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Elizabeth Blanton is baffled when her estranged grandmother calls her home after eleven years of separation. Elizabeth does return but too late to see her beloved grandfather alive. His death is ruled heart attack but the longer Elizabeth is in the small rural town of Pineville, Nebraska the more she realizes there was much more to his death than what her grandmother has told her. She sets out on her own quest and in the process discovers hidden secrets both her grandparents had. Memories of her childhood in their home is now marred and she must get to the truth.

When ancient gods ruled and Druids kept Faith alive, the Celts thrived as a democratic, matriarchal society. Then savage Roman soldiers swept across Europe, killing and enslaving. The Celts did not succumb without a fight. Their Old Ways survived centuries of ruthless domain until another menace loomed: a tortured god worshiped in cold stone buildings. The sacred shores of Avalon began to drift away, the mists threatened to hide the island from mortal eyes forever. Against the bleak backdrop of war, the gorgeous Scottish Highlands stood tall, sheltering its inhabitants from greedy invaders. Yet the reach of the eagle banners was long and the highlanders turned to the Goddess for protection. However, the sacred groves felt silent and grim as Avalon faded away. Once sad, pealing bells began to sound strangely comforting while the high walls of monasteries offered an alluring barrier from violence. Caught in the middle

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of this centuries-old war, a young High Priestess might be Avalon's last chance. Wise beyond her years and powerful like no other Priestess in her lifetime, Rowen had served the Goddess faithfully, forsaking her family and the company of her soulmate. When the Lady of the Lake asks for another sacrifice, it might be one too many for her scarred heart. How could she obey the Goddess without betraying Caddaric? Could she trust Eochaid, who embodied everything she despised and hated? Would she be able to fulfill her duties without losing her soul? Caddaric had been Rowen's companion in countless lives; but, now, they existed in different realms. Beautiful Rowen lived in the mortal world while sweet Caddaric remained in the sacred isle of Avalon, watching over her. Could he step aside to allow another man - a flesh and blood man - to become her protector? Eochaid had sworn to protect the Old Ways. The rude warrior never quite understood his faith yet his loyal heart belonged to the Goddess. A gorgeous, fiery High Priestess was not in his plans. He would risk his life to protect Rowen; but, would the Goddess safeguard his heart? Could he defend the bewitching maiden from himself? When stakes were so high that a simple mistake could cost their very world, a priestess, a Druid, and a warrior must learn to trust one another and the mysterious ways of the Goddess. Their success would save Avalon. Their failure would tear the island from the human realm forever, condemning it to oblivion. Failure was not an option. This is a standalone, historical/paranormal romance. Its mature themes - sexual violence, religion, and pagan rituals - might not be appropriate for audiences

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under 18.

In 1954 in the segregated South, Emily Chandler's childhood innocence is shattered when she and her brother discover a young black woman alone and dying in childbirth. Emily confronts the tragedy when she returns to her roots many years later to attend the funeral of a beloved nanny and finds herself the target of a stalker. As the saga of secrets, tragedy and discovery unfolds she enlists the help of Adelle Jones -- the family laundress and part-time voodoo practitioner -- in the search for blues musician Charlie Dixon, the nanny's missing son. This novel, set in the South Carolina Lowcountry, brings to life the eclectic personalities and explosive issues that continue to shape the New South.

Third in the A Boy Named Jack series about growing up on a working cattle ranch in New Mexico. These stories are all about Alice.

At just twenty-two years of age, Briana Mills finds herself at a desperate crossroads. Once a promising student at the University of Oregon, she now finds herself alone on the streets of Portland with only the clothes on her back, memories of a happier time, and the stray dog that's adopted her. And she's got the drug that helps her forget. Briana's mistakes haunt her, lashing her with severe consequence, forcing her to make a decision few would ever make. Still, in a final attempt to make her young life count for something, Briana begins writing it all down—everything—so that others walking the crumbling precipice of rebellion might leap to safety before it's too late. She

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writes about her present struggles and the past. She writes about Michael, the boy she loved and left behind when she went off to college. She writes about the violent activism and drug that derailed her life. She writes about the demands placed on her by a socially conscious mother, and the adoration shown by a proud father. And Briana talks about Brody—the young activist leader who captured her heart, took it to the altar, and then crushed it. What develops is an engrossing record of a young and troubled life, one both beautiful and ugly, innocent and corrupt, lost and then found. And wrapped in its literary sinew is a cast of characters as diverse and engaging as the stars, and an impassioned love story sure to transcend time. What readers are saying: “Timeless...provocative.” “Characters so real you'd swear this was a true account.” “A brilliant read!” Alone Among People is D. M. Anthony's first novel. He lives in California where he's at work on his next book. This review is from: Alone Among People (Paperback) A Compelling and Heart Warming Story, September 25, 2012 "Alone Among People is at once an engaging, moving story and a provocative statement about the thin line between thriving and sinking into an abyss as inescapable as quicksand. Its timeless and uplifting messages of hope conquering despair, healing borne of love and care, and peace at discovering one's identity are an inspiration. The author's empathy for the characters and their plight betrays knowledge of what he writes, and offers the reader a unique glimpse into a vulnerable and intimate place... his heart. I recommend this book to anyone who has traveled through the anguish of

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darkness and longed for the light; it may just guide your way."

Two women. Born on opposite sides of the world. Both experience catastrophic loss. Until their lives intersect... Laura is a young woman who has it all. A loving husband who has just begun his private medical practice. A beautiful home nestled in the hills north of San Diego. A promising counseling career. Life has given her everything she could ever hope for...but she would give it all up without a second thought. Despite appearances, there is one thing Laura wishes for and desires more than anything else...the one thing that life won't give her. And the pursuit of that one thing nearly destroyed her. Adrianna, a refugee in a foreign land, has left behind a home ravaged by war. In her arms, she clings to her new baby girl as they travel across the country to their new life. Adrianna has lost her husband, her parents, and the only man she ever truly loved. The only thing the young mother clings to besides her precious baby girl is a glimmer of hope that her life will be better than the one she left behind. Fate brings the two women together and they are drawn to one another as kindred spirits, each recognizing a familiar pain in the other. Can their new friendship heal old wounds and navigate the pitfalls that come with starting over? And what happens when Laura's new best friend makes a choice she will never be able to comprehend?

When the truth will get you killed, lies are the only way to save your soul? Mage private investigator Alice Worth and alpha werewolf Sean Maclin have finally moved in together. Their new domestic arrangement is strained by the presence of Alice's father,

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a longtime lone wolf struggling to fit into his daughter's dangerous and unpredictable life. To make matters worse, would-be assassins track Alice's every move and she's estranged from her ghost sidekick Malcolm. Restless at home surrounded by protective werewolves, Alice takes a new case with Malcolm reluctantly riding shotgun. What starts as a straightforward search for a missing artist quickly spirals into a dangerous game of cat-and-mouse with a seemingly invincible foe whose cruelties know no bounds. Already on edge after another attempt on Alice's life, Sean and Malcolm ask her to do the impossible: walk away from the case. When her grandfather, crime lord Moses Murphy, gives her a deadly ultimatum and her plan to resolve her case goes up in flames, Alice will need every power, alliance, and skill at her disposal to defeat her adversaries. The stakes are much more dire than simply life and death-and the very souls of Alice and everyone she loves hang in the balance.

A compelling romantic suspense story, a can't put down read that's more taboo than 'Fifty shades' **CONTENT WARNING: Due to mature content, recommended for readers aged 18+** A Naive Heart is a gripping romantic suspense that contains graphic and taboo sex scenes, relatable for all readers who enjoy new adult romance, contemporary romance, erotic romance and women's fiction. When Sarah meets and falls in love with John, a gentle school teacher, she couldn't be happier. But only weeks before their wedding, she learns he is a man with a secret. Broad-minded and undaunted, she still goes ahead with the big day. But there is yet worse to come for

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Sarah, as soon into their marriage the real Johns begins to evolve. She starts to grasp the true sexual nature of the man she married. He is clearly not the person she thought she knew and trusted. With each new discovery their relationship disintegrates a little more, but swearing his undying love and promising he'll never over indulge his fantasies again, Sarah desperately wants to believe him. And so she becomes determined once more to support her man and their fragile relationship. Johns control, however, weakens and he is consumed by his desires forcing him to lead a double life and fall further into the deepest of obsessions. His surreptitious behaviour hides an even bigger secret. The deception, devastation and hurt all come to the fore on their wedding anniversary when Sarah comes home early from work to surprise John. Heartbroken, she wonders if she or indeed their marriage can survive the journey her husband has embarked them upon. Based on a true story all names and places have been changed to protect the innocent and the guilty.

The first time Moses Murphy's granddaughter killed on his orders, she was six years old. "Edmonds's prose is energetic...Alice is both spunky and self-deprecating, with incredibly advanced magical powers...There is promise in Edmonds's melding of the supernatural and the everyday." - PUBLISHER'S WEEKLY

An enchanting and captivating novel about how our untold stories haunt us — and the stories we tell ourselves in order to survive. After her family suffers a tragedy, nine-year-old Alice Hart is forced to leave her idyllic seaside home. She is taken in by her

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grandmother, June, a flower farmer who raises Alice on the language of Australian native flowers, a way to say the things that are too hard to speak. Under the watchful eye of June and the women who run the farm, Alice settles, but grows up increasingly frustrated by how little she knows of her family's story. In her early twenties, Alice's life is thrown into upheaval again when she suffers devastating betrayal and loss. Desperate to outrun grief, Alice flees to the dramatically beautiful central Australian desert. In this otherworldly landscape Alice thinks she has found solace, until she meets a charismatic and ultimately dangerous man. Spanning two decades, set between sugar cane fields by the sea, a native Australian flower farm, and a celestial crater in the central desert, *The Lost Flowers of Alice Hart* follows Alice's unforgettable journey, as she learns that the most powerful story she will ever possess is her own. Sex, love, and the end of the world. 1000 years after Earth has been devastated by a viral plague, the few survivors turn to genetic engineering and advanced robotics to ensure the future of the human race. But not everyone is happy with artificial life living amongst humans, least of all Peyton Chase, a doctor with a harrowing past. When he's 'gifted' a state-of-the-art companion that he can't send back, Peyton is far from pleased. She's sentient. She's sexy. She's everything he doesn't want complicating his life. He calls her Hell. She calls him a lot of inappropriate things, at least in her mind. Because there are rules to a relationship like theirs. Master and Slave. She's supposed to obey him in all things. But if that's true, why can't she stop meddling in his life? She's a

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mystery that Peyton needs to solve. But time is running out for Hell. The deadly truth of her origins is about to catch up with her ...and change the course of human civilization forever.

A Irish Love Story Annie Foster stays in Ireland after boarding school to nanny a widower's infant daughter. Five years later, the widower proposes. Her first love Chad Jones, whom she believes abandoned her, arrives weeks before the wedding on an undercover assignment probing her fiancé's connection with IRA terrorists. Chad's determined to change Annie's mind and her heart because he's never stopped loving her. Which man will claim Annie's heart?

A childless mother faces the hollowing pain of recurrent pregnancy loss and overwhelming disappointment. When her faith plummeted along with the statistics of ever having a child, she refused to accept defeat. Deep within her soul was an undying dream of nurturing children that compelled her to make it a reality. Journey with Tanika, as she goes from the warm memories of her grandmother's house to the bitter cold of the mortuary in her quest to have a family. You will be captivated by the depth of love that arises from the ashes of pain. You will experience her tears of despair. You will jubilantly celebrate the promise of new beginnings and accompany Tanika in mourning painful endings. Most importantly, you will be encouraged to live after the pain of loss and to love without restraint. Building A Family Breaks My Heart will touch your heart, whether you have or have not experienced the unspeakable pain of miscarriage,

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pregnancy loss, or stillbirth.

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Freddy is torn between her need for a normal adolescent dating life and the responsibility she has always felt for her mentally challenged Uncle Joey. When Joey is accused of the murder of a local 6 year old girl, Freddy works to clear his name. But can she accomplish this without alienating the man she loves? A real page-turner; you will be riveted to the mystery as well as the circuitous paths Freddy's love life takes on her way to maturity. An excellent choice for a book club!

A war has left his people on the brink of extinction; Drystan Commander of the King's Warriors will turn to any means necessary to save his people. Jane, an ordinary woman of Earth, falls into the strange land of muscle bound, sword wielding men, unlike she has ever seen and what's worse they seem to want her! Could this woman be the savior of their people? Savior or not Drystan knows what he wants, and he wants Jane. As the passion starts to sizzle evil forces threaten to tear them apart, can Drystan hold onto the woman not only he needs but his people?

NALI By Esther Henry In an era of darkness, mystery, tropical jungles and cannibalism, Nali tries to buck the ancient traditions, only to find herself deeply entrenched in them. As a young

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girl full of dreams, she is given to a tribal elder in marriage and quickly learns that her girlhood dreams could be shattered overnight. The rain forest held a secret refuge that only Nali knew, where she took her dreams and her delusions. Will she be forced to succumb to a subservient role the rest of her life, or can she overcome the hopelessness that comes with isolation, ignorance and tradition? Deep in the heart of New Guinea lies the village of Mendoka, beautifully camouflaged from the rest of the world. Although the village has yet to be discovered, the outside world would soon have an influence on their lives. An interruption to their peaceful simplicity would both terrify them and cause them to search for answers. Readers will be able to follow the lives of those who lived in a much simpler time and become immersed in the culture that controlled their everyday existence.

GL Rockey's Truth's of the Heart, an intellectual romance, published by Books We Love. A university professor newly married to an ex-football star turned sportscaster finds herself drawn towards a young art student who shares her intellectual and ultimately her physical passions.

Ashes of My Heart, takes us on a journey through moods of a woman, motherhood and memories. She gives her raw sentiments. Lamelle writes from the heart and shares in depth emotions and draws you in to her poetry from the first line to the terminal twists. An all-around artist, her writing like her music is raw and unscripted and filled with passion.

Our choices seal our fate. Hannah Reed is about to learn just how important one little decision can be. Hannah's plans for a nice, quiet senior year of high school are rapidly disintegrating. It all starts when she innocently bursts in on Ethan Flynn in the change room of the clothing store where she works. Ethan's presence in Hannah's world is subtle but constant, and when he

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saves her life, they become linked by the workings of an ancient society and Ethan's sworn duty to protect Hannah. Working together to figure out what destiny wants with Hannah, the two of them stumble on a baffling mystery that leaves even Ethan questioning what is in store for her future. With Ethan's help, Hannah learns there is far more to this life, to her life, than she ever realized. As they attempt to untangle Hannah's unique past and emerging abilities, an unknown danger from Ethan's past looms ever closer. While racing to put together the pieces of the puzzle before it's too late, Hannah wrestles with the idea that she is anything but average, and that perhaps she is also more to Ethan than just a job. Hleo is the first book in the series with the same name. A story of destiny and how one decision can change everything. When you buy a copy of Hleo, your one decision also has the ability to change the lives of others across the globe. \$3.00CAD from every copy of Hleo purchased goes towards the amazing efforts of the Because I am a Girl Education initiative. Fighting to bring literacy and safe learning resources to girls living in some of the poorest nations in this world. With the revelation and capture of the killer creature; Charles, Elsa and the other survivors anticipate leaving the island and putting their deadly and terrifying vacation behind them. In an unfortunate incidence, the cunning creature escapes, sets out for vengeance and blood. The group is once again thrown in to a frenzied fight for their lives. The killings resume, and it is left up to Charles to remove the deadly threat to them all once and for all. He and Elsa's relationship has escalated; and as he prepares for battle, he is determined to survive to be with his one true love. In a final confrontation between Charles and the creature, a startling secret is revealed about Elsa's past; one that will change the couples lives forever, if they survive. The final battle ensues. Will Charles be the hero? Or will he and Elsa's love affair end on the island,

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along with their lives?

"Now I am become Death, destroyer of worlds." Dr. Grace Llewellyn quotes Oppenheimer as her creation takes its first breath. Moments later, a US military strike team hits her laboratory in suburban Maryland. Markus Stebbings is hiding terminal brain cancer, hoping to remain alive and a part of Delta long enough to die for something that matters. The mission to destroy a domestic terrorist cell in possession of a nuclear bomb sounds like the opportunity he is looking for, until he realizes that his targets are not terrorists, and that what they have is something infinitely more dangerous than a bomb. On the run with Grace and the device she calls Prometheus, Markus finds himself pitted against the full might of US intelligence and military forces as they mount the biggest manhunt ever conducted on American soil. He quickly learns that Prometheus represents a technological advancement so profound that it can alter the course of history. What he doesn't know is that there is another such device already in play, and that he, Grace and Prometheus are all that stand between it and the end of human civilization as we know it.

All Isla Macallen wanted was a simple existence on her little Scottish island—but what she got was embroiled in a war of good versus evil. Paranormal investigator Dr. Jeremiah Rousseau doesn't expect his research to lead him to Scotland, and to the woman who will turn his world upside down. Together they must defeat the demon king before time runs out. As a supernatural war wages around them, Isla and Jeremiah will risk it all for love.

Trust Alice. Private Investigator of the Supernatural. Mage private investigator Alice Worth must solve the most difficult case of her career--her own. A magic-induced bloodbath during a Vampire Court gala leaves Alice and her boyfriend, alpha werewolf Sean Maclin, wounded.

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Alice and her ghost sidekick Malcolm reluctantly agree to investigate the deadly supernatural attack. When they vanish without a trace, Sean, his pack, and the Court form an uneasy alliance to locate them. Days later, Sean finds Alice on the side of the road far from home, with no memory and no magic--and no sign of Malcolm. For Sean, Alice's condition means starting over with the woman he loves. For Alice, it's a chance to escape painful memories of her violent past, but she knows she needs her power back before her enemies learn she's vulnerable. To find Malcolm and her stolen magic, she and Sean team up with his pack, a white witch, the Court, and a pair of dangerous black witches. Their investigation unearths an ancient vendetta and a shadowy enemy so powerful and ruthless, no one involved--most of all Alice--will ever be the same. "Lisa Edmonds has made an instant fan of me. I look forward to reading the next case that requires Alice's special set of skills." - The Reading Cafe

AUTHOR INTERVIEW

Q: Why do you write? A: I've wanted to be a writer since I was five years old and I wrote my first story. My head is always full of stories and it's so wonderful and such a privilege to get to share them with others. I write because I **have** to write and because there's nothing I love to do more. When you write, you get to bring people to life, create a world for them to inhabit, and invite readers to enjoy that world with you. If that's not real magic, I don't know what is.

Q: What books do you write? A: I want to write the kinds of stories and books that I love to read--lots of adventure, mystery, suspense, action, twists, magic, and of course romance. The Alice Worth series is paranormal mystery set in a world very like our own, but with magic and supernatural beings. I hope readers get caught up in the mysteries and enjoy going on adventures with Alice as she tries to solve them and figure out her place in the world. The reading order follows below.

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ONE NIGHT (short story) BLOOD MONEY (novella) HEART OF FIRE (book 2) HEART OF ICE (book 3) HEART OF STONE (book 4) HEART OF SHADOWS (book 5) Q: Do you use music in your writing? A: Yes! Each Alice Worth book has a curated playlist of songs featured in the novel, as well as other tunes that enhance your reading experience. Alice loves music and so do I! See the playlists at my website. Be sure to scroll up and hit that BUY NOW button to jump into a world of adventure, mystery, suspense, and of course, romance!

Jay, your average stoner from Portland Oregon, finds out when he's twenty-one that he is Jesus, the son of God. This may have been a good thing if it weren't for the fact that he had been molested early in life by a Catholic Priest. It is a comic and tragic tale of reincarnated Disciples, and a difficult choice on whether the world is worth saving. Jay grows up thinking he's a normal kid. Through a series of hilarious and heartbreaking adventures, he finally learns of his true identity, long after he was supposed to. His reincarnated disciples are a mixture of loveable and misunderstood characters that join Jay on a journey across the Country that leads them to Elvis, Oprah, jail, and near death experiences. And when Jay becomes too big for the Church to control, they confront a situation that could very well destroy the world.

From highly acclaimed urban fantasy author, Lisa Edmonds, comes the Alice Worth Box Set.

The collection contains books 1 - 3 and a bonus novella including Heart of Malice, Heart of Fire, Heart of Ice, and Blood Money. Join Alice and help solve the paranormal mystery today

***** HEART OF MALICE (Book 1) The first time Moses Murphy's granddaughter killed on his orders, she was six years old. For twenty years, she was a prisoner of an organized crime syndicate, forced to use her magic to make Moses the most powerful and feared man on the East Coast. To escape his cruelty, she faked her own death and started a new life as Alice

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Worth. As a private investigator specializing in cases involving the supernatural, Alice walks a precarious line between atoning for the sins of her grandfather's cabal and keeping her true identity hidden. Hired to investigate the disappearance of a mysterious object of power, Alice enlists the help of Malcolm, a ghost running from a past as nightmarish as her own. It soon becomes clear the missing object was taken by someone with a dangerous secret and an unknown agenda. When her client is kidnapped, Alice must find her and the object of power before a vengeful killer destroys the city and slaughters thousands--starting with Alice.

***** HEART OF FIRE (Book 2) It has been a rough month for mage private investigator Alice Worth. Alice hasn't had a decent night's sleep in weeks, her relationship with werewolf Sean Maclin is on the rocks, a federal agent hounds her every step, and a powerful vampire whose ulterior motives have ulterior motives watches her every move. It's enough to drive any woman to drink. Just when Alice's ghost sidekick Malcolm is about to stage an intervention, her former employer, Mark Dunlap, enlists her help to find out who's been kidnapping women off the streets. As the list of the missing grows, the city's anger turns against the vampires, and the Vampire Court hires Mark and Alice to find those responsible. After the case reunites her with Sean, Alice is forced to confront painful demons from her past, as well as the very real demon who wants her dead and the vampire determined to control her power. *****

HEART OF ICE (Book 3) Even the coldest hearts can burn... After closing a big case for the Vampire Court, mage private investigator Alice Worth is relieved to be back solving magical mysteries with her ghost sidekick Malcolm and spending quality time with sexy alpha werewolf Sean. Her latest case puts her on the trail of a burglary ring targeting wealthy collectors of magical objects. Meanwhile, Alice's grandfather, crime lord Moses Murphy, fights a local boss

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for control of the city. Soon a new danger emerges: Moses's new lieutenant is someone Alice knows and this is one family reunion she wants to avoid at all costs. ***** BLOOD MONEY (Novella) Charles Vaughan has always had great taste in women, and the Vampire Court's newest investigator, Alice Worth, looks very tasty indeed. In two hundred years, Charles has never met anyone quite like Alice. Minutes after meeting him for the first time, she threatens to burn down Vampire Court headquarters. By the end of the night, Charles is sure of two things: Alice is not who or what she seems, and someday she will be his...if she doesn't get herself killed first. ***** "Edmonds's prose is energetic...Alice is both spunky and self-deprecating, with incredibly advanced magical powers." - Publisher's Weekly

It doesn't have to be true, it just has to seem true. This is a code that Jakari Roberson lives by. He definitely applies this philosophy to his relationship with Qia. He loves her with all of his heart and treats her like a queen. There isn't anything he won't do for her. However, Jakari has a big secret that he has managed to keep hidden from Qia for the past 14 years. He has finally made the decision to change, but is it a little too late? In Qia's eyes she has the most loving, attentive, romantic, and faithful husband in the world. But, will the picture of her fairytale life shatter when she finds out what Jakari has really been up to? Will the love for her husband be enough to make her stay? Or, will his betrayal be enough to push her over the edge and into the arms of someone more deserving? Take a journey with these high school sweethearts. It is certainly a long difficult one, but it will be well worth it if they can figure out what constitutes a marriage and if their marriage is really worth saving?

The author, Audie W. Starkey was inspired by his daughter, Mandy Starkey's determination and strength while fighting cancer at 11 years old. Mandy was a St. Jude patient for 10 years,

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and he kept a daily journal on her life before and while she was a St. Jude patient. While writing this book it evolved into being more than solely about Mandy. Audie felt obligated to write about his father and his father's military career. He also wanted to include his very influential high school coach who is still to this day a very special friend in Audie's life. He feels very blessed and lucky that God gave him 3 heroes to shape him into the person he is today, and he felt a huge need to share their journeys.

I lived in a world of darkness, never to see the light again. It's been eleven years since my father cursed Crystal City, since he condemned me to a life of loneliness and misery. By taking away everything that my mother loved, he took everything that I knew and cared for. Everything, but the throne. Only what good was being a queen in a city of mindless killers? A city that would never see the sunlight until the day of my death. I truly had nothing to live for... Or so I thought. The night that Wolfe was dragged into my palace, I knew that my life would never be the same. We were childhood friends once, but we went our separate ways. He became captain of the pirates, and I ascended to the diamond throne. My once sworn protector had become my enemy, but we were both alone, and the connection we felt was almost unbearable to ignore. My heart only cracked after my father abandoned me, but Wolfe would completely shatter it. For someone that hasn't felt anything for years, that wasn't such a bad thing.

Urban fantasy takes wing in this follow-up to Purgatory's Angel. "The suspense, the plot twists, the characters—great story!"—D. B. Sieders, author of the Southern Elemental Guardians series A long flight across the ocean with a demon six rows away is no place for a dark angel. But Jaime Connor is not only running from her past and the husband who betrayed her, she is

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trying to protect her unborn child. She has no choice. A suspicious death finds her in shackles upon reaching Thailand with a murderous rogue angel on her trail. In what might be Jaime's darkest hour, a powerful ally comes to her aid. But Jaime's path toward peace is precarious at best, considering her newfound friend has potent demons of her own. A narrow escape takes Jaime through the Thai countryside where demons are growing a deadly hybrid flower that has the power to control minds. Destroying the flowers may well cost her more than just her own life, but if she doesn't try, the world will be lost. To save the people, Jaime will have to find it in her heart to forgive her husband's betrayal and invite him back into her life. But that is a wound that has festered deep, maybe too deep . . . Praise for Purgatory's Angel "An awesome paranormal romance that fans of Sherrilyn Kenyon and J. R. Ward will really enjoy . . . No simple angels here."—Danielle DeVor, author of the Marker Chronicles "With compelling characters, interesting subplots and plenty of paranormal action Purgatory's Angel is the kind of book that keeps one up at night!"—InD'tale (5 stars)

Charles Vaughan has always had great taste in women, and the Vampire Court's newest investigator, Alice Worth, looks very tasty indeed. Find out how Charles first met Alice in this thrilling prequel to Heart of Malice! After an epidemic of attacks by newly risen vampires terrorizes the city, authorities pressure Charles Vaughan and the Vampire Court to determine who is responsible. Complicating matters, a local businessman hires infamous bounty hunter Jack Justice to find and execute the rogues after his sister is attacked. Justice and his entourage turn the city and the investigation into a three-ring circus of media attention, vampire-hunter groupies, and self-appointed "deputy" vampire hunters. When mage symbology is found on a captured rogue vampire, Charles enlists the help of veteran mage private investigator Mark

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Dunlap to figure out what involvement mages have in the attacks. Dunlap brings in his newly hired MPI-in-training Alice Worth to help unravel the mystery. In two hundred years, Charles has never met anyone quite like Alice. Minutes after meeting him for the first time, she threatens to burn down Vampire Court headquarters. By the end of the night, Charles is sure of two things: Alice is not who or what she seems, and someday she will be his...if she doesn't get herself killed first.

"An irreverent, modern-day, romantic comedy!" The Hutchinson sisters grew up under the piercing, pious stare of a preacher's wife. Plagued by her ever-disappointed refrain, "Well, it's not my favorite." Their search to find their own way in the world has not been a screaming success. Gwenn is a good girl, a responsible girl ... a miserable girl. Her steady diet of vivid fantasies is the only part of her life she enjoys. She daydreams of new parents, a more exciting job and an actual love life. She struggles to run a business as "The Organizer," while she stacks relationship carcasses in the closet of her own completely unorganized life. Her only real friend is her younger sister, Rachel. Rachel is outgoing, risque and happily gay. The only people who don't know this little secret are her judgmental parents, Pastor Ed and Shirley. Rachel struggles mightily to dodge her mother's constant attempts to set her up with "nice Christian boys"; while holding down a job at the bakery and keeping up with her rock-star girlfriend! Gwenn uncovers a photo that brings her imaginary world careening into reality. She's forced to ask herself if wealthy artist Daniel Gregory is the answer she's been seeking or a grand delusion. Break-ups, meltdowns, family secrets, wild nights and finally a journey of self-discovery to exotic New Zealand keep Gwenn and Rachel stumbling toward independence. So grab your parka and join the Hutchinson girls, as they experience the Lake Effect in Duluth,

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Minnesota!"

Recently released from prison, Paul works a dead-end job with little hope for his future. But then, he meets a girl that has the potential to change his world. Kelsey is a twenty-something Pre-K teacher that goes through the motions of dealing with unruly kids and unworthy guys. Then, she meets Paul and their two seemingly incompatible worlds collide. The two are perfect for each other, even if their situations are anything but. *25 to Wife* is a standalone new adult romance novella with no cliffhanger, no cheating, and a happy ever after. If you want to read a book with bunches of sweetness and two pinches of spice, *25 to Wife* is for you.

When dealing with vampires, expect betrayal at every turn? Mage private investigator Alice Worth's life has changed dramatically. On the plus side, she has a new home to share with alpha werewolf Sean Maclin and her ghost sidekick Malcolm. She's also gained an office with her name on the door, a fearsome ally, and dark magic inherited from a defeated enemy. On the downside, a dire prophecy hangs over her head, she's uncovered a terrible betrayal, and the new magic is killing her. When the ancient head of the Vampire Court calls in a favor, Alice is forced to put aside her own problems to hunt a stolen treasure. She and Malcolm travel to realms full of wonders and nightmares in their pursuit of a thief consumed by need for vengeance. To survive and return home, they must rely on a motley group of highly unusual allies. In pursuit of justice, Alice and Malcolm face many terrifying adversaries. Unfortunately, some are much closer to

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home than they could imagine?

A young girl takes refuge in a London Tube station during WWII and confronts grief, loss, and first love with the help of her favorite book, *Alice in Wonderland*, in the debut novel from Tony Award-winning playwright Steven Sater. London, 1940. Amidst the rubble of the Blitz of World War II, fifteen-year-old Alice Spencer and her best friend, Alfred, are forced to take shelter in an underground tube station. Sick with tuberculosis, Alfred is quarantined, with doctors saying he won't make it through the night. In her desperation to keep him holding on, Alice turns to their favorite pastime: recalling the book that bonded them, and telling the story that she knows by heart--the story of *Alice in Wonderland*. What follows is a stunning, fantastical journey that blends Alice's two worlds: her war-ravaged homeland being held together by nurses and soldiers and Winston Churchill, and her beloved *Wonderland*, a welcome distraction from the bombs and the death, but a place where one rule always applies: the pages must keep turning. But then the lines between these two worlds begin to blur. Is that a militant Red Cross Nurse demanding that Alice get BACK. TO. HER. BED!, or is it the infamous Queen of Hearts saying...something about her head? Soon, Alice must decide whether to stay in *Wonderland* forever, or embrace the pain of reality if that's what it means to grow up. In this gorgeous YA adaption of his off-Broadway musical, the Tony Award-winning co-creator of *Spring Awakening* encourages us all to celebrate the transformational power of the imagination, even in the harshest of times.

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When tragedy strikes close to home and a friend's life hangs in the balance, Alice goes up against the most powerful adversary she's ever faced in an explosive showdown that will leave Alice and her city forever changed.

“A rich, sensual, bewitching adventure of good vs. evil with love as the prize.”

~Publisher's Weekly on ETERNITY 300 years ago, Raven St. James was hanged for witchcraft. But she revives among the dead to find herself alive. She is an Immortal High Witch, one of the light. A note from her mother warns that there are others, those of the Dark, who preserve their own lives by taking the hearts of those like her. Duncan Wallace's forbidden love for the secretive lass costs him his life. 300 years later, he loves her again, tormented by hazy memories of a past that can't be real. She tells him of another lifetime, claims to be immortal. Though he knows she's deluded, he can't stay away. And the Dark Witch after her heart is far closer than either of them know. If you liked the TV Series HIGHLANDER, you will LOVE this series. Don't miss Book 2, INFINITY. “A hauntingly beautiful story of a love that endures through time itself.”

~New York Times Bestselling Author, Kay Hooper “This captivating story of a love that reaches across the centuries, becomes as immortal as the lover's themselves, resonates with timeless passion, powerful magic, and haunting heartbreak.”

~BN.com's official review

King Cyranus is a woman-hater, and Lady Jennava hates most men. This does not prevent them from secretly falling in love. But a phantom-like masked man towering

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between them crushes loves petals before they bloom...Royalty, romance, mystery, escapism; this book has it all. Just remember to breathe.

Five years ago, mage private investigator Alice Worth escaped her grandfather Moses Murphy's organized crime syndicate. Now, her grandfather's war has drawn her from hiding and put her in the crosshairs of two crime lords. Her decision to intervene in their war has endangered everyone Alice cares about, including her alpha werewolf Sean Maclin.

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