

## Between The Devil And The Deep Blue Sea Between 1 By April

Just what you've been waiting for: A darkly comic thriller about dead mothers, floating Mormons, Lesbo Death Squads and the quest for The Perfect Alibi. With more twists than a Bavarian pretzel factory, *A Devil Between Us* will keep you guessing and gasping as you join Sal on a funeral march across the California desert, from the jagged cliffs of Laguna Beach to Utopia, Arizona's Number One Master Planned Disaster. Water-logged Latter-Day-Saints are the solution, not the problem, as our anti-hero teeters on the razor thin wire that separates sin and salvation, redemption and retribution, Divine Intervention and dumb luck. One more thing. There's a beautiful girl. With a Farrah Fawcett ass. And she's never felt so dead and alive, at the same time. You'll just have to read the book that's been described as "A twisted mash-up of High Fidelity and Fight Club, seasoned with a pinch of Gone Girl, narrated by a modern day Holden Caulfield." Trust me. You'll be glad you did. It's a really nice ass. \*\*\*\*\*Includes a Devilish Spotify playlist featuring over 200 songs from the book, including The Pixies, The Smiths, Gang of Four, REM, Pavement, Queen, Black Keys, Modest Mouse, Rush, Led Zeppelin, The Beatles and many more. About the author: Dave Rez is a one-time John Cusack impersonator and retired bride-wrangler. He resides in a Master Planned community with a bevy of lovely daughters, none of whom are named after a state, country or continent. This is his first novel.

Adair Turner became chairman of Britain's Financial Services Authority just as the global financial crisis struck in 2008, and he played a leading role in redesigning global financial regulation. In this eye-opening book, he sets the record straight about what really caused the crisis. It didn't happen because banks are too big to fail—our addiction to private debt is to blame. *Between Debt and the Devil* challenges the belief that we need credit growth to fuel economic growth, and that rising debt is okay as long as inflation remains low. In fact, most credit is not needed for economic growth—but it drives real estate booms and busts and leads to financial crisis and depression. Turner explains why public policy needs to manage the growth and allocation of credit creation, and why debt needs to be taxed as a form of economic pollution. Banks need far more capital, real estate lending must be restricted, and we need to tackle inequality and mitigate the relentless rise of real estate prices. Turner also debunks the big myth about fiat money—the erroneous notion that printing money will lead to harmful inflation. To escape the mess created by past policy errors, we sometimes need to monetize government debt and finance fiscal deficits with central-bank money. *Between Debt and the Devil* shows why we need to reject the assumptions that private credit is essential to growth and fiat money is inevitably dangerous. Each has its advantages, and each creates risks that public policy must consciously balance.

From bestselling author and international sensation Paulo Coelho, a novel set in a small village about a young, poor barmaid whose wager with the devil leads to a spiritual transformation. A stranger arrives at the remote village of Viscos, carrying with him a backpack containing a notebook and eleven gold bars. He comes searching for the answer to a question that torments him: Are human beings, in essence, good or evil? In welcoming the mysterious foreigner, the whole village becomes an accomplice to his sophisticated plot, which will forever mark their lives. A novel of temptation, *The Devil and Miss Prym* is a thought-provoking parable of a community devoured by greed, cowardice, and fear—as it struggles with the choice between good and evil. In this humorous and perceptive exchange between two devils, C. S. Lewis delves into moral questions about good vs. evil, temptation, repentance, and grace. Through this wonderful tale, the reader emerges with a better understanding of what it means to live a faithful life.

London's most notorious rogue—decadent, depraved, forbidden *The Ladies of the Ton* won't stop whispering about deliciously wicked Jack Dodger—once a thieving street urchin, now the wealthy owner of London's most exclusive gentleman's club. There's no pleasure he hasn't enjoyed, no debauchery the handsome scoundrel won't provide for the lords who flock to his house of carnal intrigue. London's most virtuous lady—honorable, uncorrupted, and all too human Olivia, Duchess of Lovington, would never associate with such a rogue. So when Jack is named sole heir to the duke's personal possessions, the beautiful, well-bred lady is outraged. Now, Olivia is forced to share her beloved home with this despicable man. Caught between the devil and desire But Olivia's icy disdain is no match for Jack's dangerous charm. His touch awakens desire. His kiss demands surrender. She will struggle to bar Jack from her heart . . . but her body, coveting divine release, will not let her bar him from her bed.

A sequel to *Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea* finds Violet and Neely searching for the nefarious River through a sequence of frenzied towns before Violet begins to question Neely's trustworthiness. Simultaneous eBook.

She might look like an angel . . . The moment orphaned American heiress Titania "Tansy" Danforth arrives on English shores she cuts a swath through Sussex, enslaving hearts and stealing beaux. She knows she's destined for a spectacular titled marriage—but the only man who fascinates her couldn't be more infamous . . . or less interested. But it takes a devil to know one . . . A hardened veteran of war and inveterate rogue, Ian Eversea keeps women enthralled, his heart guarded and his options open: why should he succumb to the shackles of marriage when devastating good looks and Eversea charm make seduction so easy? And Heaven has never been hotter! When Ian is forced to call her on her game, he never dreams the unmasked Tansy—vulnerable, brave, achingly sensual—will tempt him beyond endurance. And fight as he will, this notorious bachelor who stood down enemies on a battlefield might finally surrender his heart . . . and be brought to his knees by love.

In *Seven Endless Forests*, the gorgeous standalone companion to the critically acclaimed fantasy *The Boneless Mercies*, April Genevieve Tucholke spins a bold and blood-hungry retelling of the King Arthur legend that is perfect for fans of Naomi Novik, Garth Nix, and Laini Taylor. On the heels of a devastating plague, Torvi's sister, Morgunn is stolen from the family farm by Uther, a flame-loving Fremish wolf-priest who leads a pack of ragged, starving girls. Torvi leaves the only home she's ever known, and joins a shaven-skulled druid and a band of roaming Elsh artists known as the Butcher Bards. They set out on a quest to rescue Torvi's sister, and find a mythical sword. On their travels, Torvi and her companions will encounter magical night wilds and mystical Drakes who trade in young men. They will sing rowdy Elshland ballads in a tree-town tavern, and find a mysterious black tower in an Endless Forest. They will fight alongside famous Vorseland archers and barter with Fremish wizards. They will feast with rogue Jade Fell children in a Skal Mountain cave, and seek the help of a Pig Witch. They will face wild, dangerous magic that leads to love, joy, tragedy, and death. Torvi sets out to rescue a sister, but she may find it's merely the first step toward a life that is grander and more glorious than anything she could have imagined.

Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sky is a first-person, narrative non-fiction account of the period the author spent living as a 'dependant spouse' in Baghdad during the final year of the Saddam Hussein regime, and later as the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's correspondent in post-war Iraq. It's an account of terror, ambition, and betrayal in Iraq, and how she became the main character in a story she never wanted, or expected, to find. The book looks at the challenges and adjustments she had to make when she decided to abandoned her career, albeit temporarily, in order to support her husband in his new job with the United Nations Children's Fund, UNICEF. It also focuses on the friendships forged with ordinary Iraqis, despite the enormous hurdles of almost constant government surveillance and the overwhelming atmosphere of fear and suspicion under Saddam Hussein.

This early work by Stephen Vincent Benét was originally published in 1937 and we are now republishing it with a brand new introductory biography. 'The Devil and Daniel Webster' is a short story about a successful lawyer who believes you can win your soul back from the devil. Stephen Vincent Benét was born on 22nd July 1898 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, United States. Benét was an accomplished writer at an early age, having had his first book published at 17 and submitting his third volume of poetry in lieu of a thesis for his degree. During his time at Yale, he was an influential figure at the 'Yale Lit' literary magazine, and a fellow member of the Elizabethan Club. Benét was also a part-time contributor for the early Time Magazine. Benét's best known works are the book-length narrative poem American Civil War, John Brown's Body (1928), for which he won a Pulitzer Prize in 1929, and two short stories, The Devil and Daniel Webster (1936) and By the Waters of Babylon (1937). Benét won a second Pulitzer Prize posthumously for his unfinished poem Western Star in 1944.

"Compulsively readable."—New York Times Book Review The extraordinary new thriller from Stuart Turton, author of the bestselling murder mystery The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle, winner of the Costa Best First Novel Award. A murder on the high seas. A remarkable detective duo. A demon who may or may not exist. It's 1634, and Samuel Pippis, the world's greatest detective, is being transported to Amsterdam to be executed for a crime he may, or may not, have committed. Traveling with him is his loyal bodyguard, Arent Hayes, who is determined to prove his friend innocent. Among the other guests is Sara Wessel, a noblewoman with a secret. But no sooner is their ship out to sea than devilry begins to blight the voyage. A strange symbol appears on the sail. A dead leper stalks the decks. Livestock dies in the night. And then the passengers hear a terrible voice, whispering to them in the darkness, promising three unholy miracles, followed by a slaughter. First an impossible pursuit. Second an impossible theft. And third an impossible murder. Could a demon be responsible for their misfortunes? With Pippis imprisoned, only Arent and Sara can solve a mystery that stretches back into their past and now threatens to sink the ship, killing everybody on board. For fans of Steven King, The Devil and the Dark Water brings a chilling new spin to the Sherlock Holmes detective duo in a thriller of supernatural horror, occult suspicion, and paranormal mystery on the high seas.

A biography of the free black man who became a wealthy Philadelphia sailmaker and active abolitionist.

A comprehensive survey of the acclaimed photographer Pieter Hugo and his mesmerizing work, this book features images from each of his major series throughout his prolific career. Pieter Hugo's images are unflinching and unforgettable. Beginning with -Looking Aside, - his series of portraits of marginalized people, Hugo has striven to capture the African continent with empathy and impartiality. Whether confronting the aftermath of genocide in Rwanda, documenting electrical waste dumps in Ghana, or photographing in Nigeria's dynamic film industry, Nollywood, Hugo treats his subjects with reverence and awe. Including examples of his most recent series taken in the U.S. and China, this book offers stunning reproductions of Hugo's work in color and black-and-white, accompanied by the photographer's personal commentary. Bringing together more than a decade of work that has elicited fulsome praise, this volume lets readers appreciate Pieter Hugo's extraordinary oeuvre.

A modern-day pirate. An heiress lost at sea. And the treasure of a lifetime. He's beautiful. Calculating. Cruel. And he's taken me hostage. When pirates board my boyfriend's yacht, I jump overboard to save myself. Drifting asea. Until one man rescues me from the endless ocean. Except he has plans of his own. I'm worth too much money for ransom. He'll keep me on his ship and in his bed. The real danger lies in his dark-depth eyes. He wants more from me than money. Than passion. He wants everything. He rescued me, but I'm far from safe. There's an entire sea of danger threatening to drag me under. The Devil and the Deep Blue Sea by USA Today bestselling author Amelia Wilde is a dangerously sexy contemporary romance that will blow you out of the water.

Violet is in love with River, a stranger renting the guest house behind the mansion where Violet lives, but when grim events begin to happen, Violet recalls her grandmother's warnings about the devil and wonders if River is evil.

The true story of a retired British army officer's private Somali-hostage rescue mission

For the first time in English, Michael Ostling tells the story of the imagined Polish witches, showing how ordinary peasant-women got caught in webs of suspicion and accusation, finally confessing under torture to the most heinous of crimes.

In creating interpretive strategies for maritime sites, archaeologists and resource managers often are required to think creatively to overcome challenges and problems. These issues include interpreting sites in inaccessible locations and extremely deep water, enabling and controlling access to fragile sites and restricted areas, monitoring visitor behavior, making information interesting to a wide audience, and creating opportunities for public engagement, among other concerns. Meeting Challenges presents cutting-edge interpretation and public education strategies for maritime resources, both on land and underwater, with emphasis on solving the unique problems often associated with

presenting these fragile, limited-access sites as heritage attractions and on developing effective visitation and civic engagement opportunities. The examples presented ideally can serve as models for resource managers, archaeologists engaged in interpretation, and site administrators. This volume brings together a diverse group of heritage professionals to discuss issues they've encountered and to present ideas and case studies for adapting, improvising, and overcoming them.

Ames wants to escape from intercity gang life in the Mission District of San Francisco, which challenges his physical, emotional and spiritual life. Attempting to break out of the gang related activities in which he is involved; he has to rely on his inner strength. His journey takes him through dangers in gang fights, into the back streets of Hong Kong, to the city room of a newspaper where a deranged reporter wants to kill him, to missionary in Central America, to prison chaplain and to storms at sea. Shadowing his life is the feeling he will slip back to being as evil as he was in the street gang. In the church, he has a reputation as a "maverick." His path to escape his problems is the sea and sailing to far distant lands. Myasthenia Gravis, a neuromuscular disease, debilitates Ames. Suddenly he loses his ability to preach, to sail, to sing. Now what does God have in store for him? Those who are interested in real life adventures, in mission work, prison ministry, or sailing will find this book entertaining and exciting. Many will find hope in this book for making their own escape from the ghettos of their lives. They also, like the author, can escape.

An introduction to the anthropology of law that explores the connections between law, politics, and technology. From legal responsibility for genocide to rectifying past injuries to indigenous people, the anthropology of law addresses some of the crucial ethical issues of our day. Over the past twenty-five years, anthropologists have studied how new forms of law have reshaped important questions of citizenship, biotechnology, and rights movements, among many others. Meanwhile, the rise of international law and transitional justice has posed new ethical and intellectual challenges to anthropologists. Anthropology and Law provides a comprehensive overview of the anthropology of law in the post-Cold War era. Mark Goodale introduces the central problems of the field and builds on the legacy of its intellectual history, while a foreword by Sally Engle Merry highlights the challenges of using the law to seek justice on an international scale. The book's chapters cover a range of intersecting areas including language and law, history, regulation, indigenous rights, and gender. For a complete understanding of the consequential ways in which anthropologists have studied, interacted with, and critiqued, the ways and means of law, Anthropology and Law is required reading.

A gothic thriller romance, set against a creepy summer backdrop. Nothing much exciting rolls through Violet White's sleepy, seaside town . . . until River comes along. River rents the guesthouse behind Violet's crumbling estate, and as eerie, grim things start to happen, Violet begins to wonder about the boy living in her backyard. Is River just a crooked-smiling liar with pretty eyes and a mysterious past? Or could he be something more? Violet's grandmother always warned her about the Devil, but she never said he could be a dark-haired boy who takes naps in the sun, who likes coffee, who kisses you in a cemetery . . . who makes you want to kiss back. Violet's already so knee-deep in love, she can't see straight. And that's just how River likes it. With shades of Stephen King and F. Scott Fitzgerald, this is a must-read for fans of Beautiful Creatures, The Unbecoming of Mara Dyer, and Anna Dressed in Blood. "Looking for dark and eerie read...? Look no further than April Genevieve Tucholke's YA debut, Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea." —EntertainmentWeekly.com "Deliciously creepy." —TheAtlanticWire.com "A stunning debut with complex characters, an atmospheric setting, and a distinct voice... Tucholke has real talent." —VOYA, starred review

In the early 1970s, César Alvarez enlists in the navy to escape a life of crime; while the decision saves him from the streets, it also lands him amid volatile racial tensions at a crucial moment in US history. "Skillfully blending his fictional hero's coming-of-age story with a real-life racial confrontation aboard ship, Carter's tale is a winning combination of military procedural, suspense, and Black history." --Booklist, STARRED Review "André Lewis Carter weaves a riveting tale about a side of the US Navy we seldom see. Tone-perfect delivery and an inarguably authentic voice mark the debut of a powerful new talent." —David Poyer, author of Violent Peace "César Alvarez doesn't know if he deserves a second chance, but he gets one anyway in Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea. From the streets of Orlando to the deck of a Vietnam-bound carrier, André Lewis Carter finds ambiguity in moments of conscience, self-preservation, loyalty, and betrayal. This is an outstanding read." —Barbara J. Taylor, author of Sing in the Morning, Cry at Night The Vietnam War is raging, the US Navy has only recently begun the process of integration, and the country is reeling from racial turmoil and unrest. So why does César, a street-tough kid of Afro-Cuban descent, enlist in the navy? He is on the run from a life of crime and from Mr. Mike, a charismatic, sociopathic gangster who was once a mentor but has now turned on him. Escaping into a navy wrestling with its history of racism and sexism, César soon sees the absurdity of certain prejudices that seem as old as the US Armed Forces. When he is deployed aboard the USS Kitty Hawk, racial tensions are high and are moving quickly toward violence. Through it all, César's ever-growing sense of honor and self-worth force him to make moral decisions he never knew he was capable of. It's a fortitude he will desperately need.

When Tess and Eliot stumble upon an ancient book hidden in a secret tunnel beneath the school library, they accidentally release a devil from his book-bound prison, and he'll stop at nothing to stay free. He'll manipulate all the ink in the library books to do his bidding, he'll murder in the stacks, and he'll bleed into every inch of Tess's life until his freedom is permanent. Forced to work together, Tess and Eliot have to find a way to re-trap the devil before he kills everyone they know and love, including, increasingly, each other. And compared to what the devil has in store for them, school stress suddenly doesn't seem so bad after all.

This brilliant account of the maritime world of the eighteenth-century reconstructs in detail the social and cultural milieu of Anglo-American seafaring and piracy. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved. In 1853, Jessica Pratt is only ten when her innocence is violently ripped away, revealing to her the cruelty of the real world. She flees, escaping the harrowing scene, finding herself lost and alone in the untamed Northern California wilderness. Fighting for survival in the unforgiving territory, each step puts her closer to peril, and further away from everything she has ever known. Jessica is drawn into the sacred world of a mentor who becomes her family-the mountain her home. But the nature of life is change, and happy endings don't last forever. When she loses everything again, she ventures off the mountain for the first time in years. Jessica becomes Jesse in an attempt to protect herself in ways she couldn't as a child. Soon, she finds herself at the mercy of emotions beyond her control in a world suddenly off kilter. Will Jesse maintain her new persona for her own protection, or will she let down her guard and confess her true identity to an unlikely new love? In the end, it is fate that will decide.

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The Devil and Tom Walker by Washington Irving Classic Short Horror Stories - The Devil By his interest in popular legends the first of the great American writers shows his sympathy with the Romantic movement, which prevailed in his time in all the countries of Europe. His devil, however, has not been imported from the lands across the Atlantic, but is a part of the superstitions of the New World. The author himself did not believe in "Old Scratch." The real devils for him were the slave-traders and the witch-hunters of Salem fame. It is interesting now to read a contemporary critic of Washington Irving's devil-story: "If Mr. Irving believes in the existence of Tom Walker's master, we can scarcely conceive how he can so earnestly jest about him; at all events, we would counsel him to beware lest his own spells should prove fatal to him" (Eclectic Review, 1825). Few people in those days had the courage to take Old Nick good-naturedly. "Even the clever Madame de Stael," said Goethe, "was greatly scandalized that I kept the devil in such good-humour." The devil appears in many colours, principally, however, in black and red. It is a common belief in Scotland that the devil is a black man, as may also be seen in Robert Louis Stevenson's story "Thrawn Janet." There is no warrant in the biblical tradition for a black devil. Satan, however, appeared as an Ethiopian as far back as the days of the Church Fathers. The black colour presumably is intended to suggest his place of abode, whereas red denotes the scorching fires of hell. The devil was considered as a sort of eternal Salamander. In the New Testament he is described as a fiery fiend. Red was considered by Oriental nations as a diabolical colour. In Egypt red hair and red animals of all kinds were considered infernal. The Apis was also red-coloured. Satan's red beard recalls the Scandinavian god Donar or Thor, who is of Phoenician origin. Judas was always represented in mediaeval mystery-plays with a red beard; and down to the present day red hair is the mark of a suspicious character. The devil also appears as yellow, and even blue, but never as white or green. The yellow devil is but a shade less bright than his fiery brother. The blue devil is a sulphur-constituted individual. He is the demon of melancholy, and fills us with "the blues." As the spirit of darkness and death, the devil cannot assume the colours of white or green, which are the symbols of light and life. The devil's dragon-tail is, according to Sir Walter Scott, of biblical tradition, coming from a literal interpretation of a figurative expression. A few interesting remarks on the expression "The Devil and Tom Walker" current in certain parts of this country as a caution to usurers will be found in Dr. Blondheim's article "The Devil and Doctor Foster" in Modern Language Notes for 1918.

'One of the best accounts ever written of deep-water diving and its staggering, haunting dangers' Robert Kurson, New York Times bestselling author of Shadow Divers Deep underwater lurks a mysterious man-made illness. It has gone by many names over the years – Satan's disease, diver's palsy, the chokes – but today, medics call it decompression sickness. You know it as the bends. That's the devil British diver Martin Robson faces each time he plunges beneath the surface. In the winter of 2012, Robson was part of an expedition to Blue Lake, southern Russia, which sought to find a submerged cave system never seen by the human eye. On the final day of the expedition, as Robson returned from diving deeper into the lake than anyone had before, disaster struck: just seventy-five feet down, he was ambushed by the bends. Robson knew that if he continued up to the surface he would probably die before help arrived. Instead, he sank back into the water, gambling on an underwater practice most doctors believe is a suicidal act. Soon the only hope he had of saving his life would rest in the hands of a dramatic mercy mission organised at the highest levels of the Russian government. Between the Devil and the Deep is the first book to tell the terrifying true story of what it feels like to get the bends, taking you inside the body and mind of a man who suffered the unthinkable. Writer Mark Cowan also explores the grimly fascinating history of decompression sickness, the science behind what causes the disease, and the stories of the forgotten divers who pushed the limits of physical endurance to help find a solution. In his sixteenth collection of poetry, Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea Charles Edward Eaton employs his talents in a new role -- that of humorist and keen observer of life's predicaments and difficult choices. In the title poem of his first selection, he puts the reader into the mood of compassionate humor with his portrait of Mr. Meek who cuts out paper dolls for feminine companionship. Goliath is present as contrasting oaf, as well as the broken lives in Potted Palm who have ambitions to be royal.

He should have thrown her out. But when club owner Alexander Lavoie catches a mysterious blonde counting cards at his vingt-et-un table, he's more intrigued than angry. He has to see more of this beauty-in his club, in his office, in his bed. But first he'll have to devise a proposition she can't turn down. Gossip said he was an assassin. Common sense told her to stay away. But Angelique Archer was desperate, and Lavoie's club offered a surefire way to make quick money-until she got caught. Instead of throwing her out though, the devil offers her a deal: come work for him. Refusing him means facing starvation, but with a man so sinfully handsome and fiercely protective, keeping things professional might prove impossible . . . 2018 RITA award-winning author! "Wonderful! A charming, clever, and engaging storyteller not to be missed." -- Sarah MacLean, New York Times bestselling author

An account of the Chicago World's Fair of 1893 relates the stories of two men who shaped the history of the event--architect Daniel H. Burnham, who coordinated its construction, and serial killer Herman Mudgett.

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER A New York Times Editor's Choice From journalist and New York Times bestselling author Charles Blow comes a powerful manifesto and call to action, "a must-read in the effort to dismantle deep-seated poisons of systemic racism and white supremacy" (San Francisco Chronicle). Race, as we have come to understand it, is a fiction; but, racism, as we have come to live it, is a fact. The point here is not to impose a new racial hierarchy, but to remove an existing one. After centuries of waiting for white majorities to overturn white supremacy, it seems to me that it has fallen to Black people to do it themselves. Acclaimed columnist and author Charles Blow never wanted to write a "race book." But as violence against Black people—both physical and psychological—seemed only to increase in recent years, culminating in the historic pandemic and protests of the summer of 2020, he felt compelled to write a new story for Black Americans. He envisioned a succinct, counterintuitive, and impassioned corrective to the myths that have for too long governed our thinking about race and geography in America. Drawing on both political observations and personal experience as a Black son of the South, Charles set out to offer a call to action by which Black people can finally achieve equality, on their own terms. So what will it take to make lasting change when small steps have so frequently failed? It's going to take an unprecedented shift in power. The Devil You Know is a groundbreaking manifesto, proposing nothing short of the most audacious power play by Black people in the history of this country. This book is a grand exhortation to generations of a people, offering a road map to true and lasting freedom.

Originally written in 1938 but never published due to its controversial nature, an insightful guide reveals the seven principles of good that will allow anyone to triumph over the obstacles that must be faced in reaching personal goals.

"My dear fellow, myths are nothing but a less disturbing form of reality"-- This volume contains short stories that have something in common: the element of the unexplained - or, to use another term, the uncanny. Such stories are characterized by their ambiguity, as they are offered neither as explicitly supernatural, nor as the result of mere hallucination or illusion of the senses. And that, ultimately, is what makes them unsettling, disturbing, and scary. You, the reader, are at the very core of this ambiguity - this haze area where reality and unreality meet. Do the stories portray supernatural events? Do they feature demons and ghosts? Perhaps they are simply exemplifications of the frailty of the mind; sad, horrific manifestations of madness. The decision is entirely up to you, but make no mistake: there are no easy way-outs. The title of the book, 'Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea' functions as a reminder (dare one call it a warning?) that these stories involve impossible dilemmas that push the human mind to the edge of insanity. Nothing is what it seems - and this also applies to this book itself as the readers reaching the Epilogue will discover.

The true story of a retired British army officer's private Somali-hostage rescue mission During the peak of the Somali piracy crisis, three ships – from Malaysia, Thailand and Taiwan – were hijacked and then

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abandoned to their fate by their employers, who lacked the money to pay ransoms. All would still be there, were it not for Colonel John Steed, a retired British military attaché, who launched his own private mission to free them. At 65, Colonel Steed was hardly an ideal saviour. With no experience in hostage negotiations and no money behind him, he had to raise the ransom cash from scratch, running the operation from his spare room and ferrying million-dollar ransom payments around in the boot of his car. Drawing on first-hand interviews, former chief foreign correspondent of The Sunday Telegraph, Colin Freeman, who has himself spent time held hostage by Somali pirates, takes readers on an inside track into the world of hostage negotiation and one man's heroic rescue mission.

"STARTLING . . . FIENDISH . . . MEMNOCH'S TALE IS COMPELLING." --New York Daily News "Like Interview with the Vampire, Memnoch has a half-maddened, fever-pitch intensity. . . . Narrated by Rice's most cherished character, the vampire Lestat, Memnoch tells a tale as old as Scripture's legends and as modern as today's religious strife." --Rolling Stone "SENSUAL . . . BOLD, FAST-PACED." --USA Today "Rice has penned an ambitious close to this long-running series. . . . Fans will no doubt devour this." --The Washington Post Book World "MEMNOCH THE DEVIL OFFERS PASSAGES OF POETIC BRILLIANCE." --Playboy "[MEMNOCH] is one of Rice's most intriguing and sympathetic characters to date. . . . Rice ups the ante, taking Lestat where few writers have ventured: into heaven and hell itself. She carries it off in top form." --The Seattle Times

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