

## Pure And Untouched

Winter Roses is the first book in Border Brides, a new series by New York Times and USA Today Bestselling author Tanya Anne Crosby. Set in the border lands of Scotland and England. It has been five years since King Stephen took the English throne. The border lands are fraught with tensions. Loyalties are uncertain. Only the strong will hold their lands, and behind every strong man is an even stronger woman.

The tale begins over three-hundred years ago, when the Fair People—the goblins, fairies, dragons, and other fabled and fantastic creatures of a dozen lands—fled the Old World for the New, seeking haven from the ways of Man. With them came their precious jewels: diamonds, rubies, emeralds, pearls... But then the Fair People vanished, taking with them their twelve fabulous treasures. And they remained hidden until now... Across North America, these twelve treasures, over ten-thousand dollars in precious jewels in 1982 dollars, are buried. The key to finding each can be found within the twelve full-color paintings and verses of THE SECRET. Are you smart enough? THE SECRET: A TREASURE HUNT was published in 1982. The year before publication, the author and publisher Byron Preiss had traveled to 12 locations in the continental U.S. (and possibly Canada) to secretly bury a dozen ceramic casques. Each casque contained a small key that could be redeemed for one of 12 jewels Preiss kept in a safe deposit box in New York. The key to finding the casques was to match one of 12 paintings to one of 12 poetic verses, solve the resulting riddle, and start digging. Since 1982, only two of the 12 casques have been recovered. The first was located in Grant Park, Chicago, in 1984 by a group of students. The second was unearthed in 2004 in Cleveland by two members of the Quest4Treasure forum.

Dr. Julia Morrow and her graduate students, David and Marisol, embark on a research trip to explore a remote section of the Amazon rainforest. When their trails seem to change direction at will and they find themselves lost and without communication, the trio worry they may be in for more than just the latest scientific discovery. After strange circumstances divide the group, they're left deciding which is more important - finding out why the rainforest seems like it's alive or getting back home in one piece. The deeper they travel into the jungle in search of answers, the more they realize that some places are meant to remain untouched.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In this formula that Christians recite as though on autopilot lie the secrets for healing our world, rekindling our visionary imagination, and manifesting the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. It's an astonishing claim, but one that is supported by Cynthia Bourgeault's exploration of Trinitarian theology—and by her bold work in further articulating the deep truth it contains. She looks to the ancient concept in light of the ideas of G. I. Gurdjieff and Jacob Boehme to reveal the Trinity as the "hidden driveshaft" within Christianity: the compassionate expression of the Uncreated Reality in creation.

After her mother's suicide, Isabel yearns to find herself and to decipher the mystery of her mother's death

After centuries of violence between the feuding McBrara and MacSteel Clans in the Scottish Highlands, a fragile peace is about to break into a new war when one of the MacSteels' shepherds is murdered allegedly by the McBraras. In a desperate attempt to avoid further bloodshed before the imminent visit of the English King George IV, the Laird of the MacSteels proposes that they unite the Clans with a marriage and the Earl of Braradale agrees somewhat reluctantly. And so the Laird's daughter, the elfin young beauty, Fyna, is obliged to marry a man she has never even met – the Earl of Braradale himself. Thus they are both ready to enter into a loveless marriage to save their Clans from further bloodletting and strife. For his part the Earl is dreading the marriage, imagining that she will be 'pious and heavily built', while for her part Fyna too dreads a loveless union with a man she does not love and who will look down at her as his inferior. As the two Clans celebrate their Wedding, the reluctant bride and groom

begin to become acquainted and from the start both are pleasantly surprised to find that they have much in common, notably that they are both fey as many Scots are and can sense each other's thoughts and moods. But it is only when the life of her new husband is imperilled by her murderous cousin, Hamish, that Fyna suddenly realises that she has fallen deeply in love. Beautiful Grace Paget has no reason not to believe these words. After all, she was kidnapped, spirited away to a remote country manor, and told she is to grant this man his every desire . . . or lose her life. But Grace is no common trollop. So she risks everything to save her virtue by planning a daring escape, even though she finds herself tempted by this handsome man. There is something in his eyes that makes her wonder if he is as dangerous as he would have her believe. Sheene knew nothing of the plan to bring him this woman. Locked up as a prisoner, called "mad" by all of the world, he will do anything to reclaim his life, and Grace's sensuous beauty has distracted him from his goals. And although he finds her irresistible, he is horrified to hold her against her will. Now, together, they must both revolt against the strange set of circumstances that have forced them together—for only then will Grace truly surrender to him . . . forever.

Authored during the height of the pandemic amidst a period of self-reflection, culture and style impresario Alan Faena conceives a deeply personal framework of attributes to liberate the self in this highly personal manifesto exploring the constructs of human potential. To build my dreams, I first had to build myself. In this book I share the secrets of that Architecture. — Alan Faena As a creative with a highly personal vision of design, Alan Faena has produced some of the most extraordinary spaces in the recent past — from his ingenious reconstruction of an abandoned neighborhood in Buenos Aires to the heights of luxury in Miami Beach. Faena now presents the guiding principles that have helped him produce these urban marvels. Authored during the height of the pandemic, Faena conceived a deeply personal framework of tenets that guided his journey of self-discovery and creativity. Composed of eight thematic pillars — Creation, Vision, Weakness, Silence, Path, Present, Love and Architecture — these chapters explore the inspired source from which all creativity emanates, from the personal battles to the deliberate decisions that ultimately define Faena's vision and infuse his imaginative vision.

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We know you are here, our brothers and sisters . . . Pressia barely remembers the Detonations or much about life during the Before. In her sleeping cabinet behind the rubble of an old barbershop where she lives with her grandfather, she thinks about what is lost-how the world went from amusement parks, movie theaters, birthday parties, fathers and mothers . . . to ash and dust, scars, permanent burns, and fused, damaged bodies. And now, at an age when everyone is required to turn themselves over to the militia to either be trained as a soldier or, if they are too damaged and weak, to be used as live targets, Pressia can no longer pretend to be small. Pressia is on the run. Burn a Pure and Breathe the Ash . . . There are those who escaped the apocalypse unmarked. Pures. They are tucked safely inside the Dome that protects their healthy, superior bodies. Yet Partridge, whose father is one of the most influential men in the Dome, feels isolated and lonely. Different. He thinks about loss-maybe just because his family is broken; his father is emotionally distant; his brother killed himself; and his mother never made it inside their shelter. Or maybe it's his claustrophobia: his feeling that this Dome has become a swaddling of intensely rigid order. So when a slipped phrase suggests his mother might still be alive, Partridge risks his life to leave the Dome to find her. When Pressia meets

Partridge, their worlds shatter all over again.

The global demand for tourism continues to increase as economic growth creates opportunities for its consumption as a lifestyle option across cultures. The spatial reach of recreational tourism into remoter environments reflects a desire to reconnect to nature that is partially created by the global trend toward urbanisation. At the same time, anthropogenic created environmental problems have led us to re-evaluate our relationship to nature and the values that are held by the environment. This third edition of *Environment and Tourism* incorporates additional material on environmental philosophies and ontologies of nature and how these influence our understanding of tourism's relationship with the natural environment. In an epoch representing a critical juncture for the future well-being of the planet based on our relationship to nature, the text has been updated to reflect the growth in significance of the interaction between tourism and the natural environment as a part of this discourse. It communicates a range of key conceptual debates on the ethics and economics of the consuming nature for tourism and relates these to real world examples whilst evaluating environmental planning, and management responses. The book seeks to highlight the relevance of the significance of tourism for nature within the framework of society, as a system of inter-connected places across space and time, exploring the relationship of the environments of where tourists come from with the ones that they travel to. The updated features include: new chapters on philosophies and constructs of the environment, environmental ethics, and tourist consumption an extensive range of international case studies used to illustrate the theoretical ideas presented boxes offering bite sized insights, and think points designed to encourage students to further engage with the topics discussed *Environment and Tourism* emphasises a holistic view of the tourism system and how it interacts with nature, illustrating the positive and negative effects of this relationship. It emphasises how ontologies of the environment influence the planning and management of tourism for natural resource conservation and human development. It is an invaluable tool for anyone studying Human Geography, Tourism and Environmental Studies, as well as for policy makers and consultants working in the field of tourism development.

He must choose a queen... But will his desire outweigh his duty? King Augustus is shocked when his country delivers him a courtesan. The only way to set her free is to marry someone else! But Sera's surprising innocence and undisguised yearning for him is temptation itself, pushing Augustus's legendary self-control to the limits. Because Augustus knows that if he dares give in to his attraction, he won't rest until Sera becomes his queen! Feel the heat in this tale of innocence and desire!

The Duke of Ravenstock is the most attractive and elusive bachelor in London - and the most notorious. His exploits and romantic escapades keep the salons of the Social world buzzing - but never more so than when he announces that he will marry. His friends soon realise that what has captured the Duke's heart is the

purity and innocence of his intended bride. The wedding date has been fixed when the Duke discovers by accident that his fiancée has taken a lover, a close friend of his. Shattered and disillusioned, the Duke plots a cruel revenge. When he reveals to his sister, the Mother Superior of a Convent in Paris, that he seeks the most innocent girl he can find for his bride, she introduces him to Anoushka, a novice in her care at the Convent. Anoushka has a mysterious background, having been brought secretly and anonymously to the Convent as a child. Somewhat reluctantly Anoushka agrees to marry the Duke, but, to his amazement, her beauty and innocence prove more of a challenge than he could possibly have imagined.

One summer. One touch... Cadence Riley didn't have time for boys—no matter how potent their smiles were. School and working at Camp Riley were her only priorities. She knew better than to fall for someone like Fitz Quinn, the spoiled bad boy son of a wealthy politician. But the second he spoke to her, she knew she was in over her head. He was a gorgeous trouble maker with a cocky attitude. Her heart warned her, but she didn't listen. There was something protective and good beneath the bad boy exterior that made her insides flutter. Before she knew it, she fell hard and fast. Fitz wasn't prepared to meet a girl like Cadence. She was shy and innocent—and nothing like the girls who usually flocked his doorstep. How could he resist her mile-long blond hair and emerald eyes? He knew he shouldn't want her. His father already had other plans for him and a relationship with her could never go beyond the summer. He thought their stolen kisses by the lake were only supposed to be a summer fling. Falling for her shouldn't have happened. But it did. Now the clock is counting down until Fitz has to return to the life that awaits him in Washington D.C. As September draws closer, how will they survive the end of everything they've come to love?

\*Cadence Untouched is the first book in the Cadence duet. Cadence Defined will release on February 26, 2019!

When Iseabail is employed by a wealthy merchant to be his daughter's companion, her life changes forever. Transported from her remote island home to the Scottish borderlands, Iseabail is unnerved both by her precocious young charge and the house's secrets: a hidden chapel, servants who speak in a foreign tongue, a mute stableboy. And then the merchant returns with a mysterious cargo. Why has Iseabail really been summoned here? And will she ever make it back home?

TRAVEL BACK IN TIME WITH THE BBC'S RUTH GOODMAN We know what life was like for Victoria and Albert. But what was it like for a commoner - like you or me? How did it feel to cook with coal and wash with tea leaves? Drink beer for breakfast and clean your teeth with cuttlefish? Catch the omnibus to work and do the laundry in your corset? How to be a Victorian by Ruth Goodman is a radical new approach to history; a journey back in time more personal than anything before. Moving through the rhythm of the day, this astonishing guide illuminates the overlapping worlds of health, sex, fashion, food, school, work and play.

Surviving everyday life came down to the gritty details, the small necessities and tricks of living and Ruth will show you how. If you liked A Time Traveller's Guide to Medieval England or 1000 Years of Annoying the French, you will love this book. \_\_\_\_\_ 'Goodman skilfully creates a portrait of daily Victorian life with accessible, compelling, and deeply sensory prose' Erin Entrada Kelly 'We're lucky to have such a knowledgeable cicerone as Ruth Goodman . . . Revelatory' Alexandra Kimball 'Goodman's research is impeccable . . . taking the reader through an average day and presenting the oddities of life without condescension' Patricia Hagen

"Sexy and heart-wrenchingly powerful, TEMPT ME LIKE THIS will make you cheer, laugh and cry." ~ 5 stars As one of the biggest rock stars in the business, Drew Morrison can have anything—and anyone—he wants. Only Ashley Emmit, who has joined his tour to work on a college research project, is completely off-limits. Drew promised her father that, once the tour was over, he would send her home pure and untouched by the rock 'n' roll world. But he has never been so tempted by anyone in his entire life. How is he going to make it through this tour without giving in to the urge to drag her into his arms and kiss her breathless? Ashley has always lived by the rules. But from the moment she meets Drew, none of those rules make sense anymore. Not only does Drew's music affect her deeply...but she's never wanted to kiss anyone so badly. Not that a magnetic star like Drew would ever feel the same way about a brainiac like her, of course. And even if he did, she knows from painful experience that two people as different as they are simply don't belong together. But when the attraction between Drew and Ashley burns hotter every moment they're together on the tour bus—and they begin to share their deeply hidden and emotional secrets—will either of them be able to resist temptation? Or could giving in to their feelings lead them straight toward a love they never saw coming... "Ashley and Drew are swoon worthy in TEMPT ME LIKE THIS! Bella Andre never disappoints." ~ 5 stars "Insightful and intense, passionate and dramatic! Nobody can make angst sound so delicious like Bella Andre." ~ 5 stars \* \* \* \*

\* \* \* \* \* THE MORRISONS Kiss Me Like This Tempt Me Like This Love Me Like This THE SULLIVANS The Look of Love From This Moment On Can't Help Falling In Love I Only Have Eyes For You If You Were Mine Let Me Be The One Come A Little Bit Closer Always On My Mind Kissing Under The Mistletoe One Perfect Night The Way You Look Tonight It Must Be Your Love Just To Be With You I Love How You Love Me All I Ever Need Is You Every Beat Of My Heart Now That I've Found You Since I Fell For You Sweeter Than Ever The Best Is Yet To Come Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You You Do Something To Me Every Time We Fall In Love Falling In Love All Over Again Your Love Is Mine There Goes My Heart THE LONDON SULLIVANS As Long As I Have You THE MAVERICK BILLIONAIRES Breathless In Love Reckless In Love Fearless In Love Irresistible In Love Wild In Love Captivating In Love Bella Andre's New York Times and USA Today bestselling novels have been #1 bestsellers around the world and she has sold more than 8 million books so far! Known for "sensual, empowered stories enveloped in heady romance" (Publishers Weekly), her books have been Cosmopolitan Magazine "Red Hot Reads" twice and have been translated into ten languages. There are more than 50,000 5 star reviews for Bella Andre's books on Goodreads!

In all his 150 years as dragon, sexy, handsome Crown Prince Alexander d'Mateo de Drakon Tremaine has been treated with privilege and respect. And then he met a half-blood who turned his world upside down and made him see life in a new light. Alex would do anything for Emma, even fight to the last drop of his royal blood to keep her safe. But they can never be more than friends, for Alex is destined to marry and mate with a princess from a rival clan to unite their two kingdoms. Half-blood dragon Emma Kantris is servant to Alex's intended, and she knows his marriage will mean much-needed change for both dragon clans. Through his union with Princess Sabrina, Alex can finally eradicate the hated caste system that suppresses Emma and other half-bloods. Secretly, her heart longs for Alex, the dashing prince who has been a friend when all others deserted her, even though Emma has been warned to stay away. But when Emma is abducted by her enemies, it's Alex who's off to rescue her, and in doing so he may pay a price that could endanger them both...

After her mother's death, Libby has been trying to eke out a living in a small English village with her baby half brother, Gino. One day, the rich Raul Carducci visits her store and mistakes her for Gino's mother, informing her that Gino's father was a millionaire who died recently, leaving his company shares to Gino. Worried that Raul will take Gino away if he finds out she's not Gino's mother, she keeps up the charade. When she moves to Italy with Raul, he begins to seduce her, but little does she know that his eyes are on Gino's inheritance, not her love.

Man about town and something of a 'ladies' man' the new Earl of Rockbrook has given little thought to a liaison at Windsor Castle in which one of the Queen's Ladies-in-Waiting, Lady Louise Welwyn, appears suddenly in his bedroom in the middle of the night. So he is appalled when he learns that Lady Louise's formidable mother expects him to marry her. Her motivation is clear, although penniless at the time, he has since unexpectedly inherited the title of his family's Earldom and the huge estate of Rock Castle after his uncle's and cousin's death in a train crash. He realises that he could never be happy with Lady Louise and so he flees her and London for the safety of the countryside where he breaks his collarbone in a riding accident and is knocked unconscious. When he awakens, he finds that he is being nursed by a lovely country girl called 'Purilla'. She is beautiful, demure and intelligent – in fact everything he ever wanted in a wife, so he persuades her to save him by marrying him at once. Purilla has already fallen deeply in love with the handsome Earl – but how can she turn a marriage of his convenience into one of true love?

Hiroshima is the story of six people--a clerk, a widowed seamstress, a physician, a Methodist minister, a young surgeon, and a German Catholic priest--who lived through the greatest single manmade disaster in history. In vivid and indelible prose, Pulitzer Prize-winner John Hersey traces the stories of these half-dozen individuals from 8:15 a.m. on August 6, 1945, when Hiroshima was destroyed by the first atomic bomb ever dropped on a city, through the hours and days that followed. Almost four decades after the original publication of this celebrated book, Hersey went back to Hiroshima in search of the people whose stories he had told, and his account of what he discovered is now the eloquent and moving final chapter of Hiroshima.

Aella Alexander: An Amazon warrior in her human life, Aella has always taken and fought for what she wanted, and what Aella wanted, she got. Until him. Cloud Drako: The mysterious new recruit to the Pure Ones' team of Elite soldiers is not what he seems.

He has a critical role to fulfill to maintain Balance in the universe...He cannot afford to be distracted by her. Destiny is shaped by choices made: The past cannot be changed, a past that neither Cloud nor Aella remembers. But the future is yet unwritten. In this present time, with this second chance, Cloud must make his ultimate stand: to carry out the role he's been assigned, or to embrace an uncertain future, knowing that his choice would be irrevocable. Absolute. And that the souls of countless innocents depend upon it...Can Aella help him choose wisely, or will she lead them all to ruin?

We want our son returned. This girl is proof that we can save you all. If you ignore our plea, we will kill our hostages one at a time. To be a Pure is to be perfect, untouched by Detonations that scarred the earth, and sheltered inside the paradise that is the Dome. But Partridge escaped to the outside world, where Wretches struggle to survive amid smoke and ash. Now, at the command of Partridge's father, the Dome is unleashing nightmare after nightmare upon the Wretches in an effort to get him back. At Partridge's side is a small band of those united against the Dome: Lyda, the warrior; Bradwell, the revolutionary; El Capitan, the guard; and Pressia, the young woman whose mysterious past ties her to Partridge in ways she never could have imagined. Long ago a plan was hatched that could mean the earth's ultimate doom. Now only Partridge and Pressia can set things right. To save millions of innocent lives, Partridge must risk his own by returning to the Dome and facing his most terrifying challenge. And Pressia, armed only with a mysterious Black Box containing a set of cryptic clues, must travel to the very ends of the earth, to a place where no map can guide her. If they succeed, the world will be saved. But should they fail, humankind will pay a terrible price . . .

**#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • ONE OF TIME MAGAZINE'S 100 BEST YA BOOKS OF ALL TIME** The extraordinary, beloved novel about the ability of books to feed the soul even in the darkest of times. When Death has a story to tell, you listen. It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement. In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak, author of *I Am the Messenger*, has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time. “The kind of book that can be life-changing.” —The New York Times “Deserves a place on the same shelf with *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank.” —USA Today **DON'T MISS BRIDGE OF CLAY, MARKUS ZUSAK'S FIRST NOVEL SINCE THE BOOK THIEF.**

Welcome to Beachwood Bay: the small town where passion and romance are making waves... Emerson Ray is trouble. Juliet knows it the minute she lays eyes on Beachwood Bay's resident bad boy. Forced to spend her summer before college in the sleepy beach town, she never expected to crash into the most devastating guy she's ever met--or for Emerson's blue eyes to strip through her dark secrets, and make her feel a desire she's never known. Their connection is undeniable, but Juliet is torn. She knows, once she gives him everything, there'll be no turning back. Juliet McKenzie is dangerous. Emerson can tell from the way she blows through all his defenses, laying bare the demons he's carried alone all his life. He's left a trail of broken hearts and empty beds in his wake, but Juliet is different. Her innocence is intoxicating--and the passion she keeps hidden, just below the surface. He wants to be the only one to set it free, but with every kiss, he's closer to losing control and doing the one thing he swore he

never would: fall in love. One summer. Two damaged hearts. Their story is only just beginning... Author's note: Welcome to Beachwood Bay! Each book in the series is written as a stand-alone love story following a new couple, but you'll enjoy reading the other titles and seeing familiar faces return. The Beachwood Bay series: 1. Untouched 2. Unbroken 3. Untamed Hearts 4. Unafraid 5. Unwrapped 6. Unconditional 7. Unrequited 8. Uninhibited 9. Unstoppable 10. Unexpectedly Yours 11. Unwritten 12. Unmasked 13. Unforgettable PRAISE FOR MELODY GRACE: "Melody Grace created fascinating characters that are simply I-R-R-E-S-I-S-T-I-B-L-E ! Her stories leave you with a big smile on your face and a heart bursting with love." - A Bookish Escape Blog "Sexy and sweet: the perfect summer read!" - Corinne Michaels, New York Times bestselling author "Heartwarming, swoony, and sexy as hell." - Claire Contreras, New York Times bestselling author "Sizzling summer perfection! Melody Grace does it again." - Kendall Ryan, New York Times bestselling author "Sizzling hot and super emotional - the perfect combo!" - NYT and USA Today bestselling Lauren Blakely "A roller coaster ride of pure emotion... beautifully written." Blame it on the Rain Reviews

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In Frederick Douglass' 1845 memoir, the former slave and famous orator, describes the events of his life including the brutal treatment that he experienced and witnessed, at the hand of slave masters. This book is the most famous narrative, told from a former slave during this time period. The memoir is considered to be one of the most influential pieces of literature that fueled the abolitionist movement in the United States.

Romance.

In Pure, Linda Kay Klein uses a potent combination of journalism, cultural commentary, and memoir to take us "inside religious purity culture as only one who grew up in it can" (Gloria Steinem) and reveals the devastating effects evangelical Christianity's views on female sexuality has had on a generation of young women. In the 1990s, a "purity industry" emerged out of the white evangelical Christian culture. Purity rings, purity pledges, and purity balls came with a dangerous message: girls are potential sexual "stumbling blocks" for boys and men, and any expression of a girl's sexuality could reflect the corruption of her character. This message traumatized many girls—resulting in anxiety, fear, and experiences that mimicked the symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder—and trapped them in a cycle of shame. This is

the sex education Linda Kay Klein grew up with. Fearing being marked a Jezebel, Klein broke up with her high school boyfriend because she thought God told her to and took pregnancy tests despite being a virgin, terrified that any sexual activity would be punished with an out-of-wedlock pregnancy. When the youth pastor of her church was convicted of sexual enticement of a twelve-year-old girl, Klein began to question purity-based sexual ethics. She contacted young women she knew, asking if they were coping with the same shame-induced issues she was. These intimate conversations developed into a twelve-year quest that took her across the country and into the lives of women raised in similar religious communities—a journey that facilitated her own healing and led her to churches that are seeking a new way to reconcile sexuality and spirituality. Pure is “a revelation... Part memoir and part journalism, Pure is a horrendous, granular, relentless, emotionally true account” (The Cut) of society’s larger subjugation of women and the role the purity industry played in maintaining it. Offering a prevailing message of resounding hope and encouragement, “Pure emboldens us to escape toxic misogyny and experience a fresh breath of freedom” (Glennon Doyle, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Love Warrior and founder of Together Rising).

?A story by USA Today bestselling author becomes a comic!?The beautiful Princess Gabrielle is appalled to find out she’s been married off without her consent. Her partner is the ruthless and rich businessman Luc Garnier, who stops at nothing to trap his quarry. But on the day of their marriage, upon seeing her husband, she feels an unknown sensation flow through her for the first time. She knows that the marriage has a large sum of money attached to it, and that love isn’t part of the bargain, but she still suspects there might be something more! And despite viewing Gabrielle only as prey, unexpected feelings are budding within Luc, too. The pain of deceit was fresh, but love and desire overruled everything else. Now, Aria and Aiden face their greatest challenge yet. Aria Cason's life took an unexpected turn when she reconnected with Aiden Raine, the man who awakened a pure and undeniable love she'd thought was lost forever. Aria's love for him burns deep, yet he still pushes for more—the total surrender of her heart. When a painful memory becomes her guiding light, she questions if a happily ever after really exists for a girl who never wanted one. After stepping away from his birthright, Aiden's need to protect his new family becomes his top priority. Fragile bonds are soon stretched to the breaking point as his need for vengeance threatens to destroy the very thing he's come to value most. When his unyielding determination starts to push Aria away, he presents her with a challenge that will test them both. Will the searing passion that reunited this couple keep them together, or will it burn them to ash? Ties will be broken. Lies will become the truth. Aria and Aiden's heart-wrenching story continues in the fifth book of The Untouched Series, Only His Touch, Part Two.

They say a soulmate only comes along once. I believe it, too. I had my chance, but it slipped away. Each day a little more of myself dies, but I pretend I'm fine. That is until I see him--the man who makes me feel alive--Garrick Shaw. Something within me changes. It's unavoidable and unlike anything I've ever known. And it scares me, terrifies me. But there's another danger lurking around the corner. Someone is conspiring to take it all away. Who are they? What do they want? Why are they after me? Only time will reveal what's really going on. Hopefully, Garrick and I survive the fallout.

In search of answers and action, the award-winning poet and essayist Lisa Wells brings us Believers, introducing trailblazers and outliers from across the globe who have found radically new ways to live and reconnect to the Earth in the face of climate change We find ourselves at the end of the world. How, then, shall we live? Like most of us, Lisa Wells has spent years overwhelmed by increasingly urgent news of climate change on an apocalyptic scale. She did not need to be convinced of the stakes, but she could not find practical answers. She embarked on a pilgrimage, seeking wisdom and paths to action from outliers and visionaries, pragmatists and iconoclasts. Believers tracks through the lives of these people who are

dedicated to repairing the earth and seemingly undaunted by the task ahead. Wells meets an itinerant gardener and misanthrope leading a group of nomadic activists in rewilding the American desert. She finds a group of environmentalist Christians practicing “watershed discipleship” in New Mexico and another group in Philadelphia turning the tools of violence into tools of farming—guns into ploughshares. She watches the world’s greatest tracker teach others how to read a trail, and visits botanists who are restoring land overrun by invasive species and destructive humans. She talks with survivors of catastrophic wildfires in California as they try to rebuild in ways that acknowledge the fires will come again. Through empathic, critical portraits, Wells shows that these trailblazers are not so far beyond the rest of us. They have had the same realization, have accepted that we are living through a global catastrophe, but are trying to answer the next question: How do you make a life at the end of the world? Through this miraculous commingling of acceptance and activism, this focus on seeing clearly and moving forward, Wells is able to take the devastating news facing us all, every day, and inject a possibility of real hope. Believers demands transformation. It will change how you think about your own actions, about how you can still make an impact, and about how we might yet reckon with our inheritance.

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