

## A Taste For Revenge

My name is...was Dimitri Volkov. Until she broke me. The love of my life destroyed me. She filled me so full of bitter hatred, it is all that I taste. It's all I breathe. Five years I've worked for this moment. Five years I've dreamed of revenge. I will possess her. I will consume her. I will steal away everything she holds dear. Then when she needs me the most, when she is desperate, scared and alone like I was all those years ago... I will destroy her. Inspired by Emily Bronte's *Wuthering Heights*, this is a full-length standalone contemporary romance for adults.

Reason Cordell knew going home to the Stirrup C Bar was going to be hard. Foolishly, he thought he could handle whatever hell Rachel or Cole threw at him. How wrong he was! He was only ten miles from home when the first taste of trouble touched him in the form of a sixteen-year-old boy with the name of Nicholas Dansing, Jr. A boy, almost fully grown, with a deadly score to settle and a burning hatred festering in his heart... a vengeance eating away at his pride and sanity that only Reason's death could satisfy! Only one problem hindered the safety of a reputable gunslinger against this hotheaded kid. Reason would never draw a pistol against Cole's son!

A distinct departure from his popular comic novels, this haunting, provocative tale of wrongful imprisonment and violent retribution is Stephen Fry's first thriller. A brilliant recasting of the classic story *The Count of Monte Cristo*, *Revenge* crackles with the wit and intelligence readers have come to expect from this hugely talented author, actor, and comedian, yet it reveals an intriguingly deep, much darker side of his imagination. Ned Maddstone is a happy, charismatic Oxford-bound seventeen-year-old whose rosy future is virtually preordained. Handsome, confident, and talented, newly in love with bright, beautiful Portia, his father an influential MP, Ned enjoys an existence of boundless opportunity. But privilege makes him an easy target for envy, and in the course of one day Ned's charmed life is changed forever. A promise made to a dying teacher combined with a prank devised by a jealous classmate mutates bewilderingly into a case of mistaken arrest and incarceration. Drugged and disoriented, Ned finds himself a political prisoner in a nightmarish, harrowing exile, far from home and lost to those he loves. Years pass before an apparently mad, obviously brilliant fellow inmate reawakens the younger man's intellect and resurrects his will to live. The chilling consequences of Ned's recovery are felt worldwide. While *Revenge* breaks new ground with its taut plotting, exhilarating pace, and underlying air of menace, its sophistication and irreverent humor are vintage Fry—a gloriously rich mix that only he could deliver. His first novel in four years is a dramatic, powerful tour de force that is sure to enlarge the American audience for this singularly talented author's work.

We call it justice—the assassination of Osama bin Laden, the incarceration of corrupt politicians or financiers like Rod Blagojevich and Bernard Madoff, and the climactic slaying of cinema-screen villains by superheroes. But could we not also call it revenge? We are told that revenge is uncivilized and immoral, an impulse that individuals and societies should actively repress and replace with the order and codes of courtroom justice. What, if anything, distinguishes punishment at the hands of the government from a victim's individual desire for retribution? Are vengeance and justice really so very different? No, answers legal scholar and novelist Thane Rosenbaum in *Payback: The Case for Revenge*—revenge is, in fact, indistinguishable from justice. *Revenge*, Rosenbaum argues, is not the problem. It is, in fact, a perfectly healthy emotion. Instead, the problem is the inadequacy of lawful outlets through which to express it. He mounts a case for legal systems to punish the guilty commensurate with their crimes as part of a societal moral duty to satisfy the needs of victims to feel avenged. Indeed, the legal system would better serve the public if it gave victims the sense that vengeance was being done on their behalf. Drawing on a wide range of support, from recent studies in behavioral psychology and neuroeconomics, to stories of vengeance and justice denied, to revenge practices from around the world, to the way in which revenge tales have permeated popular culture—including *Hamlet*, *The Godfather*, and *Braveheart*—Rosenbaum demonstrates that vengeance needs to be more openly and honestly discussed and lawfully practiced. Fiercely argued and highly engaging, *Payback* is a provocative and eye-opening cultural tour of revenge and its rewards—from Shakespeare to *The Sopranos*. It liberates revenge from its social stigma and proves that vengeance is indeed ours, a perfectly human and acceptable response to moral injury. Rosenbaum deftly persuades us to reconsider a misunderstood subject and, along the way, reinvigorates the debate on the shape of justice in the modern world.

The first installment in the delightful, internationally acclaimed series featuring Chief of Police Bruno. Meet Benoît Courrèges, aka Bruno, a policeman in a small village in the South of France. He's a former soldier who has embraced the pleasures and slow rhythms of country life. He has a gun but never wears it; he has the power to arrest but never uses it. But then the murder of an elderly North African who fought in the French army changes all that. Now Bruno must balance his beloved routines—living in his restored shepherd's cottage, shopping at the local market, drinking wine, strolling the countryside—with a politically delicate investigation. He's paired with a young policewoman from Paris and the two suspect anti-immigrant militants. As they learn more about the dead man's past, Bruno's suspicions turn toward a more complex motive. "Enjoyable.... Martin Walker plots with the same finesse with which Bruno can whip up a truffle omelette, and both have a clear appreciation for a life tied to the land." —*The Christian Science Monitor* "A nice literary pairing with the slow-food movement.... [It is] lovely...to linger at the table."

—*Entertainment Weekly* "A wonderfully crafted novel as satisfying as a French pastry but with none of the guilt or calories."

—*Tuscon Citizen's Journal*

From USA Today bestselling author Tracy Lorraine comes a new dark bully college romance. Scarlett Hunter could run... But she couldn't hide forever. The beautiful girl who tempted me. The heartless woman who broke me. She might have got away, but I haven't forgotten... or forgiven her. And I never will. Because piece by piece, she's taken away everything I care about. And for that she'll pay. When I claim my crown at Maddison Kings University, I'm going to make sure hers is tarnished. Scarlett Hunter is about to experience the revenge of a Legend. Dear Reader, *The Revenge You Seek* is the first book in Letty and Kane's trilogy. This book is a dark bully romance that contains mature content and demanding alpha holes that some readers may find disturbing. You have been warned.

Sometimes they do come back... Passion can not believe her boyfriend Terrence when he dumps her because she is a raw untouched virgin that's saving herself for marriage. Unlike her loose booty sister Sophia, Passion refuses to allow any man to make a fool out of her without putting a ring on it. Now that she is single and ready to mingle, Passion vows to make her ex-boyfriend jealous by attending her sister's New Years party and flirting with new and fresh college guys. Everything is fun and games until Passion ends up sloppy drunk and passed out in the company of people she can not trust, including her own sister

Sophia, who is secretly jealous of her. Things end up going horribly wrong after a friend of Sophia's secretly slips Passion a "mickey" in her drink. All the pride that Passion takes in being a goody two shoes goes out the window along with her inhibitions. When she wakes up from it all, the only thing she is sure of is that something terrible had happened to her. She relies on her sister Sophia to tell her the truth about what took place at her party, but all she gets is the cold shoulder. When Passion realizes that she is all alone, she does the unthinkable and decides to take her own life into her hands. Sophia, who is now happy that her sister is permanently out of the way, vows to take the secret of what really happened at her party to the grave. Seven years later, she is married to the man of her dreams, living the charmed life of money and power. And she was with baby. What Sophia doesn't know is that her sister's spirit is not at rest. From the other side, Passion discovers that her sister orchestrated her demise because she hated her. Not only does Passion decide to haunt Sophia from the grave, she plans to take her sister's place in life indefinitely. By the time Passion is done with her sister Sophia, she will wish a thousand times over that she could be dead... Sometimes they really do come back! There will never be a REVENGE any SWEETER than... A TASTE OF PASSION'S FRUIT!

Mystery, food, and wine in the French province of Dordogne--the latest offering from Martin Walker, featuring Benoît "Bruno" Courrèges. It's spring in St. Denis. The village choir is preparing for its Easter concert, the wildflowers are blooming, and among the lazy whorls of the river a dead woman is found floating in a boat. It's another case for Bruno, the town's cherished chief of police. With the discovery of sinister markings and black candles near the body, it seems to him that the occult might be involved. And as questions mount--regarding a troubling real estate proposal in the region; a suspicious, violent death made to look accidental; and the sudden reappearance of a politically controversial elderly countess--Bruno and his colleagues and friends are drawn ever closer to a climactic showdown in the Gouffre de Colombac: the place locals call the Devil's Cave. With the enchanting backdrop of France's pastoral heartland, a cast of local characters as vibrant as their surroundings, enough sumptuous repasts to satisfy any literary gourmand, and a hero winningly capable of balancing the good life with a dogged dedication to solving the crimes that threaten it, *The Devil's Cave* invites readers to raise a glass and turn the page.

Imagine a girl so in love that she's willing to serve time in jail for her man. Now meet Secret Miller, eighteen and pregnant, being hauled off to jail while her boyfriend, Lucky, looks the other way. The dope the police found in the car is Lucky's, but since it's Secret's car and she's the one driving, the police throw her in cuffs. Not only does Lucky not speak up for his girl, but he has his side chick come and pick him up from the scene while Secret sits watching in the back of a police car. Imagine a girl so obsessed with revenge that she's willing to spend the rest of her life in jail after paying back her man for his disloyalty. Now walk with Secret Miller and a boatload of other broads who have been burned by Lucky. They want to see him pay for the hurt and pain he's caused in their lives. In *Obsessed 3*, everything comes full circle as Lucky tries to maneuver through a maze of some down-ass chicks, and those chicks who just want to take him down.

"If only I could hate her more than I should've had. I should've never trusted her. If I had known she would become a traitor in the end. She feigned innocence all along." Dark secrets, hidden lies and envy broke the bond of two successful entrepreneurs and caused a woman to lose all that she had. A modern-day story of passion, love and betrayal.

Clara and Zac thought they were headed for their happily ever after, until a break-up slathered in betrayal left them both jaded and vindictive. Twelve years have passed since they left Wyoming, and during that time Clara found her calling at a prestigious PR firm in California while Zac moved to New Orleans to join his Boudreaux cousins at Bayou Enterprises. They thought they could forget each other and move on ... until a local charity auction in their hometown of Snowy Creek sets Zac up for the ultimate revenge. If he wins, Clara will be at his mercy, forced to work for him for one full week. Tantalized by the sweet taste of revenge, he eagerly ups the ante to claim his prize. But what starts out as a week of filthy manual labor and bitter rivalry leads to a shocking revelation. Someone has been plotting for over a decade to keep Clara and Zac apart. Can the pair band together to uncover who? Or will their rift from the past continue to ruin their chance at a blissful future?

The Oregon crew must work without their usual resources when a rogue hacker empties their bank account in this action-packed installment from the #1 New York Times--bestselling grand master of adventure. When a bank heist during the Monaco Grand Prix decimates the Corporation's "offshore" account, Juan Cabrillo and the crew of the Oregon find themselves unexpectedly vulnerable. Without his usual financial assets, Juan must trust a woman from his past, an old friend from his days with the CIA, to help him keep his team safe. Together, they'll face a mysterious hacker with a brutal vendetta. It is only after the hunt begins that the enormity of the plan comes into focus: the bank theft is just the first step in a plot that will result in the deaths of millions and bring the world's economies to a standstill. The catalyst for the scheme? A stunning document stolen during Napoleon's disastrous invasion of Russia. But two hundred years later, it may be the thing that brings Europe to its knees.

"After Lisa-Marie and her big brother, Vernon, visit a Create-A-Ted store, the unexpected happens. Their teddy bears come to life! But it turns out they aren't the only ones. All kinds of teddy bears--zombies, ghosts, aliens and more--are suddenly alive and creating mayhem... and soon there is an army of evil teddy bears on the loose! Can Lisa-Marie and her big brother Vernon save themselves--and the world?"--

A bloody murder. A politician. A playboy son. And family secrets. Investigative journalist Kate McCracken returns in Book Two of the Kate McCracken Mysteries Series. She and her former teenage heartthrob, who is now with the Sheriff's Department, attempt to unravel who is behind the brutal stabbing of one of Napa Valley's well-known citizens, a state senator. While the overwhelming evidence seems to point to the playboy son, Kate suspects that long-hidden family secrets will tell a different story.

A woman discovers that she's sleeping with the enemy in a two-novel story of longing, betrayal, and insatiable desire from bestselling author Claire Kent. This ebook bundle includes both *Sweet the Sin* and *Darker the Release*, hailed by *Library Journal* as "hot and steamy, full of complex characters, with a dash of suspense and a surprise thrown in for good measure." Portrait artist Kelly Watson keeps her relationships simple and steamy, with no strings attached. She's had a hard time trusting other people since she was a child, when her father was murdered for trying to blow the whistle on corporate corruption. Nearly twenty years later, Kelly finds herself in the arms of a seductive stranger--the very same man who may have ordered her father's death. And even as she plays him, using hot sex as a means to revenge, Kelly is tormented by one question: Is she committing the ultimate betrayal? Caleb Marshall has spent decades forging a high-powered career, rejecting intimacy for the convenience of fast women and cheap thrills. But Kelly intrigues him, pushing commitment buttons he didn't know he had. Still, something is wrong. Despite their physical and emotional chemistry, Caleb feels the fear inside of her. Now the only way to keep her safe is coming clean, before secrets and lies destroy their connection--no matter how deep, intense, and addictive it may be. *Sweet Revenge* is intended for mature audiences. This ebook also includes an excerpt from Claire Kent's *Taking It Off*, starring a mouthwatering male stripper who knows what it really means to bare everything.

*A Taste for Revenge* By Patrice Michelle *Revenge* is a dish best served cold. No one knows this better than Jacqueline (Jax) Markson. Ever since she can remember, her father has spoken of revenge--revenge against all vampires. When his wife died after giving birth to Jax, John Markson blamed the vampire who'd bitten his pregnant wife for his loss and he dedicated his life to ridding the world of all vampires. After Jax's vampire-hunter father is viciously killed, she takes up the reins where he left off. Her first order of business: take out the vampire who killed her father. Ian (The Enforcer) Mordoor has a job to do. Before he can take over the Bruen vampire clan's leadership position, Ian vows

to hunt down Drace, the rogue vampire who brutally killed a human vampire hunter named John Markson. What Ian doesn't expect to find during his quest is his vampire mate.

From the author of Truly, Madly, Deadly, The Escape, and Twisted, comes another edge of your seat thriller sure to keep you guessing until the last page. After a bad breakup, Tony's ex-girlfriend Hope embarrasses him in front of the whole school and spreads vicious rumors. Tony is devastated and in a moment of revenge, he makes the location on her phone public. But a week later, when Hope calls Tony and begs him to stop the prank, he hears a shriek and a car door slamming. Then the call is dropped. Too late, Tony realizes that he may have put Hope's life in danger. Can he trace Hope's movements and save her before time runs out?

Born and raised in Flint, Michigan, Secret Miller knows deep inside that she isn't cut out to live the ghetto life her mother, Yolanda, has prepared for her. She realizes that her only way out of the neighborhood and away from the watchful eyes of her mother is to be the first in her family to graduate from high school and go to college. Although she plans to go far enough away to break free from the streets, Secret may need a Plan B when her estranged father comes back into the picture. Secret is willing to forgive and forget the fact that her father robbed her of being a daddy's girl by not being in her life. In fact, she welcomes him with open arms. But when he sets her up for a fall in which the landing could break her very being, she doesn't know if she'll ever be able to trust men again. Lucky has lost his best friend, Quick, who was gunned down along with Quick's girlfriend, Tiffany. He can't help but to feel guilt and shame, considering that near the end, Lucky hadn't been a very good friend. When Lucky meets Secret by chance, could she be the one who makes him want to change his ways for the better, or will it be just the opposite, making Secret turn from a good girl to straight-up hood?

This psychological thriller deals with the emotions of the protagonist to the project that he has spent years developing in his laboratory and protecting its outcome due to his own personal conflicts.

When a British tourist fails to turn up for a luxurious cooking vacation in the idyllic village in the south of France that Bruno Courrèges calls home, the chief of police is quickly on the case. Monika Felder is nowhere to be found, and her husband, a retired British general, is unreachable. Not long after Bruno discovers that Monika was traveling with a mysterious Irishman with a background in intelligence, the two turn up dead. Was she running away? How much does her husband really know? Meanwhile, the star of the girls' rugby team is pregnant, jeopardizing her chances of being named to the French national squad. Bruno's search for the truth in both cases leads him in some unexpected directions--but as ever, he and his friends find time along the way to savor the culinary delights of the region.

50+ killer cakes, cookies, and candies for your exes and enemies. Dumped by your beefcake boyfriend? BFF steal your one-and-only? Lab partner a more-than-periodic no-show? Don't take these battles online. (Seriously, don't do that, okay?). Get out your heaviest rolling pins, sharpest cleavers, and most blistering torches, and kill your enemies and exes . . . with kindness. That's right – bake that loser ex a pan of Go Fudge Yourself. Gift your former friend a You're the Devil Cake. And give that annoying admirer a Donut Call Me Again. Let them taste your over-them happiness and see what comes next . . . Pastry chef and tattoo artist Heather Kim serves up sinfully delicious recipes and bittersweet advice.

From USA TODAY Bestselling Author Laura Scott Protecting the innocent while saving their country... Can he save the woman he secretly loves? When Sun Lin's old school friend Mack Remington shows up unexpectedly, she's both surprised and suspicious. But when she learns he was attacked by members of the North Korean Regime, and the possibility they are seeking revenge against her mother for defecting years ago, Sun can't ignore Mack's dire warning. Unfortunately, she's in the middle of a case, searching for a suspected North Korean nuclear bomb that has allegedly been smuggled into the city. She also doesn't know where her mother is, to warn her. Despite her secret childhood crush on Mack, she reluctantly accepts his help. Macklin Remington has always considered Sun a friend, they'd bonded during the years of Mensa boarding school. Seeing and working with her now, brings his protective feelings to the surface, along with an intense longing for something more. Working together, they fight assailants around every corner, while trying to track a small nuclear bomb, targeted for the upcoming presidential inauguration. The clock is ticking. Can Mack keep Sun alive, find the bomb, and convince her how much he loves her, before it's too late? -- Read what others are saying about USA Today Bestselling Author Laura Scott: "Thrilling! If you enjoy the works of Irene Hannon or Elizabeth Goddard, you will want to give this a try." L. Couter VINE VOICE "Scott delivers distinctive characters, an appealing small-town setting, and a hint of romance. This cozy is perfect for animal lovers." --Publishers Weekly review of Dogged by Death "An entertaining cast of characters makes for a kickoff sure to please dog lovers." --Kirkus review for Dogged by Death -- Read the entire Security Specialists, Inc. series in order: Target For Terror Target For Ransom Target For Revenge Target for Treason -- Topics: Christian suspense romance, suspense, thriller, Christian thriller, Christian International Thriller, contemporary suspense romance, clean and wholesome romance, foster family romance, foster kids, family centered romance, Laura Scott books, Laura Scott romantic suspense books, smoky mountain romance, urban romance, Washington, DC, emotional romance, redemption romance, finding faith romance, faith journey, finding faith, USA today Bestselling author, USA Today, rescue romance, learning to trust again, strong women romance, bodyguard, damsel in distress, doctor, hospital, strong men of faith, protector, faith redeemed, adoption, action packed suspense, high stakes danger, terrorist threat, political thriller -- Readers of Laura Scott's books enjoyed books by: Lynette Eason, Irene Hannon, Susan Sleeman, Susan May Warren, Halle Bridgeman, Christy Barritt, Diann Mills, Dee Henderson, Elizabeth Goddard, Terri Blackstock, Lisa Harris, Rachel Dylan, Dani Pettrey, Colleen Coble, Edie James, Terri Reed, Shirlee McCoy, Lenora Worth, Heather Woodhaven, Dana Mentink

In alternating chapters of fiction and nonfiction, Huber turns the computer against Orwell's words, reimagining Orwell's 1984 from the computer's point of view, interpolating Huger's own explanations and arguments.

While on a hunting expedition, Allan Quartermain helps rescue a captured English hunter and helps Maiwa, a local princess.

From the National Book Award-winning author of The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, the tale of a troubled boy's trip through history. Half Native American and half Irish, fifteen-year-old "Zits" has spent much of his short life alternately abused and ignored as an orphan and ward of the foster care system. Ever since his mother died, he's felt alienated from everyone, but, thanks to the alcoholic father whom he's never met, especially disconnected from other Indians. After he runs away from his latest foster home, he makes a new friend. Handsome, charismatic, and eloquent, Justice soon persuades Zits to unleash his pain and anger on the uncaring world. But picking up a gun leads Zits on an unexpected time-traveling journey through several violent moments in American history, experiencing life as an FBI agent during the civil rights movement, a mute Indian boy during the Battle of Little Bighorn, a nineteenth-century Indian tracker, and a modern-day airplane pilot. When Zits finally returns to his own body, "he begins to understand what it means to be the hero, the villain and the victim. . . . Mr. Alexie succeeds yet again with his ability to pierce to the heart of matters, leaving this reader with tears in her eyes" (The New York Times Book Review). Sherman Alexie's acclaimed novels have turned a spotlight on the unique experiences of modern-day Native Americans, and here, the New York Times-bestselling author of The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven and The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian takes a bold new turn, combining magical realism with his singular humor and insight. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Sherman Alexie including rare photos from the author's personal collection.

I was sure it was mine, it was nearly perfect. Twenty-nine-year-old, Maria Mercedes Castrillon has the world on the palm of her hand. A successful business, a man she loves she thought she had everything a woman could ever had. Just like the speed of the light, without any notice she lost it all by a snake that poisons its prey. A mere jealousy, a heart full of envy will cause her betrayal. Thus begins, a story of a woman who will take vengeance and makes sure to have them experience the taste of her revenge.

True Grit meets True Blood in this delightfully dark and fantastical Western perfect for fans of Gail Carriger, Cassandra Clare, and Holly Black. This thrilling novel is a remarkable tale of danger and discovery, from debut author Michelle Modesto. The two-bit town of Rogue City is a lawless place, full of dark magic and saloon brawls, monsters and six-shooters. But it's just perfect for seventeen-year-old Westie, the notorious adopted daughter of local inventor Nigel Butler. Westie was only a child when she lost her arm and her family to cannibals on the wagon trail. Seven years later, Westie may seem fearsome with her foul-mouthed tough exterior and the powerful mechanical arm built for her by Nigel, but the memory of her past still haunts her. She's determined to make the killers pay for their crimes—and there's nothing to stop her except her own reckless ways. But Westie's search ceases when a wealthy family comes to town looking to invest in Nigel's latest invention, a machine that can harvest magic from gold—which Rogue City desperately needs as the magic wards that surround the city start to fail. There's only one problem: the investors look exactly like the family who murdered Westie's kin. With the help of Nigel's handsome but scarred young assistant, Alistair, Westie sets out to prove their guilt. But if she's not careful, her desire for revenge could cost her the family she has now.

"You can't bottle wish fulfillment, but Nora Roberts certainly knows how to put it on the page."—The New York Times At twenty-five, Princess Adrienne lives a life most people would envy. Beautiful and elegant, she spends her days dabbling in charities and her nights floating from one glamorous gala to the next. But her pampered-rich-girl pose is a ruse, a carefully calculated effort to hide a dangerous truth. For ten years Adrienne has lived for revenge. As a child, she could only watch the cruelty hidden behind the facade of her parents' fairy-tale marriage. Now she has the perfect plan to make her famous father pay. She will take possession of the one thing he values above all others—The Sun and the Moon, a fabled necklace beyond price. Yet just as she is poised to take her vengeance, she meets a man who seems to divine her every secret. Clever, charming, and enigmatic, Philip Chamberlain has his own private reasons for getting close to Princess Adrienne. And only when it's too late will she see the hidden danger . . . as she finds herself up against two formidable men—one with the knowledge to take her freedom, the other with the power to take her life. Praise for *Sweet Revenge* "Move over, Sidney Sheldon: the world has a new master of romantic suspense, and her name is Nora Roberts."—Rex Reed "Her stories have fueled the dreams of twenty-five million readers."—Entertainment Weekly

"The Cask of Amontillado" (sometimes spelled "The Casque of Amontillado") is a short story, written by Edgar Allan Poe and first published in the November 1846 issue of Godey's Lady's Book. The story is set in a nameless Italian city in an unspecified year (possibly sometime during the eighteenth century) and concerns the deadly revenge taken by the narrator on a friend who he claims has insulted him. Like several of Poe's stories, and in keeping with the 19th-century fascination with the subject, the narrative revolves around a person being buried alive – in this case, by immurement.

"It's not just Murakami but also the shadow of Borges that hovers over this mesmerizing book... [and] one may detect a slight bow to the American macabre of E.A. Poe. Ogawa stands on the shoulders of giants, as another saying goes. But this collection may linger in your mind -- it does in mine -- as a delicious, perplexing, absorbing and somehow singular experience." -- Alan Cheuse, NPR Sinister forces collide---and unite a host of desperate characters---in this eerie cycle of interwoven tales from Yoko Ogawa, the critically acclaimed author of *The Housekeeper and the Professor*. An aspiring writer moves into a new apartment and discovers that her landlady has murdered her husband. Elsewhere, an accomplished surgeon is approached by a cabaret singer, whose beautiful appearance belies the grotesque condition of her heart. And while the surgeon's jealous lover vows to kill him, a violent envy also stirs in the soul of a lonely craftsman. Desire meets with impulse and erupts, attracting the attention of the surgeon's neighbor---who is drawn to a decaying residence that is now home to instruments of human torture. Murderers and mourners, mothers and children, lovers and innocent bystanders---their fates converge in an ominous and darkly beautiful web. Yoko Ogawa's *Revenge* is a master class in the macabre that will haunt you to the last page. An NPR Best Book of 2013

Filled with magic and fierce emotion, Lisa Jensen's multilayered novel will make you question all you think you know about beauty, beastliness, and happily ever after. They say Château Beaumont is cursed. But servant-girl Lucie can't believe such foolishness about handsome Jean-Loup Christian Henri LeNoir, Chevalier de Beaumont, master of the estate. But when the chevalier's cruelty is revealed, Lucie vows to see him suffer. A wisewoman grants her wish, with a spell that transforms Jean-Loup into monstrous-looking Beast, reflecting the monster he is inside. But Beast is nothing like the chevalier. Jean-Loup would never patiently tend his roses; Jean-Loup would never attempt poetry; Jean-Loup would never express remorse for the wrong done to Lucie. Gradually, Lucie realizes that Beast is an entirely different creature from the handsome chevalier, with a heart more human than Jean-Loup's ever was. Lucie dares to hope that noble Beast has permanently replaced the cruel Jean-Loup — until an innocent beauty arrives at Beast's château with the power to break the spell. When long-dead magical creatures are discovered all around the world, each with a buried book of magic, the governments of the world want to unlock the power the books, but need the help of kids to harness the magical power.

"River Tate is a god on campus. The king of football. A tattooed bad boy with gunmetal eyes that see right through you. The only chink in his armor is her, the girl he pretends doesn't exist, the forbidden one with the shy smile and lavender hair. Anastasia Bailey is a nobody. The queen of nothing. An outsider with the face of an angel and a body made for sin. The only chink in her armor is him, her boyfriend's frat brother, the football player who hates her. But when Anastasia's life comes crashing down, River's the one who sweeps in and picks up the pieces. Torn between loyalty, lies, and secrets, he battles the temptation to take everything from her when they make their revenge pact. He can't tell her no. Because revenge (or love) is, sweet, and once you get a taste, the craving never ends"--Back cover.

This fourth book about the Hatford brothers and the Malloy sisters begins shortly before Christmas, three months after the Malloys move to Buckman, WV. As the holiday season approaches, the boys and girls continue to play pranks on one another and begin to learn the consequences of their actions. Caroline Malloy and Wally Hatford are partners for their fourth-grade December project and discover that, instead of annoying one another, they need to learn how to work together in order to receive a passing grade. Told in their alternating viewpoints, the story moves quickly, continuing the mischief and humor of the previous novels. Readers will be especially taken with precocious and dramatic Caroline, who will stop at nothing for revenge. While it is not necessary to read the first three books, fans of the series will enjoy references to the characters' past pranks and will delight in the promise of future additions to this ongoing battle between these rivals.

Private investigator Kate Weller must confront her troubled past and clear her brother's name in the second gripping *Marked for Retribution* mystery. When a wealthy socialite is found dead on her luxury yacht, her daughter Lainey hires Kate Weller to investigate. Agnes Westin created plenty of enemies during her climb to the top of society, many with a taste for revenge – but did any of them feel strongly enough to kill her? But Kate has another reason altogether for returning to Pensacola, Florida, the only town she has ever called home. Her brother Liam has spent the past sixteen years in jail for his part in a robbery homicide – and unless Kate uncovers the truth of what really happened that day, she

will never be safe. Now someone wants to make sure her repressed memories stay buried. Can Kate clear her brother's name before the real killer silences them both forever?

Sometimes, all you need is a taste. . . In the epic conclusion of the Tainted Life Series , Lexa must risk everything to save herself and those she loves most. When she learns a shocking truth about her family, everything she once knew comes crashing down. Lexa once thought the apocalypse was her greatest obstacle, but it turns out, man is much more lethal. Can Lexa finally put the darkness behind her? Or, will she succumb to the depths of the end of the world?

I didn't want to fall in love with Logan, an infamous relationship slut. He fell in love too easy for it to ever be real. And I refused to end up just one more crazy ex-girlfriend. But he used his self-deprecating charm to wear me down, and I let myself fall. Even though I was afraid he'd abandon me once he learned about my anxiety disorder. And that's exactly what he did. He shattered my heart into a million pieces, and now it's time for him to pay. Revenge never tasted so sweet. But I have to be careful. I can't get too close. I can't let myself fall in love with him again. I've never loved anyone more than Leilani, the fiercest woman I've ever met. But I can't let her break my heart for the second time. I won't survive it. If we're going to be together after college, she needs to handle her addiction to anxiety pills. She can't do that if I'm around to enable her. And that's exactly why I had to leave. But one look into those severe brown eyes and I'm transported back to the night we met. The night I fell in love with her. I know I have to stay away. But I miss her. And what's the harm in just one look?

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