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science fiction to adult future-noir, with side trips into royal fantasy romance and middle grade. Her bestselling novels and short stories have been optioned for Virtual Reality, translated into German and French, and featured in several anthologies. She writes full-time from Chicago, inventing mind powers and dreaming of the Singularity. See her website for free stories, trailers, and links to social media.

Lemony Snicket meets Roald Dahl in this riotously funny, deliciously macabre, and highly illustrated tale of a hungry beast, a vain immortal man, and a not-so-charming little girl who doesn't know she's about to be eaten. Beauty comes at a price. And no one knows that better than Ebenezer Tweezer, who has stayed beautiful for 511 years. How, you may wonder? Ebenezer simply has to feed the beast in the attic of his mansion. In return for meals of performing monkeys, statues of Winston Churchill, and the occasional cactus, Ebenezer gets potions that keep him young and beautiful, as well as other presents. But the beast grows ever greedier with each meal, and one day he announces that he'd like to eat a nice, juicy child next. Ebenezer has never done anything quite this terrible to hold onto his wonderful life. Still, he finds the absolutely snottiest, naughtiest, and most frankly unpleasant child he can and prepares to feed her to the beast. The child, Bethany, may just be more than Ebenezer bargained for. She's certainly a really rather rude houseguest, but Ebenezer still finds himself wishing she didn't have to be gobbled up after all. Could it be Bethany is less meal-worthy and more...friend-worthy?

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Big men. Big money. Big games. Big libidos. Big trouble. A decade ago, *The Bonfire of the Vanities* defined an era--and established Tom Wolfe as our prime fictional chronicler of America at its most outrageous and alive. This time the setting is Atlanta, Georgia--a racially mixed late-century boomtown full of fresh wealth, avid speculators, and worldly-wise politicians. The protagonist is Charles Croker, once a college football star, now a late-middle-aged Atlanta real-estate entrepreneur turned conglomerate king, whose expansionist ambitions and outsize ego have at last hit up against reality. Charlie has a 28,000-acre quail-shooting plantation, a young and demanding second wife--and a half-empty office tower with a staggering load of debt. When star running back Fareek Fanon--the pride of one of Atlanta's grimmest slums--is accused of raping an Atlanta blueblood's daughter, the city's delicate racial balance is shattered overnight. Networks of illegal Asian immigrants crisscrossing the continent, daily life behind bars, shady real-estate syndicates, cast-off first wives of the corporate elite, the racially charged politics of college sports--Wolfe shows us the disparate worlds of contemporary America with all the verve, wit, and insight that have made him our most phenomenal, most admired contemporary novelist. *A Man in Full* is a 1998 National Book Award Finalist for Fiction. Jack Freedman's heart gave out on New Year's Eve 2016, when he was in his mid-forties. But he'd had problems long before then. Born with a slightly defective heart valve, Jack was told he might need surgery by the time he was 60 years old. But when he was hospitalized for a severely fractured leg at age 27, a doctor callously informed

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him that he'd need open heart surgery in just a few years. Terrified of his "heart thing," he began a wild roller coaster ride between denial, fueled by massive amounts of Xanax and alcohol, and fear-filled cardiology appointments and invasive tests. A brilliant mind, Jack's career as an entertainment lawyer suddenly seemed too confining, so he became a flight attendant for American Airlines. Of course. Now he could jet to his beloved Paris for a weekend, or even for a day. He could party across three continents. And wherever he went, he wrote-in his journals, on a restaurant napkin, on any scrap of available paper. He planned to write a book, and had put together a manuscript during the last years of his life. His delight in words, his fantastic sense of humor, and his gay "fabulousness" permeate the book, as does his love of family, friends, and lovers. A heart can break in so many ways. Cry, and laugh, with Jack on his journey through his "heart thing."

What if you knew there was life after death? Eli is back from the dead... and determined to stop the powerful ascenders who blasted him out to the void. But in the three days he was gone, the world moved on. The girl he loves is determined to build an army of augmented humans to fight the ascenders—with herself as the next Offering. The ascenders are lining up in a death cult based on the charismatic ascender Eli accidentally released from storage—and all the restraints that have kept the ascender world in balance are now off. Everyone is rushing to be the first to bring a Second Singularity—to reach the numinous world from which Eli just returned—regardless of the

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cost. And the chaos and bloodshed of the first Singularity show just how high that cost can be. How can he stop the world from hurtling off the cliff when he's the one who proved there's something to reach, if only you could learn how to fly? The Last Mystic is the thrilling conclusion to the Singularity series. This philosophical, HopePunk sci-fi series explores the intersection of mind, body, and soul in a post-Singularity world. Keywords: Robots, androids, artificial intelligence, singularity, cyborg, spiritual, religion, AI, cyberpunk, dystopian

The heart-cry of every child without parents—a cry to be loved and to belong—told through the story of one boy named Jacob. For over two decades, Gary Stephens, his wife Helen, and their four biological children lived in Hong Kong. There they worked with Vietnamese refugees, then founded several homes for orphans and assisted with local and international adoptions. Later, their work spilled into mainland China, when they learned of baby girls being abandoned in alarming numbers, innocent victims of the one-child policy. Gary and Helen acted, helping to found an orphanage in a city in southern China. But the heart of this story is their son Jacob, who was born without eyes and subsequently abandoned. Underweight and sickly, two-year-old Jacob had lived in four different institutions before they found him and brought him to their home for children with special needs. They adopted him in 1998 and have spent the last sixteen years reclaiming what was lost in those first two. *Waiting for a Father* is a story of hope and reconciliation, of people who did not look away, who instead opened their hearts to a

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child who needed them. This inspiring message is a call to action: to help empty the orphanages of the world...one child at a time.

Much to the chagrin of his girlfriend, Gia, Repairman Jack doesn't deal with electronic appliances—he fixes situations for people, situations that usually involve putting himself in deadly danger. His latest project is recovering a stolen necklace, which carries with it an ancient curse that may unleash a horde of Bengali demons. Jack is used to danger, but this time Gia's daughter Vicky is threatened. Can Jack overcome the curse of the yellow necklace and bring Vicky safely back home? At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Thalli thought escaping to the surface would mean freedom. But is she any less of an anomaly aboveground? After escaping an underground annihilation chamber, Thalli, Berk, Rhen, and John find themselves fleeing across the former United States, aboveground for the first time. As the defectors cross the forgotten landscape, the three youths see things they had only read about on screens: horses, rain, real books—and a colony of unsanctioned survivors living the ancient way in a town called New Hope. When the citizens of New Hope reveal the truth of what happened years ago, Thalli is left unsettled and skeptical of everything she's ever been told. Can she trust anything from the State, including her own feelings for Berk? When she volunteers for a peace mission to New Hope's violent neighbor, Athens, her confusion mounts as the supposedly ruthless Prince Alex turns out to be kind and charming. Although everyone in New Hope warned her not to, she can't help but fall for him. Meanwhile, John's unwavering faith in the goodness of the Designer begins to make its mark on Thalli's heart. But can Thalli

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really come to trust in a generous, protective Designer who rules over all things? Would that not be setting herself up for another betrayal? The time for her to decide is now . . . because the State is closing in. “McGee once again blends a Christian message within a horrific science fiction plot . . . death, torture, and confusing love triangles.” —Booklist “McGee blends the determination of faith, the malevolence of those who extol power over decency, and the assertion of individual integrity in a humane glimpse at youthful courage.” —Publisher’s Weekly

In the third installment of the Shadow Falls series, Kylie Galen believes that if she can just discover what she is, all the other uncertainties in her life will suddenly make sense, but in a camp for teens with paranormal abilities, there’s not much that makes sense. Original. Warrior faery princes can be very stubborn. Especially when they possess your body. Fourteen-year-old Finn just wants to keep his little sister out of Child Protective Services—an epic challenge with their parentally-missing-in-action dad moving them to England, near the famous Stonehenge rocks. Warrior faery Prince Zaneyr just wants to escape his father’s reckless plan to repair the Rift—a catastrophe that ripped the faery realm from Earth 4,000 years ago and set it adrift in an alternate, timeless dimension. When Zaneyr tricks Finn into swapping places, Finn becomes a bodiless soul stuck in the Otherworld, fighting spriggans with sharp teeth and rival faery Houses. Back on Earth, Zaneyr uses Finn’s body to fight off his father’s seekers and keep the king’s greatest weapon—himself—out of his hands. Between them, they have two souls and only one body... and both worlds to save before the dimensional window between them slams shut. Faery Swap is an action and druid-magic filled portal fantasy, told by both a runaway faery prince and the boy he’s tricked into taking his place. This Prince and the Pauper meets Warrior Faeries tale is suitable for all ages. Includes four interior illustrations.

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KEYWORDS: middle grade fantasy, sword, sorcery, magic, quest, action, adventure, preteen

When everyone reads minds, a secret is a dangerous thing to keep. Sixteen-year-old Kira Moore is a zero, someone who can't read thoughts or be read by others. Zeros are outcasts who can't be trusted, leaving her no chance with Raf, a regular mindreader and the best friend she secretly loves. When she accidentally controls Raf's mind and nearly kills him, Kira tries to hide her frightening new ability from her family and an increasingly suspicious Raf. But lies tangle around her, and she's dragged deep into a hidden underworld of mindjackers, where having to mind control everyone she loves is just the beginning of the deadly choices before her.

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A beloved adventure classic, *The Swiss Family Robinson* is a tale of courage in the face of the unknown that has endured the test of time. Trapped on a remote island after a storm leaves them shipwrecked, a Swiss pastor, his wife, and their four sons must pull together if they want to survive. Hunting, farming, and exploring a strange land for the first time, each son not only

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tests his own bravery, but discovers a skill all his own as they each adapt to this new, wild place. Full of wonder, revelation, and invention, this timeless adventure story has sparked imaginations of readers young and old for generations. Featuring an appendix of discussion questions, this Diversion Classics edition is ideal for use in book groups and classrooms. For more classic titles like this, visit www.diversionbooks.com/ebooks/diversion-classics

Sneaking out of the palace wasn't one of Aniri's best ideas. But she's the Third Daughter of the Queen of Dharia—zero responsibilities and zero royal duties. She's just the backup daughter, in case her older sisters' arranged marriages—to take the crown or broker an alliance—don't quite work out. But once Aniri reaches her 18th birthday, she'll be truly free... and then she can marry the charming fencing instructor she meets for fevered kisses in the forest. But then the impossible happens—a marriage proposal. From a barbarian prince in the north, no less. And if Aniri refuses, the threat of their new flying weapon might bring war. So she agrees to the young prince's proposal, but only as a subterfuge to spy on him, find the weapon, and hopefully avoid both war and an arranged marriage to a man she doesn't love. But once she arrives in the sweeping mountains of the north, she discovers the prince has his own secrets... and saving her country may end up breaking her heart. This Bollywood-style royal romance takes you to an alternate East Indian world filled with skyships, saber duels, and lots of royal intrigue. **THIRD DAUGHTER** is the first book in the **Royals of Dharia** trilogy.

"Steampunk fans will appreciate the airships, swordfights, illicit romance, fantastical technology, desperate escapes, last-minute rescues, and breathtaking scenery, all pulled together by a genuine sense of fun." - Publisher's Weekly "One of the Top 10 E-Romances for 2014." - Library Journal **THE ROYALS OF DHARIA Third Daughter (Book One) Second**

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Daughter (Book Two) First Daughter (Book Three) KEYWORDS: clean and wholesome, sweet royal romance, steampunk, historical Victorian romance, spies and espionage, young adult fiction, teen fiction, young adult free books, young adult romance, young adult books free, steampunk books free, historical romance books free, steampunk fantasy romance, top romance reads, romance books free, romance free, free books, start a new series, free romance series starters, YA romance, romance & friendship, YA science fiction and fantasy, clean romance books free, steampunk free, young adults romance free books, young adults free books

A magical game of hide-and-seek begins. Find the missing player and win. The game resets. They all forget and start the game again. Seventeen-year-old Starr Hughes hasn't believed in magic since the day her mother died. As an aspiring reporter, the only thing she cares about is cold, hard facts. So when she hears the popular kids at school (the It-Squad) are about to start a secret game, she wants every detail, especially since she has a major crush on gorgeous Dylan Winchester. Hiding under the headmaster's desk, planting bugs, and breaking into a classmate's home are all on her to-do list. With her boy-crazy best friend Lily at her side, Starr discovers that witches are not only real, but they also need her help. Someone is using the game to steal their memories, their powers, and perhaps even their lives. Witch Hunt is the second release in a new young adult series called The Witch Game Novels. The Witch Game Novels are filled with mischief, romance, witchy games and trouble.

For better, for worse. In sickness and in health. It's a legal vow of care for families in 2050, a world beset by waves of climate-driven plagues. Power

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engineer Lucía Ramirez long ago lost her family to one—she'd give anything to take that vow. The Power Islands give humanity a fighting chance, but tending kelp farms and solar lilies is a lonely job. The housing AI found her a family match, saying she should fit right in with the Senegalese retraining expert who's a force of nature, the ex-Pandemic Corps cook with his own cozy channel, and even the writer who insists everything is stories, all the way down. This family of literal and metaphorical refugees could be the shelter she's seeking from her own personal storm. She needs this one to work. Then an unscheduled power outage and a missing turtle-bot crack open a mystery. Something isn't right on Power Island One, but every step she takes to solve it, someone else gets there first—and they're determined to make her unsee what she's seen. Lucía is an engineer, not a detective, but fixing this problem might cost her the one thing she truly needs: a home. *When You Had Power* is the first of four tightly-connected novels in a new hopepunk series. It's about our future, how society will shift and flex like a solar lily in the storms of our own making, and how breaks in the social fabric have to be expected, tended to, and healed. Because we're in this together, now more than ever before. Keywords: hopepunk, climate fiction, Puerto Rico, Puerto Rican, Latino, Hispanic, solarpunk, climate change, climate crisis, solar energy, green energy, clean energy, global warming, pandemic,

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plague, underwater adventure, kelp farming, fusion engineering, wind energy, literary science fiction, mystery, suspense, hard science fiction, dystopian, heroine's journey

Susie Salmon is just like any other young American girl. She wants to be beautiful, adores her charm bracelet and has a crush on a boy from school. There's one big difference though – Susie is dead. Add: Now she can only observe while her family manage their grief in their different ways. Susie is desperate to help them and there might be a way of reaching them... Alice Sebold's novel *The Lovely Bones* is a unique coming-of-age tale that captured the hearts of readers throughout the world. Award-winning playwright Bryony Lavery has adapted it for this unforgettable play about life after loss.

In a world filled with mindreaders, Zeph is a mindjacker who wants to stay hidden—even if it means the cute mindreader in his Latin class is forever out of his reach. He uses his ability to lock and unlock minds to gain protection from a ruthless mindjacker Clan and to keep his family safe. But when the existence of mindjackers is revealed to the world, it's no longer safe for any jacker. Zeph is forced to choose between destroying the mind of a young jacker changeling... or turning his back on everyone he loves. *The Locksmith* is Zeph's origin story. **MINDJACK: KIRA** Open Minds (Book 1) Closed Hearts (Book 2) Free Souls

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The acclaimed debut novel by the author of *Little Fires Everywhere*. “A taut tale of ever deepening and quickening suspense.” —O, the Oprah Magazine

“Explosive . . . Both a propulsive mystery and a profound examination of a mixed-race family.” —Entertainment Weekly

“Lydia is dead. But they don’t know this yet.” So begins this exquisite novel about a Chinese American family living in 1970s small-town Ohio. Lydia is the favorite child of Marilyn and James Lee, and her parents are determined that she will fulfill the dreams they were unable to pursue. But when Lydia’s body is found in the local lake, the delicate balancing act that has been keeping the Lee family together is destroyed, tumbling them into chaos. A profoundly moving story of family, secrets, and longing, *Everything I Never Told You* is both a gripping page-turner and a sensitive family portrait, uncovering the ways in which mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, and husbands and wives struggle, all their lives, to understand one another.

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This brilliant collection mixes the storytelling originality of George Saunders and Lydia Davis with a sensibility all its own, taking the reader on an extraordinary tour of an old and a new Australia. A woman on a passenger ship in 1958 gets involved with a young, wild Barry Humphries. A man looks back to the 1970s and his time as a member of Australia's least competent scout troop. In 1988, a teenage boy recalls his sexual initiation, out on the tanbark. In 2015, two sisters text in Kmart about how to manage their irascible, isolated mum. Then, in the near future, a racist demagogue addresses the press the day after his electoral triumph. As the cities heat up and lose their water, a lady from one of the 'better suburbs' makes every effort to get her family into an exclusive gated community. Outstandingly original, biting satirical and written in a remarkable range of voices, *A Couple of Things Before the End* is a powerful vision of where we are – and where we may be headed. 'These voices, so superbly heard and rendered, threw me into fits of laughter and slyly broke my heart.' —Helen Garner 'Astonishing ... an inventive collection of missives from the end of history. Complicated and savage and difficult and funny and melancholy, it's both harsh and a caress. How do we speak and write into a future? I think Sean O'Beirne is showing us one way of doing it.' —Christos Tsiolkas 'O'Beirne inflects his identifiably Australian characters with a darkly comic and empathetic voice ...

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altogether, this collection invokes [our] questionable past, ironic present and disturbing future.’ —Books+Publishing

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The first trade paperback edition of the New York Times best-seller about West Point's Class of 1966, by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Rick Atkinson. This is the story of the twenty-five-year adventure of the generation of officers who fought in Vietnam. With novelistic detail, Atkinson tells the story of West Point's Class of 1966 primarily through the experiences of three classmates and the women they loved--from the boisterous cadet years and youthful romances to the fires of Vietnam, where dozens of their classmates died and hundreds more grew disillusioned, to the hard peace and family adjustments that followed. The rich cast of characters includes Douglas MacArthur, William Westmoreland, and a score of other memorable figures. The West Point Class of 1966 straddled a fault line in American history, and Rick Atkinson's masterly book speaks for a generation of American men and women about innocence, patriotism, and the price we pay for our dreams.

A teen from Ohio discovers he's the last in a long line of magical warriors chosen to fight to the death. Before he knew about the Roses, sixteen-year-old Jack lived an unremarkable life in the small Ohio town of Trinity. Only the medicine he has to take daily and the thick scar above his heart set him apart from the other high-schoolers. Then one day Jack skips his medicine.

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Suddenly, he is stronger, fiercer, and more confident than ever before. And it feels great—until he loses control of his own strength and nearly kills another player during soccer team tryouts. Soon, Jack learns the startling truth about himself: He is Weirind; part of an underground society of magical people who live among us. At the head of this magical society sit the feuding houses of the Red Rose and the White Rose, whose power is determined by playing The Game: a magical tournament in which each house sponsors a warrior to fight to the death. The winning house rules the Weir. As if his bizarre magical heritage isn't enough, Jack finds out that he's not just another member of Weirind—he's one of the last of the warriors, at a time when both houses are scouting for a player.

The Mining Master of Thebe is all alone—not counting the scavenger drones, foundry nanites, and magtread tractors buzzing across the tiny Jovian moon. When a spindly tower of rocks mysteriously appears at the pole, it's enough to vex the Mining Master's machine intelligence like dust trapped in a harvester joint. Reporting it could mean reassignment to the Outer Belt, but probing deeper into the mystery threatens to unlock something better left... contained.

Containment is a standalone short novella that takes place in the world of the Singularity novels. Start the novel series with *The Legacy Human* (Singularity 1). Keywords: Robots, androids, artificial, intelligence, singularity, cyborg, spiritual, religion, AI, cyberpunk, dystopian

When mindreaders run the world, being a jacker makes you a weapon. Zeph can break open the toughest minds—or lock the weakest—which only means every Clan leader wants to own him. He did as he was told, kept his head down, and tried to shut out the screams. But when they came after his family, he hugged his kid sister goodbye and ran away to keep them safe. For two years, he's passed as a reader. Then his family disappears, readers start changing

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into super jackers, and Zeph is forced to return to a city filled with jackers who hate him. To find his family, he must trick a mindware CEO into helping him, avoid a girl who knows him too well, and spy on the most powerful jacker in the state. All without dying or revealing his abilities—or being caught in the firestorm of hate between jackers and readers that's threatening to pull the world apart. The bestselling Mindjack Series continues with an all new character and a world of mindreaders and mindjackers as you've never seen it before.

LOCKED TIGHT is the first of three Mindjack novels from Zeph's perspective. (See The Locksmith for Zeph's origin story.) MINDJACK: KIRA Open Minds (Book 1) Closed Hearts (Book 2) Free Souls (Book 3) Mindjack Short Story Collection (Book 4) MINDJACK: ZEPH Locked Tight (Book 1) Cracked Open (Book 2) Broken Wide (Book 3) The Locksmith (Book 4) FORMATS AND TRANSLATIONS Mindjack available in ebook, print, audiobook, French and German LIVE ACTION TRAILER Voted Best Trailer at the 2014 Illinois International Film Festival and one of 50 Most Cinematic Trailers Ever Made – check it out at Susan's website.

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After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen, leading Jack to undertake a vital quest to Jotunheim, home of the trolls.

Humanity is trapped in a loop. As the world heats, it takes more energy to keep humanity from dying—a feedback loop that makes net-zero carbon increasingly impossible to reach. Akemi's job on the Public Utilities Commission has its own daily disasters—making sure the

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infrastructure of civilization keeps running is the most thankless job on the planet. When a double event hits—heatwave plus viral breakout—keeping the power on is an all-out battle. It doesn't help that he's distracted by his elderly father, who was struck down and neuro-compromised by the same virus that killed his mother the year before. Now his father is living in Akemi's attic. They'd never had a relationship before, and that was a fair description of the state of things now. Then an old friend's daughter shows up with a mystery of physics... and a tale of stolen kilowatts and deadly intrigue. He would dismiss it outright, except she's also the Regional Director of the power grid. Something isn't right, and the Governor won't accept excuses when the power goes out. Sometimes, you're the right person in the right place, whether you want to be or not. Of Kindness and Kilowatts is the third of four tightly-connected novels in a new hopepunk series. It's about our future, how the world is always more complicated than it seems, and how just when it seems like things couldn't possibly get worse, they invariably do... and that's when we discover kindness and quantum entanglement are what hold everything together. Keywords: hopepunk, climate fiction, Japan, Japanese American, Asian American, quantum physics, solarpunk, climate change, climate crisis, solar energy, green energy, clean energy, global warming, pandemic, plague, underwater adventure, kelp farming, fusion engineering, wind energy, literary science fiction, mystery, suspense, hard science fiction, dystopian, heroine's journey

In No Beginning, No End, Zen master Jakusho Kwong-roshi shows us how to treasure the ordinary activities of our daily lives through an understanding of simple Buddhist practices and ideas. The author's spontaneous, poetic, and pragmatic teachings—so reminiscent of his spiritual predecessor Shunryu Suzuki (Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind)—transport us on an exciting

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journey into the very heart of Zen and its meaningful traditions. Because Kwong-roshi can transmit the most intimate thing in the most accessible way, we learn how to ignite our own vitality, wisdom, and compassion and awaken a feeling of intimacy with the world. It is like having a conversation with our deepest and wisest self. Jakusho Kwong-roshi was originally inspired to study Zen because of zenga, the ancient art of Zen calligraphy. Throughout this book he combines examples of his own unique style of calligraphy, with less-known stories from the Zen tradition, personal anecdotes—including moving and humorous stories of his training with Suzuki-roshi—and his own lucid and inspiring teachings. All of this comes together to create an intimate expression of the enlightening world of Zen.

His Southern Temptation (The Boys are Back in Town Series) by Robin Covington Some women are bad. Some women are a bad idea. The best ones are both... As a Black Ops assassin, "Lucky" Landon has had more than his fair share of close calls. Now he's turned in his sniper rifle for the simple life of his small hometown. So the last thing he ever expected was to end up at gunpoint. Or that the woman holding the gun would be his best friend's little sister and Lucky's on-again/off-again lover. Taylor Elliott is Trouble, and she likes it that way. And seeing Lucky again? Well, he's been her dirty little secret for the past few years and everyone knows that secrets in a small town are almost impossible to keep. But Taylor has bigger problems on her plate. Like the local mob boss who wants her dead. And right now the only thing standing between Trouble and disaster is a hottie named Lucky...

What would you give to live forever? Elijah Brighton wants to become an ascender—a post-Singularity human/machine hybrid—after all, they're smarter,

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more enlightened, more compassionate, and above all, achingly beautiful. But Eli is a legacy human, preserved and cherished for his unaltered genetic code, just like the rainforest he paints. When a fugue state possesses him and creates great art, Eli miraculously lands a sponsor for the creative Olympics. If he could just master the fugue, he could take the gold and win the right to ascend, bringing everything he's yearned for within reach... including his beautiful ascender patron. But once Eli arrives at the Games, he finds the ascenders are playing games of their own. Everything he knows about the ascenders and the legacies they keep starts to unravel... until he's running for his life and wondering who he truly is. The Legacy Human is the first in a philosophical HopePunk sci-fi series that explores the intersection of mind, body, and soul in a post-Singularity world. **KEYWORDS:** Robots, androids, artificial intelligence, singularity, cyborg, spiritual, religion, AI, cyberpunk, dystopian, free science fiction

When Marten makes an impulsive wish during a meteor shower, he doesn't actually expect his annoying little brother to disappear. Now he has to make things right, travels back to his past and is racing against time to fix the situation. **NEW YORK TIMES AND USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR** The fourth thriller in the “so powerful, so pulse-pounding, so well-written” (Brad Thor, #1 New York Times bestselling author) Terminal List series follows former Navy

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SEAL James Reece as he is entrusted with a top-secret CIA mission of retribution twenty years in the making. It's been twenty years since 9/11. Two decades since the United States was attacked on home soil and embarked on twenty years of war. The enemy has been patient, learning, and adapting. And the enemy is ready to strike again. A new president offers hope to a country weary of conflict. He's a young, popular, self-made visionary...but he's also a man with a secret. Halfway across the globe a regional superpower struggles with sanctions imposed by the Great Satan and her European allies, a country whose ancient religion spawned a group of ruthless assassins. Faced with internal dissent and extrajudicial targeted killings by the United States and Israel, the Supreme Leader puts a plan in motion to defeat the most powerful nation on earth. Meanwhile, in a classified facility five stories underground, a young PhD student has gained access to a level of bioweapons known only to a select number of officials. A second-generation agent, he has been assigned a mission that will bring his adopted homeland to its knees. With Jack Carr's signature "absolutely intense" (Chuck Norris) writing and "gripping authenticity" (The Real Book Spy), *The Devil's Hand* is a riveting and timely thriller that will leave you gasping for breath.

When your mind is a weapon, freedom comes at a price. Four months have

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passed since Kira left home to join Julian's Jacker Freedom Alliance, but the hole in her heart still whistles empty where her boyfriend Raf used to be. She fills it with weapons training, JFA patrols, and an obsessive hunt for FBI agent Kestrel, ignoring Julian's worries about her safety and repeated attempts to recruit her for his revolutionary chat-casts. When anti-jacker politician Vellus surrounds Jackertown with the National Guard, Kira discovers there's more to Julian's concerns than she knew, but she's forced to take on a mission that neither want and that might be her last: assassinating Senator Vellus before he can snuff out Julian's revolution and the jackers she's come to love. MINDJACK: KIRA Open Minds (Book 1) Closed Hearts (Book 2) Free Souls (Book 3) Mindjack Short Story Collection (Book 4) MINDJACK: ZEPH Locked Tight (Book 1) Cracked Open (Book 2) Broken Wide (Book 3) The Locksmith (Book 4) FORMATS AND TRANSLATIONS Mindjack available in ebook, print, audiobook, French and German LIVE ACTION TRAILER Voted Best Trailer at the 2014 Illinois International Film Festival and one of 50 Most Cinematic Trailers Ever Made – check it out at Susan's website. KEYWORDS: young adult science fiction, young adult dystopian, teen science fiction, cyberpunk, action and adventure, genetic engineering, post-apocalyptic, metaphysical and visionary Wall Street Journal bestselling author Ilsa Madden-Mills delivers a smart and

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sexy contemporary romance about a smoking-hot professional football player and the small-town girl he can't resist. We start off with a lie on Valentine's Day. My blind date isn't the studious guy I expected: he's a drop-dead gorgeous player with sinful amber eyes. Somehow we end up at his penthouse. I blame the gin and tonic. The next day I learn he's Jack Hawke--bad-boy professional quarterback with a murky past. The NDA he has me sign should be a warning that he isn't a regular person. Please. I sign it Juliet Capulet, so goodbye, famous football player with abs of steel, and good luck tracking down this small-town librarian. But Jack keeps showing up in places I least expect him. Just when I'm sure he's gone, he waltzes into my community theater and wins the part of Romeo to my Juliet. How's a plain, mostly innocent girl like me supposed to resist a man like him? Is Jack my real Romeo...or will this gorgeous football player only break my heart?

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