

# Midnight At The Dragon Cafe Judy Fong Bates

While searching all over Bangkok for her half-sister, Rebecca Brown captures the attention of Kash Santelli, a man who suspects her of being a spy.

Seraphina took the literary world by storm with 8 starred reviews and numerous “Best of” lists. At last, her eagerly awaited sequel has arrived—and with it comes an epic battle between humans and dragons. The kingdom of Goredd: a world where humans and dragons share life with an uneasy balance, and those few who are both human and dragon must hide the truth. Seraphina is one of these, part girl, part dragon, who is reluctantly drawn into the politics of her world. When war breaks out between the dragons and humans, she must travel the lands to find those like herself—for she has an inexplicable connection to all of them, and together they will be able to fight the dragons in powerful, magical ways. As Seraphina gathers this motley crew, she is pursued by humans who want to stop her. But the most terrifying is another half dragon, who can creep into people’s minds and take them over. Until now, Seraphina has kept her mind safe from intruders, but that also means she’s held back her own gift. It is time to make a choice: Cling to the safety of her old life, or embrace a powerful new destiny? Praise for Seraphina: A New York Times Bestseller An Indie Bestseller Winner of the William C. Morris Debut Award Winner of the Cybil Award for Teen Fantasy and Science Fiction An Amazon

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Top 20 Teen Book of the Year A Chicago Public Library Best Book of the Year A Kirkus Reviews Best Teen Book of the Year A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year A Library Journal Best Young Adult Literature for Adults Selection A Booklist Editors' Choice An ABA New Voices Pick A Publishers Weekly Flying Start Author An ALA-ALSC Notable Children's Book An ALA-YALSA Top Ten Best Fiction for Young Adults Book Recipient of 8 Starred Reviews "Beautifully written, well-rounded characters, and some of the most interesting dragons I've read in fantasy for a long while. An impressive debut novel; I can't wait to see what Rachel Hartman writes next." —Christopher Paolini, New York Times bestselling author of *Eragon* "A novel that will appeal to both fans of Christopher Paolini's *Eragon* series and Robin McKinley's *The Hero and the Crown*."  
—Entertainment Weekly

Millionaire investigator Alex Hunter meets exciting, desirable Joanna Rand while on a mission in Japan but finds that she is a Senator's daughter who disappeared 10 years ago and now has a new identity. By a #1 best-selling author. Reissue.

When sixteen-year-old Cynda goes to stay with her father and his second wife, Susan, at their remote bed-and-breakfast inn in Maine, everything starts off well despite legends about ghosts and a murder at the inn. But Cynda feels like a visitor in Dad's new life, an outsider. Then intense, handsome stranger Vincent Morthanos arrives at the inn and seems to return Cynda's interest. At first she is blind to the subtle, insistent signs that Vincent is not what he seems—that he

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is, in fact, a vampire. Can Cynda free herself-and her family-from Vincent's power before it's too late? Full-bodied characterizations and page-turning suspense ensure that this eerie, riveting novel will appeal to middle school fans of mystery and horror.

Possessed villains. Intriguing guardians. Multiple worlds. Ava Davenport thinks she's just a regular girl. Little does she know, she is the descendant and the key to the evil Xemlix plan of enslaving Earth, but the Lapo guardians are watching. Lose yourself in this out-of-this world fantasy romance!

Bookshop owner Penelope Thornton-McClure and her ghostly companion must solve the case of a literary killer in this Haunted Bookshop mystery from Cleo Coyle, writing as Alice Kimberly. Pen has just received an extremely rare collection of Edgar Allan Poe's complete works. Rumor has it a secret code, trapped within the books' leather-bound pages, leads to buried treasure. Well, it looks like they got the buried part right—because, as Pen sells off the valuable volumes, everyone who buys...dies. Once these books go missing from their owners' cold hands, Pen will need resident ghost and hard-boiled P.I. Jack Shepard to help crack the case. The police are skeptical that the deaths involved foul play—so it's up to them to unravel these shocking endings...

The second book in New York Times-bestselling Seanan McGuire's witty urban fantasy InCryptid series about a family of cryptozoologists who act as a buffer between humans and the magical creatures living in secret around us. "The only thing more fun than an October

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Daye book is an InCryptid book." —Charlaine Harris, #1 New York Times-bestselling author of Sookie Stackhouse series  
Normal, adjective: Conforming to the standard or common type. See also "ordinary."

Abnormal, adjective: Deviating from the common type, such as playing monster-human on the rooftops of Manhattan. See also "Verity Price." The Price family has spent generations studying the monsters of the world, working to protect them from humanity—and to protect humanity from them. Verity Price is just trying to do her job, keeping the native cryptid population of Manhattan from getting into trouble, and doing a little ballroom dancing on the side. Enter Dominic De Luca, an operative for the Covenant of St. George, and Verity's on-again, off-again boyfriend. When he tells her that the Covenant is sending a full team to assess how ready the city is for a purge, Verity finds herself between a rock and a hard place. Stay, and risk her almost-certain death, or flee, and leave the cryptids of New York with nothing between them and the Covenant. With allies and enemies on every side, and no safe way to turn, it's going to take some quickstepping for Verity to waltz out of this one. There's just one question on everyone's mind: Is this the last dance for Verity Price?

USA Today bestselling author Heather Webber's *South of the Buttonwood Tree* is a captivating blend of magical realism, heartwarming romance, and small-town Southern charm. Blue Bishop has a knack for finding lost things. While growing up in charming small-town Buttonwood, Alabama, she's happened across lost wallets, jewelry, pets, her wandering neighbor, and

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sometimes, trouble. No one is more surprised than Blue, however, when she comes across an abandoned newborn baby in the woods, just south of a very special buttonwood tree. Sarah Grace Landreneau Fulton is at a crossroads. She has always tried so hard to do the right thing, but her own mother would disown her if she ever learned half of Sarah Grace's secrets. The unexpected discovery of the newborn baby girl will alter Blue's and Sarah Grace's lives forever. Both women must fight for what they truly want in life and for who they love. In doing so, they uncover long-held secrets that reveal exactly who they really are—and what they're willing to sacrifice in the name of family. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Lots of Kids write letters to Santa, but those delivered to the North Pole are answered by a group of dedicated volunteers who call themselves The Elves. *Blame It On Mistletoe* – Abby Baxter has spent the year since her husband's death trying to hold on. When she discovers her son is missing, her entire world trembles— until her husband's best friend appears at her door. Secretly in love with Abby for years, Frank Machado is determined to see JD back in his mother's arms. Sparks fly, hearts warm, love—and Christmas—are in the air. Should they *Blame it on Mistletoe*? *If Only In My Dreams* – Jilted in North Pole, Alaska, café owner Amelia Beckett's bad man-karma has struck again! She wants out of this cutesy town—until a snarling, injured fox in her

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backyard sends her running to strong, silent neighbor and café regular, Wes Curtis. Wes moved to Alaska after his wife died, not expecting he'd need to brush up admittedly rusty dating skills. But moonlit nights spent helping beautiful, skittish Amelia and the fox relax and heal make him determined to convince Amelia she belongs in Alaska—with him. What Child is This? - Hope Grayson's six-year-old daughter clearly wants a daddy for Christmas. Eli Thompson has never forgotten Hope, realizing just how much he's missed her. When he unexpectedly shows up to help in the clinic, Hope is stunned. She wants to protect her daughter and her heart, but is it possible Eli is the perfect Christmas present for them both?

Fifteen-year-old Creel is floored when her aunt suggests they sacrifice her to a dragon to attract the attention of a marriageable knight. But when the dragon appears, Creel bargains for her life - and ends up with an unusual pair of blue slippers. It's not until the slippers are stolen by a princess that Creel learns a terrible truth: the slippers are made from the hide of a dragon queen, and enable the wearer to control all the dragons in the land. Now under the command of the princess, who is eager to start a war, the dragons begin to attack the city. Creel must join forces with the king's son and others to break the slippers' hold before the princess and the dragons destroy the city - or before the king's

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archers kill the dragons - whichever comes first. Troy entices the dragon shifter Drakina to her fate, compelled to assassinate her to save his own life. But Drakina is both more intriguing and more perceptive than Troy anticipates - plus she declares him to be her destined mate. Can he seduce her and still fulfill his quest? Or will a night with Drakina change his priorities forever?

Celebrate Chinese New Year with this sweet story of friendship and family! In this story designed to engage early readers, charming characters combine with simple text, lively illustrations, and laugh-out-loud humor to help boost kids' confidence and create lifelong readers! Chinese New Year is the most important holiday for Alex and her family, so it's even more special when she gets to share her favorite traditions with her best friend, Ethan. Together, they join the Chinese New Year parade and get to help make the dragon dance. Then they prepare for the festivities by tidying up, decorating, and making dumplings. After that, it's time to open red envelopes, eat a great big feast, and enjoy the lantern festival! Complete with fun facts about the holiday in the back of the book, young readers will want to revisit this story again and again. Exciting, easy-to-read books are the stepping stone a young reader needs to bridge the gap between being a beginner and being fluent.

In a modern mega-city built around dragons, one boy

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gets caught up in the world of underground dragon battles and a high-stakes gang war that could tear his family apart. Once, dragons nearly drove themselves to extinction. But in the city of Drakopolis, humans domesticated them centuries ago. Now dragons haul the city's cargo, taxi its bustling people between skyscrapers, and advertise its wares in bright, neon displays. Most famously of all, the dragons battle. Different breeds take to the skies in nighttime bouts between the infamous kins—criminal gangs who rule through violence and intimidation. Abel has always loved dragons, but after a disastrous showing in his dragon rider's exam, he's destined never to fly one himself. All that changes the night his sister appears at his window, entrusting him with a secret...and a stolen dragon. Turns out, his big sister is a dragon thief! Too bad his older brother is a rising star in Drakopolis law enforcement... To protect his friends and his family, Abel must partner with the stolen beast, riding in kin battles and keeping more secrets than a dragon has scales. When everyone wants him fighting on their side, can Abel figure out what's worth fighting for? Su-Jen Chou, a Chinese immigrant growing up in 1950s Ontario finds herself shouldering the weight of her mother's hopes and dreams as her isolated family attempts to forge a life for themselves in a small town. Original. 20,000 first printing. A magical fantasy that is fast-paced and easy-to-

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read. Charlie Bone has a special gift- he can hear people in photographs talking. The fabulous powers of the Red King were passed down through his descendants, after turning up quite unexpectedly, in someone who had no idea where they came from. This is what happened to Charlie Bone, and to some of the children he met behind the grim, gray walls of Bloor's Academy. Charlie Bone has discovered an unusual gift-he can hear people in photographs talking! His scheming aunts decide to send him to Bloor Academy, a school for genius's where he uses his gifts to discover the truth despite all the dangers that lie ahead.

By Georges Perec.

A new vision of knights, dragons, and the fair maiden caught in between . . . Four decades of peace have done little to ease the mistrust between humans and dragons in the kingdom of Goredd. Folding themselves into human shape, dragons attend court as ambassadors, and lend their rational, mathematical minds to universities as scholars and teachers. As the treaty's anniversary draws near, however, tensions are high. Seraphina has reason to fear both sides. An unusually gifted musician, she joins the court just as a member of the royal family is murdered. While a sinister plot to destroy the peace is uncovered, Seraphina struggles to protect the secret behind her musical gift, one so terrible that its discovery could mean her very life. Seraphina's tortuous journey to self-acceptance will make a magical, indelible impression on its readers.

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THE USA TODAY BESTSELLER Heather Webber's *Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe* is a captivating blend of magical realism, heartwarming romance, and small-town Southern charm. Nestled in the mountain shadows of Alabama lies the little town of Wicklow. It is here that Anna Kate has returned to bury her beloved Granny Zee, owner of the Blackbird Café. It was supposed to be a quick trip to close the café and settle her grandmother's estate, but despite her best intentions to avoid forming ties or even getting to know her father's side of the family, Anna Kate finds herself inexplicably drawn to the quirky Southern town her mother ran away from so many years ago, and the mysterious blackbird pie everybody can't stop talking about. As the truth about her past slowly becomes clear, Anna Kate will need to decide if this lone blackbird will finally be able to take her broken wings and fly. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

A lavishly illustrated volume of C.G. Jung's visual work, from drawing to painting to sculpture. A world-renowned, founding figure in analytical psychology, and one of the twentieth century's most vibrant thinkers, C.G. Jung imbued as much inspiration, passion, and precision in what he made as in what he wrote. Though it spanned his entire lifetime and included painting, drawing, and sculpture, Jung's practice of visual art was a talent that Jung himself consistently downplayed out of a stated desire never to claim the title "artist." But the long-awaited and landmark publication, in 2009, of C.G. Jung's *The Red Book* revealed an astonishing visual

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facet of a man so influential in the realm of thought and words, as it integrated stunning symbolic images with an exploration of “thinking in images” in therapeutic work and the development of the method of Active Imagination. The remarkable depictions that burst forth from the pages of that calligraphic volume remained largely unrecognized and unexplored until publication. The release of *The Red Book* generated enormous interest in Jung’s visual works and allowed scholars to engage with the legacy of Jung’s creativity. The essays collected here present previously unpublished artistic work and address a remarkably broad spectrum of artistic accomplishment, both independently and within the context of *The Red Book*, itself widely represented. Tracing the evolution of Jung’s visual efforts from early childhood to adult life while illuminating the close relation of Jung’s lived experience to his scientific and creative endeavors, *The Art of C.G. Jung* offers a diverse exhibition of Jung’s engagement with visual art as maker, collector, and analyst.

Increasing your sales revenue is really simple. It's just a matter of getting your wait staff to say the right things, in the right way, at the right time - every time! This book is the definitive guide to show you how. How would you like your worst performing waiter to sell like one of the best waiters in the world? They can with what you will learn in this book! Are you literally leaving money on the table? Does your wait staff cost you sales by acting as order takers and plate carriers? Would you like to have wait staff who are able to increase your bill size without coming across as robots or sleazy sales people? Running

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a restaurant is hard work. *Selling at the Table* makes it much, much easier. As your staff starts to implement the seven simple steps contained within this book, you will see your restaurant, café, hotel or bar's profits grow.

Your staff will produce better sales revenue and life will become a whole lot easier for you. Because you have increased revenue, you will be able to recruit and retain great staff who will further increase your profits as they embrace *Selling at the Table* as the culture in your venue. Rest assured, you'll not be asking your staff to do anything more than they are doing already. You'll just be getting them to do it the right way - to say the right things, in the right way, at the right time - every time!

6 Starred Reviews and a New York Public Library Best Book of 2017! New York Times bestselling author Jodi

Lynn Anderson's epic tale—told through three unforgettable points of view—is a masterful exploration of how love, determination, and hope can change a person's fate. 2065: Adri has been handpicked to live on Mars. But weeks before launch, she discovers the journal of a girl who lived in her house more than a hundred years ago and is immediately drawn into the mystery surrounding her fate. 1934: Amid the fear and uncertainty of the Dust Bowl, Catherine's family's situation is growing dire. She must find the courage to sacrifice everything she loves in order to save the one person she loves most. 1919: In the recovery following World War I, Lenore tries to come to terms with her grief for her brother, a fallen British soldier, and plans to sail from England to America. But can she make it that far? While their stories span thousands of miles and multiple

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generations, Lenore, Catherine, and Adri's fates are entwined in ways both heartbreaking and hopeful. In Jodi Lynn Anderson's signature haunting, lyrical prose, human connections spark spellbindingly to life, and a bright light shines on the small but crucial moments that determine one's fate. "Deft, succinct, and ringing with emotion without ever dipping into sentimentality, Anderson's novel is both intriguing and deeply satisfying."—Kirkus (starred review) "Each character's resilience and independence shines brightly, creating a thread that ties them together even before the intersections of their lives are fully revealed. Anderson's piercing prose ensures that these remarkable women will leave a lasting mark on readers."—Publishers Weekly (starred review) "With quietly evocative writing, compellingly drawn characters, and captivating secrets to unearth, this thought-provoking, lyrical novel explores the importance of pinning down the past before launching into the mystery of the future."—Booklist (starred review) "Anderson ...allows her characters to shine through, with each distinct, nuanced, and memorable."—BCCB (starred review) "Anderson deftly tackles love, friendship, and grief in this touching exploration of resilience and hope. A must-have for all YA collections."—School Library Journal (starred review) "In *Midnight at the Electric*, Jodi Lynn Anderson weaves a shining tale of hope in the face of adversity. " —Shelf Awareness (starred review)

New York Times bestselling author Karen Hawkins crafts an unforgettable story about a sleepy Southern town, two fiercely independent women, and a truly magical

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friendship. Sarah Dove is no ordinary bookworm. To her, books have always been more than just objects: they live, they breathe, and sometimes they even speak. When Sarah grows up to become the librarian in her quaint Southern town of Dove Pond, her gift helps place every book in the hands of the perfect reader. Recently, however, the books have been whispering about something out of the ordinary: the arrival of a displaced city girl named Grace Wheeler. If the books are right, Grace could be the savior that Dove Pond desperately needs. The problem is, Grace wants little to do with the town or its quirky residents—Sarah chief among them. It takes a bit of urging, and the help of an especially wise book, but Grace ultimately embraces the challenge to rescue her charmed new community. In her quest, she discovers the tantalizing promise of new love, the deep strength that comes from having a true friend, and the power of finding just the right book. “A mesmerizing fusion of the mystical and the everyday” (Susan Andersen, *New York Times* bestselling author), *The Book Charmer* is a heartwarming story about the magic of books that feels more than a little magical itself. Prepare to fall under its spell.

As the owner of Mystery Cup Café in Wilton, Missouri, a town made famous by a string of long-ago murders, Blake Harper is used to the mysterious. When her barista is found strangled in a mound of coffee beans, Blake vows to find the killer, even though her sister, the town’s lead police detective, tells her to stay out of it. Blake finds plenty of suspects, like the owners of a rival coffee shop and the handsome new bookstore owner.

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But when new threats are made, she soon realizes the danger is centered around Mystery Cup and someone is targeting her personally. Will Blake be able to solve the murder, find a new barista, and perfect her recipe for espresso brownies before she becomes the next victim?  
*Midnight At the Dragon Cafe* Emblem Editions

From the best-selling author of *The Saturday Night Ghost Club* comes this collection of seven brilliantly cinematic short stories. Set in the Niagara Falls of Craig Davidson's imagination—known as "Cataract City"—the superb stories of *Cascade* shine a shimmering light on this slightly seedy, slightly magical, slightly haunted place. The six gems in this collection each illuminate familial relationships in a singular way: A mother and her infant son fight to survive a car crash in a remote wintry landscape outside of town. Fraternal twins at a juvenile detention center reach a dangerous crisis point in their entwined lives. A pregnant social worker grapples with the prospect of parenthood as a custody case takes a dire turn. A hardboiled ex-firefighter goes after a serial arsonist with a flair for the theatrical even as his own troubled sister is drawn toward the flames. These are just some of the unforgettable characters animating this stellar collection that crackles with Davidson's superb craft and kinetic energy: in the steel-tipped prose, in the psychological perspicacity, and in the endearing humor. Presents linked short tales about a group of Chinese immigrants from the turn of the century and their descendants as they struggle to assimilate and retain cultural pride through their interactions at an Ontario suburb's laundry. Original.

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A knitting group's change of scenery changes lives in unexpected ways. Margaret, Rose, Jane, and Fran had a good thing going: meet every week in the quiet of their peaceful chapel and knit prayer shawls. No muss, just ministry. That is, until their pastor boots them out of the church in his last-ditch effort to revive the dwindling congregation. Uptight Margaret isn't having it. Knitting prayer shawls where people can watch is the most ridiculous idea she's ever heard of, and she's heard plenty. Prayer belongs in the church, not out among the heathen masses. How are they supposed to knit holiness into these shawls if they're constantly distracted by the public? But with no choice, the others embrace the challenge. They pack their knitting bags and drag Margaret—grumbling the whole way—to the mall with them. She can't wait to prove them all wrong when it fails miserably, and show the pastor that she always knows best. Without the familiar mold the group has been stuck in, their own losses, pain, and struggles rise to the surface. And the people and situations they encounter every time they try to sit quietly and knit are taking them a lot further out of their comfort zone than they ever imagined. Can they find the courage to tackle the increasing number of knotty issues they learn about in the community--or will the tangle be too much to unravel? Sharon J. Mondragon's debut is warm and delightful, full of real laughter, grief, and personality. It beautifully illustrates the power of women across generations to reach people for Christ.

This quirky bedtime story brings to life an eclectic cast of miniature farm animals and what they get themselves

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into while the farmer is fast asleep. After a long day of work, the farmer has gone to bed. But for her farm animals, the party is just getting started. While the farmer sleeps, the cows steal her truck to go to the moo-vies, the pigs pamper themselves, and the goats put on a midnight fashion show. This photographic book of miniatures depicts the mischief the farm animals get into in this adorable bedtime book.

Set in the 1960s, Judy Fong Bates's much-talked-about debut novel is the story of a young girl, the daughter of a small Ontario town's solitary Chinese family, whose life is changed over the course of one summer when she learns the burden of secrets. Through Su-Jen's eyes, the hard life behind the scenes at the Dragon Café unfolds. As Su-Jen's father works continually for a better future, her mother, a beautiful but embittered woman, settles uneasily into their new life. Su-Jen feels the weight of her mother's unhappiness as Su-Jen's life takes her outside the restaurant and far from the customs of the traditional past. When Su-Jen's half-brother arrives, smouldering under the responsibilities he must bear as the dutiful Chinese son, he forms an alliance with Su-Jen's mother, one that will have devastating consequences. Written in spare, intimate prose, *Midnight at the Dragon Café* is a vivid portrait of a childhood divided by two cultures and touched by unfulfilled longings and unspoken secrets.

"A boy's pet dragon visits him at school and joins the class in painting, reading, and playtime. An early emergent reader that includes a picture glossary, common sight words list, activities, and a note to

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caregivers"--

From the award-winning author of *Princess Princess Ever After* comes *The Tea Dragon Society*, a charming all-ages book that follows the story of Greta, a blacksmith apprentice, and the people she meets as she becomes entwined in the enchanting world of tea dragons. After discovering a lost tea dragon in the marketplace, Greta learns about the dying art form of tea dragon care-taking from the kind tea shop owners, Hesekiel and Erik. As she befriends them and their shy ward, Minette, Greta sees how the craft enriches their lives--and eventually her own.

Sherlock Holmes is an unparalleled genius. Warlock Holmes is an idiot. A font of arcane power, certainly. But he's brilliantly dim. Frankly, he couldn't deduce his way out of a paper bag. The only thing he has really got going for him are the might of a thousand demons and his stalwart companion. Thankfully, Dr. Watson is always there to aid him through the treacherous shoals of Victorian propriety... and save him from a gruesome death every now and again.

In *Eating Chinese*, Lily Cho examines Chinese restaurants as spaces that define, for those both inside and outside the community, what it means to be Chinese and what it means to be Chinese-Canadian.

Lead me not into temptation... Easier said than done when your name is Deacon Jacobs and temptation is your drug of choice. The woman with a broken soul shouldn't even have registered on his radar, but a wolf wants what a wolf wants. Sparks fly between the feisty female and the arrogant wolf, but Gemma got caught in

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the Midnight Pack's crossfire once before, and now all she wants is to forget. A familiar enemy re-surfaces but all is not as it seems and the pack closes ranks to face what could be their toughest challenge yet. The risks are daunting but Deacon will gamble everything, including his life, to ensure Gemma's safety.

In the tradition of *The Concubine's Children* and *Paper Shadows*, a probing memoir from the author of the acclaimed novel *Midnight at the Dragon Cafe*. An elegant and surprising book about a Chinese family's difficult arrival in Canada, and a daughter's search to understand remarkable and terrible truths about her parents' past lives. Growing up in her father's hand laundry in small town Ontario, Judy Fong Bates listened to stories of her parents' past lives in China, a place far removed from their every-day life of poverty and misery. But in spite of the allure of these stories, Fong Bates longed to be a Canadian girl. Fifty years later she finally followed her curiosity back to her ancestral home in China for a reunion that spiralled into a series of unanticipated discoveries. Opening with a shock as moving as the one that powers *The Glass Castle*, *The Year of Finding Memory* explores a particular, yet universal, world of family secrets, love, loss, courage and shame. This is a memoir of a daughter's emotional journey, and her painful acceptance of conflicting truths. In telling the story of her parents, Fong Bates is telling the story of how she came to know them, of finding memory. Gathering at their Lake Geneva estate when their adoptive father passes away, six sisters receive tantalizing clues about their true heritage, prompting

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Maia to journey to Rio de Janeiro to learn the story of her parents' forbidden love. By the best-selling author of *The Orchid House*.

As beguiling as the novels of Alice Hoffman, Adriana Trigiani, Aimee Bender, and Sarah Addison Allen, *Season of the Dragonflies* is a story of flowers, sisters, practical magic, old secrets, and new love, set in the Blue Ridge Mountains. For generations, the Lenore women have manufactured a perfume unlike any other, and guarded the unique and mysterious ingredients. Their perfumery, hidden in the quiet rolling hills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, creates one special elixir that secretly sells for millions of dollars to the world's most powerful—movie stars, politicians, artists, and CEOs. The Lenore's signature perfume is actually the key to their success. Willow, the coolly elegant Lenore family matriarch, is the brains behind the company. Her gorgeous, golden-haired daughter Mya is its heart. Like her foremothers, she can “read” scents and envision their power. Willow's younger daughter, dark-haired, soulful Lucia, claims no magical touch, nor does she want any part of the family business. She left the mountains years ago to make her own way. But trouble is brewing. Willow is experiencing strange spells of forgetfulness. Mya is plotting a coup. A client is threatening blackmail. And most ominously, the unique flowers used in their perfume are dying. Whoever can save the company will inherit it. Though Mya is the obvious choice, Lucia has begun showing signs of her own special abilities. And her return to the mountains—heralded by a swarm of blue dragonflies—may

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be the answer they all need.

It's called the "Gettysburg of the West," the battle for control of Glorieta Pass, near Santa Fe. At stake is a route to Colorado's gold and San Francisco's unblockadable sea coast, two goals that would give the Confederate States a vital edge. General H.H. Sibley's Texas Confederates are opposed by a Union army under Colonel E.R.S. Canby. Before the war, Sibley and Canby were on the same side. Now there's just no winning in this bloody battle between countrymen torn apart by money, politics, and geography. History will ignore the fate of Lieutenant Franklin of New York, Captain O'Brien of the Colorado Volunteers, Jamie Russell of San Antonio, and Miss Laura Howland, recently arrived from Boston. They will be utterly changed, however, in the cauldron of battle where the fate of Glorieta Pass--and hundreds of lives--is decided. Sharing her cost-cutting principles and tips, the creator of the Budget Bytes blog presents a vast array of easy and healthy recipes that are full of flavor but won't break the bank. Original. 40,000 first printing.

With this brilliant novel about the surprises of destiny and the origins of fame, the critically acclaimed author of *Golden Days* ("Extraordinary . . . a very, very important book"-Los Angeles Times Book Review) and *Making History* ("Radiant . . . exciting and imaginative"-Cleveland Plain Dealer) firmly establishes her place as one of the preeminent chroniclers of our times. *The Handyman* is the story of Bob Hampton, an aspiring young painter who has had to face the humbling fact that he doesn't know what to paint. And how are you supposed to be an artist

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in this world if you don't have a vision? Bob trades in his artist's palette for a minivan full of house paints, hammers, and nails, and sets about earning a little cash as a handyman. Although he turns out to be very bad at fixing the things he's hired to fix, Bob demonstrates quite a knack for fixing the lives of the people around him. In the midst of his jerry-built repairs and inspired home improvements, Bob meets an extraordinary cast of characters--rendered in all their delightful eccentricity and human frailty as only Carolyn See can--each of whom shows Bob the true scope of his own remarkable talent. There's Angela Landry, a housewife with far too much time on her hands, a sexpot of a stepdaughter, and a son in need of attention; Jamie Walker, whose allergy-prone and ADD-afflicted children keep a menagerie of scaly pets that far exceed Jamie's managerial skills; Valerie LeClerc, older, sadder, and certainly wiser than Bob; and Hank and Ben, who leave a narrow-minded Midwest only to find unremitting illness and isolation in the California of their dreams. Replete with stunning images and all of Carolyn See's trademark humor and wisdom, *The Handyman* depicts the countless ways in which our lives are intertwined and the profound effects we can have on one another. It is the kind of surprising and miraculously uplifting novel we have come to expect from the woman Diane Johnson has called "one of our most important writers."

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