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Eleven-year-old ace detective Laura Marlin is back for her next exciting adventure in the fifth mystery from award-winning author Lauren St John. When orphaned Laura Marlin moved from a children's home to live with her uncle in Cornwall, she longed for a life of excitement, just like the characters in her favourite detective novels. Having now unravelled mysteries across the world from Cornwall to the Caribbean and Kentucky to St Petersburg, she got more than she ever bargained for. And now she is ready to take on her next challenge: to uncover the Secret of Supernatural Creek.

Eleven-year-old ace detective Laura Marlin finds herself deep in the murky world of race-fixing, trickery and horse thieves in her third mystery adventure, from award-winning author Lauren St John. Laura Marlin's two greatest loves in life are detective novels and animals, so she is ecstatic when her uncle agrees to let her keep a horse after they rescue it from an overturned horsebox. But he has a condition. Before he will allow her to adopt it they have to find its former owner, just to ensure that it hasn't been stolen. A visit to Newmarket to investigate the thoroughbred's origins leads Laura to the Kentucky Derby in the US and deep into the murky world of race-fixing.

A deadly political rivalry that ended in two brutal executions...An intricate love triangle that altered the course of history...A religious revolution that changed the world... THE TREASURE... For two thousand years, an undiscovered treasure rested in the rocky wilds of

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the French Pyrenees. A series of scrolls written in the first century by Mary Magdalene, these startling documents hold the power to redefine the events and characters of the New Testament. Protected by supernatural forces, the priceless cache can only be uncovered by a special seeker, one who has been chosen for the task by divine providence - The Expected One. THE CHOSEN ONE... When journalist Maureen Paschal begins the research for a new book, she has no idea that she is stepping into an ancient mystery so complex and dangerous that thousands of people have killed and died for it. As a long buried family scandal comes to light, she can no longer deny her own role in a deadly drama of epic international consequences.

A broken family, a house of secrets—an entrancing tale of love and courage set during the Second World War. After Rebecca’s mother dies, she must sort through her empty flat and come to terms with her loss. As she goes through her mother’s mail, she finds a handwritten envelope. In it is a letter that will change her life forever. Olivia, her mother’s elderly cousin, needs help to save her beloved home. Rebecca immediately goes to visit Olivia in Cornwall only to find a house full of secrets—treasures in the attic and a mysterious tunnel leading from the cellar to the sea, and Olivia, nowhere to be found. As it turns out, the old woman is stuck in hospital with no hope of being discharged until her house is made habitable again. Rebecca sets to work restoring the home to its former glory, but as she peels back the layers of paint and grime, she uncovers even more buried secrets—secrets from a time when the Second World War was raging, when Olivia was a young woman, and when both romance and danger lurked around every corner... A sweeping and utterly spellbinding tale of a young woman’s courage in the face of war and the lengths to which she’ll go to protect those she loves against

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the most unexpected of enemies.

Laura cannot contain her excitement when she wins a trip to the Caribbean for herself and her uncle, Calvin Redfern, especially when her best friend, Tariq, and her three-legged husky, Skye, accidentally find themselves on board too. But when they dock at Antigua, they discover that Calvin Redfern has vanished, and Laura and Tariq are about to be kidnapped by the fearsome Straight A gang. Dramatic escapes, an erupting volcano and a race against time to stop the deadly undercover 'Marine Concern' make Laura's second adventure every bit as exciting as the first.

When Isaac Bell attempts to decipher the forbidding deaths of nine men, he encounters a secret so powerful it could dictate the fate of the world in this riveting thriller by the #1 New York Times-bestselling author. A century apart, NUMA Director Dirk Pitt and detective Isaac Bell team up to unlock the truth about the most famous maritime disaster of all time. In the present day, Pitt makes a daring rescue from inside an antiquated submersible in the waters off New York City. His reward afterward is a document left behind a century earlier by legendary detective Isaac Bell--a document that reopens a historical mystery... In 1911, in Colorado, Isaac Bell is asked to look into an unexplained tragedy at Little Angel Mine, in which nine people died. His dangerous quest to answer the riddle leads to a larger puzzle centered on byzantium, a rare element with extraordinary powers and of virtually incalculable value. As he discovers that there are people who will do anything to control the substance, Isaac Bell will find out just how far he'll go to stop them.

Award-winning travel journalist Peter Guttman sets sail and embarks on a rollicking journey across the high seas aboard a colorful variety of craft while exploring dramatic coastal

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landscapes, exotic maritime cultures, spectacular marine wildlife, mouthwatering seafood treasures, and joyous nautical pastimes. Sailing past the shores of all seven continents, the romantic imagination of every beach lover, sailor, surfer, lighthouse enthusiast, and traveler will be captured during a thrilling circumnavigation that includes: Rugged, rainbow-splashed outposts of Newfoundland VA canoe flotilla of chanting, grass-skirted warriors in remote Irian Jaya Mailboat cruises threading spectacular Norwegian fjords Luxuriant sunbathing at an elegant Indian Ocean resort Seaweed-steamed lobster bakes on Maine's granite coast Rush hour in the floating markets of Southeast Asia A circular dance through every time zone at the North Pole Roasting marshmallows and lighthouse lodgings among the dunes of Cape Cod An icebreaker casts anchor for a rendezvous with a raucous emperor penguin colony By the Sea is a dazzling survey of the magical aquatic wonders our planet offers. A definitive testament to the majestic drama and beauty of a diverse maritime world, this visual treasury is perfect for anyone with a love of salt air. Bon voyage!

A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER A WALL STREET JOURNAL BESTSELLER A USA TODAY BESTSELLER A NATIONAL INDIEBOUND BESTSELLER From the author of The Guest Room, a powerful story about the ways an entire life can change in one night: A flight attendant wakes up in the wrong hotel, in the wrong bed, with a dead man - and no idea what happened. Cassandra Bowden is no stranger to hungover mornings. She's a binge drinker, her job with the airline making it easy to find adventure, and the occasional blackouts seem to be inevitable. She lives with them, and the accompanying self-loathing. When she awakes in a Dubai hotel room, she tries to piece the previous night back together, counting the minutes until she has to catch her crew shuttle to the airport. She quietly slides out of bed, careful not to

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aggravate her already pounding head, and looks at the man she spent the night with. She sees his dark hair. His utter stillness. And blood, a slick, still wet pool on the crisp white sheets. Afraid to call the police - she's a single woman alone in a hotel room far from home - Cassie begins to lie. She lies as she joins the other flight attendants and pilots in the van. She lies on the way to Paris as she works the first class cabin. She lies to the FBI agents in New York who meet her at the gate. Soon it's too late to come clean-or face the truth about what really happened back in Dubai. Could she have killed him? If not, who did? Set amid the captivating world of those whose lives unfold at forty thousand feet, The Flight Attendant unveils a spellbinding story of memory, of the giddy pleasures of alcohol and the devastating consequences of addiction, and of murder far from home.

What would you do if you were told you had to move to Alaska for the next three years? What would you say to a moose who wandered into your backyard? How far would you chase your runaway dog in -65 below weather? Have you ever used a plaid sports jacket as drapery to block out the bright midnight sun? If you are bowling and an earthquake knocks down all your pins, does it count as a strike?

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Alas! Alaska is not the usual thrilling true-adventure narrative associated with the wilderness of our forty-ninth state. It does not concern itself with scaling mountains, stalking bear, catching upstream salmon, or flying with bush pilots into uncharted regions. My story is less wilderness survival and more real life survival. How could our family be uprooted from our comfortable Virginia home and live in an igloo in Alaska? There is no question that people are interested in reading

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about Alaska. But this story is different. Compiled from actual letters mailed to friends back home, *Alas! Alaska* is a unique book about an Air Force family's three-year tour in Alaska, written from the point of view of a more than slightly reluctant Air Force wife whose heel marks from coast to coast are still visible. It is zany, irreverent, and true. In addition to painting an accurate picture of life in the Great North, it will make you laugh out loud. Chapter One starts with our arrival in Anchorage with its accompanying first impressions, mostly disagreeable, from the inadequate housing accommodations to the introductions of our alcoholic yet friendly neighbors. You will discover the unforgettable characters and unusual customs - - first-hand observations of natural phenomena such as the Midnight Sun, pitch-dark wintry days and sunlit summer nights; earthquakes and tremors; mountains and glaciers; subzero temperatures; and the Northern Lights. Gradually, I, the unwilling housewife, grudgingly accept the fact that I am snowbound for three years and adopt the "if you can't beat 'em join 'em" attitude. Now, snowmobile outings, sledding parties at twenty below, and camping trips during a monsoon were my new norm. Meanwhile, my husband, a Captain who has convinced himself that he is a Brigadier General, is bungling his way through Arctic Survival, or "Cool School," and fighting the enemy - the inevitable military red tape. Only our three sons seem capable of adjusting, as they insist on viewing everything with excitement from the State Fair with its 60 lb. cabbages to Fur Rendezvous, the winter carnival whose main attraction is not the animal pelts but the unshaven fur-faced prospectors. Each of the eight chapters

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dives further into our family's misadventures, from avoiding clashes with knife-wielding neighbors to chasing moose and playing Bingo with the Eskimos. Alas! Alaska is not only informative, but more fun than eating hot mooseburgers at the ex-governor's rained-out picnic. Sooner or later it will tickle your funny bone like a walrus' whiskers." The "beautiful" novel that inspired the film starring David Bowie, from a Nebula Award finalist (The New York Times). The Man Who Fell to Earth tells the story of Thomas Jerome Newton, an alien disguised as a human who comes to Earth on a mission to save his people. Devastated by nuclear war, his home planet, Anthea, is no longer habitable. Newton lands in Kentucky and starts patenting Anthean technology—amassing the fortune he needs to build a spaceship that will bring the last three hundred Anthean survivors to Earth. But instead of the help he seeks, he finds only self-destruction, sinking into alcoholism and abandoning his spaceship, in this poignant story about the human condition by the acclaimed author of *Mockingbird*. "Beautiful science fiction . . . The story of an extraterrestrial visitor from another planet is designed mainly to say something about life on this one." —The New York Times "An utterly realistic novel about an alien human on Earth . . . Realistic enough to become a metaphor for something inside us all, some existential loneliness." —Norman Spinrad, author of *The Iron Dream* "Those who know *The Man Who Fell to Earth* only from the film version are missing something. This is one of the finest science fiction novels of its period." —J. R. Dunn, author of *This Side of Judgment*

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2-in-1 edition of the first two stories in the BLUE PETER AWARD-winning mystery adventure series about 11-year-old ace detective, Laura Marlin. In KENTUCKY THRILLER, Laura is ecstatic when her uncle agrees to let her keep a horse after they rescue it from an overturned horsebox. But he has one condition - before he will allow her to adopt it they have to find its former owner, just to ensure that it hasn't been stolen. A visit to Newmarket to investigate the thoroughbred's origins leads Laura to the Kentucky Derby in the US and deep into the murky world of race-fixing. And in RENDEZVOUS IN RUSSIA, Laura, Skye and Tariq are whirled into a breathtaking mystery adventure when they join the film crew on the set of THE ARISTOCRATIC THIEF about an art heist that could never be pulled off in real life. Or could it? Adventure and drama just seem to find Laura even when she's not looking for it.

The first book in the heart-warming White Giraffe series by Lauren St John, featuring the African adventures of Martine and her magical white giraffe. When tragedy strikes on a winter's night in England, Martine is sent to live with her grandmother on a game reserve in South Africa. Her wild, beautiful new home is riddled with secrets, but lonely Martine finds comfort in the legend of a white giraffe and in mysterious Grace, who believes Martine has a powerful gift. Defying her grandmother by entering the reserve alone, Martine is plunged into a world of danger, mystery and adventure. Who can she trust? And how far will she go to save the only friend she has ever known?

In this exciting and “fast-paced thriller that is hard to put down” (Michael Hayden,

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former director of the CIA), a young reporter must match wits with spies, assassins, and a terrorist sleeper cell that is targeting the very heart of American power. When Boston reporter Alexandra James is assigned to cover the death of Thom Carlyle, the son of a powerful Washington insider, she soon discovers the story is not as simple as it seems. The young man fell from the top of a Harvard bell tower, but did he jump...or was he pushed? Focused on what could be the story of a lifetime, Alex chases leads from Harvard Yard to the courtyards of Cambridge, England, from a clandestine rendezvous in London to the inside of a nuclear terrorist network. But when she goes to Washington, DC for a key interview that promises to tie everything together, Alex the hunter becomes Alex the hunted: an assassin is dispatched...her laptop disappears...her phone is tapped. And she begins to grasp that Thom Carlyle may have been killed to hide a terrifying conspiracy within the White House itself. NPR National Security correspondent Mary Louise Kelly has turned her own real-life reporting adventures into fiction with this stylish spy thriller that is “great fun, from beginning to end” (The Washington Post).

Eleven-year-old ace detective Laura Marlin is whirled into a breathtaking Russian adventure in her fourth gripping mystery, from award-winning author Lauren St John. When Laura Marlin's Siberian husky, Skye, saves an actress's life, she and her best friend, Tariq, receive a surprise invitation to spend time working on a film set in St Petersburg in Russia. But what promises to be the coolest holiday ever quickly turns

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deadly as a series of accidents threaten both cast and crew and Laura finds herself at the centre of a lethal game. Could art be about to imitate life?

The story of a young Parisian woman, the daughter of a famous conductor and a high-fashion model, follows her struggle to survive the aftermath of her parents' turbulent divorce

An epic new Star Trek saga by New York Times bestselling author Dayton Ward set during the original Five-Year Mission! For years, Starfleet Intelligence agents have carried out undercover assignments deep within the Klingon Empire. Surgically altered and rigorously trained in Klingon culture, they operate in plain sight and without any direct support, while collecting information and infiltrating the highest levels of imperial power. Their actions have given Starfleet valuable insight into the inner workings of Klingon government and its relentless military apparatus. After three of Starfleet's longest serving agents fear exposure, they initiate emergency extraction procedures. Their planned rendezvous with the USS Endeavour goes awry, threatening to reveal their activities and the damaging intelligence they've collected during their mission. Tasked by Starfleet to salvage the botched rescue attempt, Captain James T. Kirk and the crew of the USS Enterprise must discover the truth behind a secret weapons experiment while avoiding an interstellar incident with the potential to ignite a new war between the Federation and one of its oldest adversaries.

Winner of the 2011 Blue Peter Book of the Year Award, DEAD MAN'S COVE is the first book

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in a gripping adventure series about eleven-year-old ace detective, Laura Marlin, from award-winning author Lauren St John. When orphaned Laura Marlin moves from a children's home to live with her uncle in Cornwall, she longs for a life of excitement just like the characters in her favourite detective novels. A real life adventure is on hand as she is deposited at her uncle's spooky house . . . Why does her uncle, Calvin Redfern, forbid her to go to Dead Man's Cove? What's the truth about Tariq, the silent Indian boy who lives with the flamboyant Mukthars? Who is J? Who has left the message in a bottle for Laura to discover? Mysteries abound and who better to solve them than Laura Marlin, ace detective? Accompanied by her trusty companion, Skye, a three-legged husky, the dog she's always wanted, Laura's adventures begin in this first captivating mystery.

Now including an excerpt from VICTORIA: A Novel, by Daisy Goodwin, the Creator/Writer of the Masterpiece Presentation on PBS. "Anyone suffering Downton Abbey withdrawal symptoms (who isn't?) will find an instant tonic in Daisy Goodwin's The American Heiress. The story of Cora Cash, an American heiress in the 1890s who bags an English duke, this is a deliciously evocative first novel that lingers in the mind." --Allison Pearson, New York Times bestselling author of I Don't Know How She Does It and I Think I Love You Be careful what you wish for. Traveling abroad with her mother at the turn of the twentieth century to seek a titled husband, beautiful, vivacious Cora Cash, whose family mansion in Newport dwarfs the Vanderbilts', suddenly finds herself Duchess of Wareham, married to Ivo, the most eligible bachelor in England. Nothing is quite as it seems, however: Ivo is withdrawn and secretive, and the English social scene is full of traps and betrayals. Money, Cora soon learns, cannot buy everything, as she must decide what is truly worth the price in her life and her marriage.

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Witty, moving, and brilliantly entertaining, Cora's story marks the debut of a glorious storyteller who brings a fresh new spirit to the world of Edith Wharton and Henry James. "For daughters of the new American billionaires of the 19th century, it was the ultimate deal: marriage to a cash-strapped British Aristocrat in return for a title and social status. But money didn't always buy them happiness." --Daisy Goodwin in *The Daily Mail* One of *Library Journal's* Best Historical Fiction Books of 2011

In 1963 Marvin Kalb observed the Secret Service escorting an attractive woman into a hotel for what was most likely a rendezvous with President Kennedy. Kalb, then a news correspondent for CBS, didn't consider the incident newsworthy. Thirty-five years later, Kalb watched in dismay as the press dove headfirst into the scandal of President Clinton's affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky, disclosing every prurient detail. How and why had the journalistic landscape shifted so dramatically? *One Scandalous Story* seeks to answer this critical question through the inside story of thirteen days -- January 13-25, 1998 -- that make up a vital chapter in the history of American journalism. In riveting detail, Kalb examines just how the media covered the Lewinsky scandal, offering what he calls an "X-ray of the Washington press corps." Drawing on hundreds of original interviews, Kalb allows us to eavesdrop on the incestuous deals between reporters and sources, the bitter disagreements among editors, the machination of moguls for whom news is Big Business, and above all, the frantic maneuvering to break the story. With fresh insight, he retraces decisions made by Michael Isikoff of *Newsweek*, Internet renegade Matt Drudge, Jackie Judd of ABC, Clinton-basher Lucianne Goldberg, Susan Schmidt of *The Washington Post*, Jackie Bennett of the Office of the Independent Counsel, and other key players in this scandal that veered from low

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comedy to high drama. Through the lens of those thirteen turbulent days, Kalb offers us a portrait of the "new news" in all its contradictions. He reveals how intense economic pressures in the news business, the ascendancy of the Internet, the blurring of roles between reporters and commentators, and a surge of dubious sourcing and "copy-cat journalism" have combined to make tabloid-style journalism increasingly mainstream. But are we condemned to a resurgence of "yellow journalism"? Painstakingly documented and sobering in its conclusions, *One Scandalous Story* issues a clarion call to newsmakers and the American public alike: "Journalism can change for the better -- and must."

The Washington Post reporter who first broke the Monica Lewinsky story offers his own perspective on the ensuing scandal, impeachment, and media coverage. 125,000 first printing. Crime. Violence. Deceit. Sex, love and hate. Mother Russia is no land for the weak, as proven through the eyes and life of Vladimir Markov. The second-in-command to Semion Petrov, the highest Pakhan of all Russian Bratvas, is nothing short of dangerous and merciless. Several someones have challenged the order of the Mafia and it is now Vladimir 'The Wolf' Markov's place to restore that order and uphold the fear brought forth with Semion's name. However, Vladimir is further provoked by the onslaught of something he never fathomed his heartless heart capable of: Love. Because of this, his murderous demeanor has been threatened - and to these men that have forgotten their place beneath Semion Petrov, The Wolf cannot afford to appear as a pup. Blood will be the color of the former Soviet Land. Markov brings the Fear of God.

Previously published in the short story collected *Screwjack* from legendary "Gonzo" writer Hunter S Thompson, "Death of a Poet" chronicles a doomed rendezvous in a Green Bay

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trailer park. The Packers have lost, and the author's friend?"a bad drinker and a junkie for mass hysteria"?has come unhinged. "Welcome to the night train."

Soothe little ones to sleep with this beautiful board book featuring a sweetly illustrated and tender lullaby first composed by Holocaust survivor, Dr. Lena Allen-Shore for her son, Jacques, and then adapted further by them for this children's book. Sleep, my baby, my lovely baby I wish you good night. The stars are smiling they say to you be happy all your life. Author, teacher, and poet, Dr. Lena Allen-Shore made her mark on the world in innumerable ways, but she made the most endearing and enduring mark on her sons by singing "Sleep, My Baby" to them as they drifted off to bed each night. This extended version of the original, written by both Dr. Shore and her son Jacques, celebrates mothers all over the world and shares the universal messaging of hope, peace, and love as children are gently lulled to sleep knowing they are safe, sound, and protected from harm.

"When ex-SAS operative Ben Hope gives up his life rescuing kidnap victims to return to the Theology studies he abandoned years before, he should have known that fate would decide differently. Searching for missing biblical archaeologist Zoe Bradbury, Ben soon finds himself embroiled in his most dangerous mission yet. What is the ancient biblical secret that Zoe uncovered? And just who is willing to do anything to protect it? As the investigation takes Ben from Greece to the American Deep South and the holy city of Jerusalem, he discovers that it's not just his and Zoe's lives on the line, but those of millions. The stakes are terrifyingly high as Ben races to prevent a disaster that could kick-start nothing less than the Apolcalypse, as foretold by the Book of Revelation..."--Back cover.

An original e-novel from the Original Series universe! The Enterprise-E arrives in unclaimed

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space for a rendezvous with the Starfleet science vessel Newton. Jean-Luc Picard and his crew have been ordered to assist the Newton with the final phase of its current mission—a mission that brings Picard face to face with something he never thought he would see again: the phenomenon known as the Nexus. Less than twelve years after it left the Alpha Quadrant, the Nexus ribbon has now returned. Tasked to track and study the phenomenon as it re-entered the galaxy, the specialist science team on the Newton discovered that the orbital path of the Nexus has been radically altered by the actions of the rogue El-Aurian Tolian Soren—taking it deep into the territory of The Holy Order of the Kinshaya, one of the key members of the Typhon Pact. Starfleet Command is unwilling to allow the Kinshaya—and by extension, the Typhon Pact—free access to what is essentially a gateway to anywhere and anywhen, as a single operative could use the Nexus to change the course of galactic history.... This action packed reader-gripping book is a grueling harsh journey of Zimbabweans who cross borders into South Africa illegally, in search of greener pastures. Their worst nightmare is not only the crocodile infested river Limpopo that they cross, but also what they locally call Amagumaguma, a notorious gang of thieves and contract slayers who prey on the little possessions they migrate with, rape or sodomize them and ruthlessly butcher the vulnerable in order to sell their body parts to local witchdoctors and those afar. These grisly murderers have laid into graves many lives! The ill-fated border jumpers also have to contend with vicious, ravenous predators like lions, leopards and hyenas and other such carnivores in search of easy prey. Brutal soldiers vigilantly guarding these borders for trespassers also add to their woes. Of course, these law-breaking border-jumpers have those who help them out. For a fee of a thousand five hundred rands or two hundred American dollars, the Malayisha (cross-

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border taxi drivers) transport them from various parts of Zimbabwe to the Beit-Bridge border post, where they are handed over to the Impisi (escorts) at secluded rendezvous outside the border posts. These Impisi are paid by the Malayisha to escort their passengers without passports, across river Limpopo right up to near Musina in South Africa where they pick them up again and take them to Johannesburg. The border jumpers however risk all these predators that hunt down anything that moves throughout the night. In the novel, we meet Themba Khumalo who had always wanted to go to the lucrative South Africa but did not have Malayisha's fees until when his father died, he inherited two of his father's donkeys and gave them to a local Malayisha as payment in kind, for the fees to take him to Johannesburg. What he did not know was that where he was going, the familiar became mysterious and the unfamiliar, gruesome and bizarre indeed! It was a place of delusion and paradox with a very thin line between life and death, as too many predatory eyes were fixed on the prey!

Ace detective Laura Marlin returns in another gripping adventure mystery for World Book Day 2014, from award-winning author, Lauren St John. When a prize-winning essay earns Laura Marlin an invitation to a midnight picnic on mysterious Bodmin Moor she can hardly wait, especially since her best friend, Tariq, and husky, Skye, get to come too. But Bodmin is a place steeped in legend and as the fog descends it becomes hard to separate myth from reality. When a freak accident leaves the children alone, Laura has to use all her powers of deduction to outwit an enemy who may not even exist.

From London to Corsica to Paris -- as a young woman pursues the truth about her late mother, two captivating love stories unfurl in this captivating novel from the author of *The Guest List*. Kate Darling's enigmatic mother -- a once-famous ballerina -- has passed away, leaving Kate

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bereft. When her grandmother falls ill and bequeaths to Kate a small portrait of a woman who bears a striking resemblance to Kate's mother, Kate uncovers a mystery that may upend everything she thought she knew. Kate's journey to find the true identity of the woman in the portrait takes her to some of the world's most iconic and indulgent locales, revealing a love story that began in the wild 1920s and was disrupted by war and could now spark new love for Kate. Alternating between Kate's present-day hunt and voices from the past, *The Book of Lost and Found* casts light on family secrets and love -- both lost and found.

Will Mikaleh and her friends unravel the mystery of the ruby key and discover who—or what—is the Lone Survivor? Of all the squads in what remains of the known world—that is, after the onset of “The Storm” and the mysterious zombie hordes that came with it—no squad has a reputation like Squad #43! Helmed by the valiant Mikaleh (a mighty Soldier) and her sidekick Janet (a stalwart and even-tempered Constructor), they’re known across the multiverse of servers as the deadliest dispatchers of Mist Monsters and Husks in all the land. Their reputation for finding and freeing survivors is unmatched, and they’re second-to-none when it comes to discovering clever tricks and secrets. Rounded out by Sam (an Outlander) and Sammy (a Ninja)—a quirky pair, who fight like brothers but always reconcile like best friends—Squad #43 seems on an unstoppable trajectory to combat The Storm and restore the world, bit by bit, to something like its former self. Yet Mikaleh can hardly believe her eyes when she returns to base camp one morning—after a long evening of satisfying zombie-killing—to find that the Husks appear to have . . . reached out to them! A mysterious message, seeming to be from the very monsters themselves, urges Squad #43 to attend a secret rendezvous in Canny Valley where more will be revealed. Never one to turn down a mystery, Mikaleh soon finds her

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squad plunged into a strange intrigue beyond her wildest dreams

In this coming-of-age novel, a white, small-town Kentucky teen uncovers dark secrets while investigating her mother's suspicious death in 1972. In 1972, on Mudas Summers's seventeenth birthday, her beloved Mama, Ella, is found hanging from the rafters of their home. Most people in Peckinpaw, Kentucky, assume that Ella's no-good husband did the deed. Others think Ella grew tired of his abuse and did it herself. Muddy is determined to find out for sure either way, especially once she finds strange papers hidden amongst her mama's possessions. But Peckinpaw keeps its secrets buried deep. Muddy's almost-more-than-friend, Bobby Marshall, knows that better than most. Though he passes for white, one of his ancestors was Frannie Crow, a slave hanged a century ago on nearby Hark Hill Plantation. Adorning the town square is a seat built from Frannie's gallows. A tribute, a relic—and a caution—it's known as Liar's Bench. Now, the answers Muddy seeks soon lead back to Hark Hill, to hatred and corruption that have echoed through the years—and lies she must be brave enough to confront at last. "Glorious... Liar's Bench succeeds on many levels.... Much of any reader's delight will be rooted in savoring the sounds, smells, tastes, and fragrances that enhance her captivating vision of a typical Southern small town during two linked periods of its history."—Southern Literary Review "This has southern small-town charm... includes recipes and discussion questions and may appeal to those who like Rebecca Wells or Jennifer Chiaverini."—Booklist "A satisfying mystery with thought-provoking historical elements, written in a sassy Southern voice."—Historical Novels Review

When Edy Phelps falls hard for her best friend, she knows nothing can come from it. Forget actual chemistry, or the fact that she cherishes his mother more than her own; centuries of

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tradition say that Hassan Pradhan will grow up, marry the girl his parents select, and think nothing of his best friend: the dancer with the bursting smile. Except he can't. He won't. In a world erupting with possibilities for the boy with a body of steel and dreams of the NFL, everything seems promised while nothing at all is; when he's denied the girl he wants most. Two hearts. Two families devoted through generations of friendship. Could Edy and Hassan really risk all that? And yet ... how could they not?

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"Compulsively readable . . . ravenously consuming . . . manna from heaven . . . If ever someone knew how to put a genuinely irresistible book together, it's Jacobs in *Still Here*." —Jeff Simon, *The Buffalo News* *Still Here* is the first full telling of Elaine Stritch's life. Rollicking but intimate, it tracks one of Broadway's great personalities from her upbringing in Detroit during the Great Depression to her fateful move to New York City, where she studied alongside Marlon Brando, Bea Arthur, and Harry Belafonte. We accompany Elaine through her jagged rise to fame, to Hollywood and London, and across her later years, when she enjoyed a stunning renaissance, punctuated by a turn on the popular television show *30 Rock*. We explore the influential—and often fraught—collaborations she developed with Noël Coward, Tennessee Williams, and above all Stephen Sondheim, as well as her courageous yet flawed attempts to control a serious drinking problem. And we see the entertainer triumphing over personal turmoil with the development of her Tony Award–winning one-woman show, *Elaine Stritch at Liberty*, which established her as an emblem of spiky independence and Manhattan life for an entirely new generation of admirers. In *Still Here*, Alexandra Jacobs conveys the full

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force of Stritch's sardonic wit and brassy charm while acknowledging her many dark complexities. Following years of meticulous research and interviews, this is a portrait of a powerful, vulnerable, honest, and humorous figure who continues to reverberate in the public consciousness.

As affecting as it is suspenseful, "High Water" infuses a harrowing mystery with an intensely personal study of the delicate, complex bonds that define a family.

Eve Dallas, a New York police lieutenant, is in over her head when she breaks the rules and falls in love with a suspect in her most recent case. Reissue.

When Andrew Apperley visits his brother David in the East, he brings along an unexpected companion. Andrew's giant wolf dog, Comanche, is so wild that he has to be chained up for the safety of others. However, when the Apperley brothers come across a man drowning in the East River, Comanche breaks loose from his chains and swims to the man's rescue. In fact, this man, Single Jack Deems, is a convict who has just escaped from Blackwell's Island. Deems wants Comanche for himself, and trails the Apperley brothers as they journey back West. Meanwhile, Andrew has his own problems back home with dangerous outlaw and businessman Alex Shodress. Shodress has learned to steal with immunity from the law, and has imperiled everything Andrew owns. When Deems finally shows up at the Apperley ranch to buy Comanche, Andrew tells him that there is only one way he can win possession of the wolf dog, if he is willing to do it. Once again, beloved Western author Max Brand weaves a compelling story of the Old West, its systems of law and justice, and the people that lived in its time. Skyhorse Publishing is proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in fiction that takes place in the old West. Westerns—books about outlaws, sheriffs, chiefs and

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warriors, cowboys and Indians—are a genre in which we publish regularly. Our list includes international bestselling authors like Zane Gray and Louis L'Amour, and many more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

Through generations of a Kentucky bourbon family, this novel of sisterhood, secrets, regret and absolution “is rich with drama and family intrigue” (Publishers Weekly). For the Butler family of Glass Ferry, Kentucky, bourbon has been a way of life for generations. Beauregard “Honey Bee” Butler, was known for making some of the best whiskey in the state. Only one person was entrusted with Honey Bee’s secret recipes before he passed on: his daughter Flannery. But Flannery is harboring other secrets too—about her twin sister Patsy, older by eight minutes and pretty in a way Flannery knows she’ll never be. Then, on prom night, Patsy disappears along with her date. Every succeeding year on the twins’ birthday, Flannery’s mother bakes a strawberry cake, convinced that Patsy will finally come home. But it will be two tumultuous decades until the muddy river yields a clue about what happened that night, compelling Flannery to confront the truth about her sleepy town, her family’s past, and the choices she and those closest to her have made in the name of love.

Pretty Mess meets #Girlboss in this part memoir, part entrepreneurial manifesto from The Real Housewives of New Jersey’s “Powerhouse in Pigtails.” Margaret Josephs is a hustler. She’s a tough cookie. She speaks her mind. She never leaves the house without lipstick on. She’s also a devoted wife, mother, daughter, businesswoman, lifestyle expert, and fan-favorite star of the reality TV series The Real Housewives of New Jersey. Sounds pretty glamorous, right?

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Well, things are never exactly as they seem. Before she arrived where she is today, “The Marge” was born to young immigrant parents. Raised by a single party-girl mother who left her physically abusive father when she was one and a half, she was taught that it was more important to look good than to feel good. No structure. No rules. No blueprint for future success or stability. But like most people who struggle through atypical childhoods, destructive relationships, and career challenges, she forced herself to wake up every morning and put one high heel in front of the other, even if she didn’t know where she was going. Margaret took the cards she was dealt and eventually turned them into a winning hand, and she wants to arm fans with the ability to do the same. In *Caviar Dreams*, *Tuna Fish Budget*, she’ll talk about how to launch a lifestyle brand, how to work with family members, and how to be an uncompromising woman in a man’s world. She also spills stories from her personal life about the son *Real Housewives* viewers don’t know exists, the time Joan Rivers gave her the best advice she ever got, the rendezvous she had with a famous rock star, and the affair with her contractor that ended her marriage but gave her the happily ever after. *Caviar Dreams*, *Tuna Fish Budget* takes readers along Margaret’s wild, bumpy journey to entrepreneurial success and reality TV fame, written in her trademark no-nonsense, tongue-in-cheek voice with the perfect combination of grit and glitz.

Layla, a Palestinian woman, witnesses the diaspora of her family during the war in Palestine in 1948. Torn between her culture and the western way of life, Layla chases a dream of love and independence. Her journey takes her around the world, ending with a dramatic love story with a Jewish American man. *Out of Reach* is a compelling story of an independent woman who learns the harsh lessons of her life through marriage, romance, loss and deceit.

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From Cornwall to Russia. Laura, her faithful husky Skye and Tariq are whirled into a breathtaking mystery adventure when they join the film crew on the set of THE ARISTOCRATIC THIEF about an art heist that could never be pulled off in real life. Or could it? Adventure and drama just seem to find Laura even when she's not looking for it. The nude male body lay on the embalming table, battered beyond recognition. Gingerly, Summer McAfee, chairman, CEO, and sole employee of Daisy Fresh cleaning service, reached out to touch an arm to reassure herself that she hadn't just seen the corpse move. Suddenly, shockingly, her hand was in the viselike grip of a man very much alive and desperate enough to take her captive on a no-holds-barred run from cops, killers, and his own decidedly complicated past... Summer's former life as a New York lingerie model had gone south with her marriage, leaving her, at thirty-six, single and back home in Tennessee, on her hands and knees scrubbing other people's bathrooms. But the drab present vanishes in a flash as she's forced to flee into the Tennessee wilds with the stranger she calls Frankenstein, first as his captive, then his companion, as they run from the enemies determined to destroy them both--straight into a raging passion that could only be the last laugh of fate...

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