is back on the streets. But instead of diving back into the drug game, he's teaching a college class, infusing business principles with his signature ruthless edge he developed in the streets. When a student—and heavy heroin dealer—named Basil catches Kane's eye, Kane takes him on as a protégé and together, they build the biggest, smartest drug trafficking business the state has ever seen. But when Basil meets Moriah, Kane's only daughter, lines get crossed and their dominant business union becomes a deadly rivalry. Welcome to a world where the kings meet their end and no one stays at the top for long. The crown always lies heavy on he who commands the streets—and Kane and Basil will fight to claim their rule, before power is toppled again, in *The Streets Have No King* by New York Times bestselling author JaQuavis Coleman.

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## SECTION 8

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### A HOOD RAT NOVEL

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**St. Martin's Griffin** Since she was a little girl, Tionna's on and off addicted mother taught her to get hers by any means necessary. Tionna's heart is as cold as a December chill, but she holds a warm place in it for Duhan, the father of her two sons, and her on-again-off-again boyfriend since they were teenagers. Duhan becomes her knight in shining armor until the government turns their dream into a nightmare. With Duhan behind bars and everything she loves seized she finds herself starting over in the same neighborhood she swore she'd never come back to. With two kids, a man in prison and no back up plan, Tionna is once again living by her wits in order to maintain the lifestyle she'd become so accustomed to. Back in the thick of things with her best friends Gucci, Boots and Tracy, she finds herself rediscovering her old life and suddenly begins to wonder if she's really cut out to be a prisoner's wife.

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### KISS KISS, BANG BANG

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**Urban Books** When a set-up goes wrong and Six finds herself sleeping with the enemy, who will she choose, the man she loves, or the man she's supposed to hate? Detroit hustlers Free and Six have been together seven years, but their relationship has been nothing but drama. Free hasn't been faithful and Six has taken out her hurt by physically hurting the other women. Free ends up in jail for three years, and when he's sprung, he's not happy to learn that Six has been living the high-life on his dime and blown through \$100,000! Then Six gets entangled in one of Free's schemes and finds herself in a role almost too good to be true—posing as the woman of another man who actually treats her with respect. Though you can bet there won't be a "happily ever after" for anyone

involved. . . .

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## ANIMAL IV

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### LAST RITES

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**Write 2 Eat Concepts, LLC** From the moment Animal's former lover Red Sonja showed up on his doorstep, he knew trouble wouldn't be far behind. It wasn't because the last time he'd seen her, he had been fleeing for his life from a strange island. Nor was it because of the little girl she had in tow, claiming Animal was the father. It was because women like Red Sonja carried trouble around with them like designer purses. He knew getting involved with Sonja again would come at a price, but he had no idea how steep the price would be until it was too late. With his wife gone and his children abducted by a ruthless drug cartel, Animal must lead a suicide mission into the lair of one of the most dangerous assassins in the world, a woman who calls herself Tiger Lily. To go against Tiger Lily and the cartel Animal would need an army, so the call to arms is put out and the streets readily answer. Leading a handful of loyal souls against seemingly insurmountable odds, Animal races against the clock to save his children and put a stop to Tiger Lily and the cartel's plans, while trying to stay one step ahead of the two detectives following the trail of bodies. Things take an unexpected turn when Animal learns a dark truth hidden beneath what he had been led to believe that changes everything, including who can be trusted. When the Grand Design his father had always spoken of is finally revealed Animal will be forced to make the hard choice between love, loyalty, and vengeance.

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## THE CARTEL 7: ILLUMINATI

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### ROUNDTABLE OF BOSSES

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**St. Martin's Griffin** The saga of love, loyalty, and crime continues in the next explosive book in the Cartel series from the minds of New York Times bestselling authors Ashley & JaQuavis. After the tragic and bloody end to The Cartel's reign, Carter is forced into isolation to evade the law. With his wife, Miamor, facing federal charges and his dear brother, six feet under, Carter has never been more alone. His empire is at his feet and he has no idea how to rebuild his kingdom. The only thing that is certain is that he has to stay out the way and off the radar of the Feds until he can figure out how to get his lady out of prison. Miamor's freedom is guaranteed—provided Carter help create and distribute a drug that will take the streets by storm. Rubbing elbows with the most notorious, ruthless leaders of the underworld will get him what he wants. But can he win at their game of murder and money?

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**IT'S LIKE CANDY**

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**AN URBAN NOVEL**

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