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The bestselling author of *Pledged* returns with a groundbreaking look at the pressure to achieve faced by America's teens. In *Pledged*, Alexandra Robbins followed four college girls to produce a riveting narrative that read like fiction. Now, in *The Overachievers*, Robbins uses the same captivating style to explore how our high-stakes educational culture has spiraled out of control. During the year of her ten-year reunion, Robbins goes back to her high school, where she follows heart-tuggingly likeable students including "AP" Frank, who grapples with horrifying parental pressure to succeed; Audrey, whose panicked perfectionism overshadows her life; Sam, who worries his years of overachieving will be wasted if he doesn't attend a name-brand college; Taylor, whose ambition threatens her popular girl status; and The Stealth Overachiever, a mystery junior who flies under the radar. Robbins tackles teen issues such as intense stress, the student and teacher cheating epidemic, sports rage, parental guilt, the black market for study drugs, and a college admissions process so cutthroat that students are driven to suicide and depression because of a B. With a compelling mix of fast-paced narrative and fascinating investigative journalism, *The Overachievers* aims both to calm the admissions frenzy and to expose its escalating dangers.

"What the heck is my partner thinking?" is a common refrain in romantic relationships, and with good reason. Every person is wired for love differently, with different habits, needs, and reactions to conflict. The good news is that most people's minds work in predictable ways and respond well to security, attachment, and rituals, making it possible to actually neurologically prime the brain for greater love and fewer conflicts. *Wired for Love* is a complete insider's guide to understanding a partner's brain and promoting love and trust within a romantic relationship. Readers learn ten scientific principles they can use to avoid triggering fear and panic in their partners, manage their partners' emotional reactions when they do become upset, and recognize when the brain's threat response is hindering their ability to act in a loving way. By learning to use simple gestures and words, readers can learn to put out emotional fires and help their partners feel more safe and secure. The no-fault view of conflict in this book encourages readers to move past a "warring brain" mentality and toward a more cooperative "loving brain" understanding of the relationship. Based in the sound science of neurobiology, attachment theory, and emotion regulation research, this book is essential reading for couples and others interested in understanding the complex dynamics at work behind love and trust in intimate relationships.

A second chance romance set during the holiday season in a small town on Maryland's Eastern Shore: full of laughter and heartwarming moments, checklists, family dynamics, a stubborn cat, and a rescue dog. All Sorcha O'Connor wants for Christmas is for her life to turn into a Hallmark movie—but sexier. Ryan Sawyer has a few things on his wishlist. First, he wants to stay away from Swans Cove. Second, he wants his NHL career back. And third, he wants Sorcha. Always has, always will. When wedding dress designer Sorcha O'Connor got stranded at the altar and went viral as #TheLeftoverBride, she lost everything: her fiancé, her thriving business, her glowing reputation, and her dreams. To forget the upcoming first anniversary of that fateful day, Sorcha is ticking items off her "31 Things to Do Before the 31st" list and creating new dress designs—working day and night to get her life back on track. Not on her list? Falling for her former best friend—at one point more than best friend—hockey star Ryan Sawyer. Especially since he's now known as the #HockeyHottie; Sorcha's got enough hashtags for a lifetime. Ryan Sawyer skated out of Swans Cove right out of high school. And since then, he stuck to the one item on his wishlist he could control. He busted his ass, making sure he always had the perfect excuse for avoiding Swans Cove: hockey. But thanks to his injured shoulder, rumors about his uncertain future at the Tacoma Angels, and his mother's birthday, he's back for a quick visit. His publicist was crystal clear—Ryan's got to lay low and avoid stirring up trouble or risk losing his spot on the team. But he can't stop thinking about Sorcha, the redhead who knows him better than even his therapist. Ryan wasn't there for her when she needed him most, and for that, she might want to shred him with her dressmaker's shears, though... Maybe he could just pass by and say hello? When Sorcha's former #RunawayGroom becomes the Most Coveted Bachelor in America, virtual eyes focus on Sorcha again. This time, Ryan's not going to bolt—even when Sorcha blurts out on national TV that both she and Ryan are working on their so-called "Happy Lists"...together. Will the spotlight finally work in Sorcha and Ryan's favor? Or will their past—and their hashtags—get in the way of their Happily Ever After?

The New York Times—bestselling author's classic guide to astrology: "What makes *Sun Signs* different is that much of the writing is done with humor" (The Boston Globe). Before 1968, astrology as we know it had a very limited following in the United States and around the world. The publication of Linda Goodman's *Sun Signs* changed that forever. Newspapers began running astrology columns, and soon, an increasing number of people knew their sign (as well as yours) and began to study astrological tendencies. Linda Goodman's *Sun Signs* quickly established itself as the worldwide introductory bible to astrology for beginner and expert alike. The book's simple organizational technique made it easy for everyone to follow and understand themselves and others, sign-by-sign. This updated edition of the groundbreaking classic is an enjoyable way to discover the world of astrology today.

Discover the secrets to creating beautiful, realistic colored pencil drawings with *Drawing: Colored Pencil Basics*. Whether you're a novice or an accomplished artist just getting started with colored pencil, *Drawing: Colored Pencil Basics* provides you with the instruction and inspiration you need to master this versatile medium. By starting with the necessary supplies and basic techniques, this colorful, comprehensive guidebook gives you a solid foundation so you can work through each stunning project with ease and joy. Award-winning artist Cynthia Knox first teaches the fundamentals: tools and materials, colored pencil techniques, color basics, the basic shapes drawing method, the grid method, using photo references, and more. She explores blending, burnishing, and layering colors, plus a range of styles and techniques for creating your own works of art in colored pencil. After learning the basics of drawing in colored pencil, move on to the step-by-step lessons, which demonstrate how to draw strikingly realistic still life and animals. Each drawing project focuses on a specific technique. Included drawing projects are a fall leaf, a colorful cupcake, a butterfly on a flower, a pony, a bowl of cherries, and a puppy—all in gorgeous, realistic detail. A reference photograph is used for each project, so you can learn how to transform your everyday photographs into beautiful pieces of art with only paper and colored pencil. Designed for beginners, the *How to Draw & Paint* series offers easy-to-follow guides that introduce artists to basic tools and materials and include simple step-by-step lessons for a variety of projects suitable for the aspiring artist. *Drawing: Colored Pencil Basics* allows artists to develop drawing skills by demonstrating how to start with basic shapes and use pencil and coloring techniques to create varied textures, values, and details for realistic colored pencil drawings.

Cynical high school misfit Daria Morgendorffer compiles a dossier of information about her family and town

This year marks the golden anniversary of the Art Ensemble of Chicago, the flagship band of the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians. Formed in 1966 and flourishing until 2010, the Art Ensemble distinguished itself by its unique performance practices—members played hundreds of instruments on stage, recited poetry, performed theatrical sketches, and wore face paint, masks, lab coats, and traditional African and Asian dress. The group, which built a global audience and toured across six continents, presented their work as experimental performance art, in opposition to the jazz industry's traditionalist aesthetics. In *Message to Our Folks*, Paul Steinbeck combines musical analysis and historical inquiry to give us the definitive study of the Art Ensemble. In the book, he proposes a new theory of group improvisation that explains how the band members were able to improvise together in so many different styles while also drawing on an extensive repertoire of notated compositions. Steinbeck examines the multimedia dimensions of the Art Ensemble's performances and the ways in which their distinctive model of social relations kept the group performing together for four decades. *Message to*

Our Folks is a striking and valuable contribution to our understanding of one of the world's premier musical groups.

Inspired by the Robert De Niro film, this story spans three generations of a family of Jewish immigrants to the United States. A gang of friends discover - through trust, hard work and brutality - the true meaning of the American Dream.

A dazzling, sublimely funny debut that follows three unforgettable women who fight back after life kicks them in the teeth. Esther, Frankie, and Ruth live in a small Ohio town anchored by the thriving Juliet Pencils factory. After a freak accident at the plant, these women have to re-create their lives using the only tools they've got: wits, molars, and a new pair of shoes. Esther is an anxious person with a very specific prowess: she bites pencils. Her skill pays her bills but more importantly keeps her many worries in check. When the accident leaves her suddenly unemployed, she searches for new ways to manage her anxiety, but nothing works. She must discover a solution before her teeth mutiny and her worries take over. Frankie, the teenage daughter of the pencil factory owner, is full of contradictions. She wages a campaign to become the only girl in an all-boys club and listens exclusively to punk music, but she also watches soap operas in secret. After the accident damages Frankie's ability to speak, she is forced to step out of her powerful mother's shadow so she can discover who she is and what she wants to say. Ruth owns the local photography lab. She spends her days processing people's happy memories but spends her nights alone, talking to her dead husband. As the town unravels, Ruth spearheads a massive campaign to refocus on its future, but nothing will succeed until Ruth lets go of her past. This hilarious and redemptive story explores three women's liberation amid a tumult of grief, loneliness, and first love.

Don't miss this gorgeous, gift-worthy collection of RWBY fairy tales, straight from the show writers and E.C. Myers!

In Zero Hour for Gen X, Matthew Hennessey calls on his generation, Generation X, to take a stand against tech-obsessed millennials, apathetic baby boomers, utopian Silicon Valley "visionaries," and the menace to top them all: the soft totalitarian conspiracy known as the Internet of Things. Soon Gen Xers will be the only cohort of Americans who remember life as it was lived before the arrival of the Internet. They are, as Hennessey dubs them, "the last adult generation," the sole remaining link to a time when childhood was still a bit dangerous but produced adults who were naturally resilient. More than a decade into the social media revolution, the American public is waking up to the idea that the tech sector's intentions might not be as pure as advertised. The mountains of money being made off our browsing habits and purchase histories are used to fund ever-more extravagant and utopian projects that, by their very natures, will corrode the foundations of free society, leaving us all helpless and digitally enslaved to an elite crew of ultra-sophisticated tech geniuses. But it's not too late to turn the tide. There's still time for Gen X to write its own future. A spirited defense of free speech, eye contact, and the virtues of patience, Zero Hour for Gen X is a cultural history of the last 35 years, an analysis of the current social and historical moment, and a generational call to arms.

The Conquest of America is a fascinating study of cultural confrontation in the New World, with implications far beyond sixteenth-century America. The book offers an original interpretation of the Spaniards' conquest, colonization, and destruction of pre-Columbian cultures in Mexico and the Caribbean. Using sixteenth-century sources, the distinguished French writer and critic Tzvetan Todorov examines the beliefs and behavior of the Spanish conquistadors and of the Aztecs, adversaries in a clash of cultures that resulted in the near extermination of Mesoamerica's Indian population.

What If an Evil Witch Was Controlling Your Thoughts Without You Knowing? Soon after being whisked away to Seattle to live with an aunt and uncle he barely knew, Charlie Creevey learned that he hailed from a family of witches. After settling into this unfamiliar life, his feelings toward his new friend Diego Ramirez began to grow into something more serious. And if that wasn't enough, he failed to stop the nefarious witch Grace and her cohort from using the dreaded deathcraft and killing his mentor Malcolm. But a recent victory over Grace convinced him that he could let his guard down, explore his growing romance with Diego, and enjoy life as a normal high school sophomore. Or as normal as you can be as a gay teenage witch. In Book 3 of this riveting series, Charlie discovers that Grace has gone into hiding and is acting behind the scenes. Able to influence minds in ways that were previously unheard of in the witching world, Grace compels Charlie to unwittingly do things like taking on the bullies at Puget Academy and lying to his family. The more Charlie believes he is acting of his own accord, the more Grace secretly rebuilds her strength and plots her comeback. Will Charlie ever be able to overcome Grace and her coven? Can new allies like witch-solider Emerald Green and the mysterious Aunties Wu tilt the equation in Charlie's favor? Or is Charlie destined to live life as a gay teen witch, shrouded by the evil veil of the deathcraft? And can he ever share his secret with Diego-or will he have to keep his identity as a witch hidden in the broom closet forever? Find out in The Boy Who Chased After His Shadow.

Victory at Home is at once an institutional history of the federal War Manpower Commission and a social history of the southern labor force within the commission's province. Charles D. Chamberlain explores how southern working families used America's rapid wartime industrialization and an expanded federal presence to gain unprecedented economic, social, and geographic mobility in the chronically poor region. Chamberlain looks at how war workers, black leaders, white southern elites, liberal New Dealers, nonsouthern industrialists, and others used and shaped the federal war mobilization effort to fill their own needs. He shows, for instance, how African American, Latino, and white laborers worked variously through churches, labor unions, federal agencies, the NAACP, and the Urban League, using a wide variety of strategies from union organizing and direct action protest to job shopping and migration. Throughout, Chamberlain is careful not to portray the southern wartime labor scene in monolithic terms. He discusses, for instance, conflicts between racial groups within labor unions and shortfalls between the War Manpower Commission's national directives and their local implementation. An important new work in southern economic and industrial history, Victory at Home also has implications for the prehistory of both the civil rights revolution and the massive resistance movement of the 1960s. As Chamberlain makes clear, African American workers used the coalition of unions, churches, and civil rights organizations built up during the war to challenge segregation and disenfranchisement in the postwar South.

If you don't know idioms, you don't know English. Idioms are expressions that cannot be understood from their individual words alone, and the English language is full of them-and so is this dictionary: 17,000+ English idiom examples, plus slang words, phrases, and phrasal verbs, all compiled by the language experts at Farlex International and TheFreeDictionary.com, the award-winning reference site with 1 billion+ annual visits. That's thousands more idioms than other popular idioms dictionaries, plus thousands of examples of idioms used in real life: every definition

also includes up to three example sentences to show exactly how the phrase is used by native speakers in everyday conversation. The Farlex Idioms and Slang Dictionary features idioms and phrases from across the English-speaking world, including American slang, British slang, Australian slang, and Irish slang, plus: Internet slang Abbreviations Proverbs Regional expressions And more! It's more than just a list of idioms: get details about the origin and history of both common idioms and rare ones, including in which countries they're used most. This is the essential idioms dictionary if you want to talk like a native speaker-or just find out more about the colorful phrases you hear and say every day. The essential guide to English idioms and slang, from Farlex International, the language experts behind the popular and award-winning TheFreeDictionary.com. Farlex brings its reputation for comprehensive and authoritative reference products to the most complete collection of idioms and slang from across the English language. Inside you'll find more than 17,000 idioms, slang terms, and phrasal verbs, all defined in plain language and with bonus example sentences to show how they're used in real life by native speakers. Featuring popular idioms and slang terms from the US, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Canada, and South Africa, plus valuable information you won't find anywhere else, including the origin of phrases. Whether you want to sound more like a native speaker or just know more about the strange expressions you're always hearing, The Farlex Idioms and Slang Dictionary is the best way to learn about the English language's most colorful phrases.

"THE FANTASTIC DR. NO-FACE!" Dr. Paul Dent becomes a faceless criminal after a serious accident with a machine he created in order to erase scars from skin tissue.

"You can become irresistibly attractive to women without changing who you are." So says Mark Manson, superstar blogger and author of the international bestseller, *The Subtle Art of Not Giving A F*ck*, a self help book that packs a punch. Mark brings the same approach to teaching men what they need to know about attracting women. In *Models* he shows us how much it sucks trying to attract women using the tricks and tactics recommended by other books. Instead, he says, men need to focus on seduction as an emotional process not a physical or social one. What matters is the intention, the motivation, the authenticity. To improve your dating life you must improve your emotional life - how you feel about yourself and how you express yourself to others. Funny, irreverent and confronting, *Models* is a mature and honest guide on how a man can attract women by giving up the bullsh*t and becoming an honest broker. "A detailed guide to modern sexual ethics" *Sydney Morning Herald* "There's nothing subtle about Mark Manson. He's crude and vulgar and doesn't give a f*ck . . . He's as painfully honest as he is outrageously funny" *Huffington Post*

A New York Times Notable Book National Book Critics Circle Award Finalist An NPR Best Book of the Year *God Save Texas* is a journey through the most controversial state in America. It is a red state, but the cities are blue and among the most diverse in the nation. Oil is still king, but Texas now leads California in technology exports. Low taxes and minimal regulation have produced extraordinary growth, but also striking income disparities. Texas looks a lot like the America that Donald Trump wants to create. Bringing together the historical and the contemporary, the political and the personal, Texas native Lawrence Wright gives us a colorful, wide-ranging portrait of a state that not only reflects our country as it is, but as it may become—and shows how the battle for Texas's soul encompasses us all.

Evan Shaw has wanted to be invisible since he was twelve. A shadow of guilt and fear follow him wherever he goes, even across the country. Not even sunny Glenhaven, Florida could chase away the dark clouds of Evan's past. It's not until the college library that Evan finally wished someone would see him. Dani Bishop was born and raised in Glenhaven. The daughter of two professors at Edgewater College, she starts her freshman year, eyeing the cute guy in the library. Getting to know him isn't easy, and she realizes there's more to him and his past than meets the eye. Evan wants a future away from fear and hatred, and he'll eventually have to face those things head-on. But first, he'll try to work up the courage to talk to the girl in the college library just a few tables away.

A step-by-step guide for women to transforming your love life practically overnight.

Our campuses are steeped in political correctness—that's hardly news to anyone. But no one realizes that radical social agendas have also taken over campus health and counseling centers, with dire consequences. Psychiatrist Miriam Grossman knows this better than anyone. She has treated more than 2,000 students at one of America's most prestigious universities, and she's seen how the anything- goes, women-are-just-like-men, "safer-sex" agenda is actually making our sons and daughters sick. Dr. Grossman takes issue with the experts who suggest that students problems can be solved with free condoms and Zoloft. What campus counselors and health providers must do, she argues, is tell uncomfortable, politically incorrect truths, especially to young patients in their most vulnerable and confused moments. Instead of platitudes and misinformation, it's time to offer them real protection.

It's the summer before freshman year, and Rory Shepherd's doing what she always does-having sleepovers and epic beach days with her best friends. Life in their small, Florida town is sweet, but totally predictable, until Rory lays eyes on Skyler Nolan at a concert one night.No one sends her into a tailspin quite like Skyler. Cute, naughty and just a little bit dangerous, he's hard to attract and even harder to figure out. Rory's determined to try...but are bad boys like that even worth the risk?

A guide to help you discover all the powers you possess. How you can achieve financial freedom and financial security, which holistic healing methods really work, the hidden meanings that can be found in numbers, words, and deja vu, how music, color, and crystals can be used to improve your body and your mind.

Grace, 23 ans, catastrophe ambulante, flanque d'amis tous plus barges les uns que les autres, d'un grand frre ultra-paternaliste et de sa femme parfaite -Kate Middleton en blonde- et compltement folle de Samuel, le meilleur ami de son frre.Voil le rsum non exhaustif de ma vie.C'est pathtique je sais, mais il y a des choses qu'on ne contrle pas -surtout sous l'effet de l'alcool- et me retrouver toute nue le lendemain du mariage de mon frre dans le mme lit que mon bguin d'adolescence en fait partie.Me faire rejeter le lendemain comme une vieille chaussette, a par contre je l'avais encore moins vu venir...Dixit ma meilleure amie je suis dans sa "friendzone": terme barbare pour expliquer

qu'tant 'la-petite-soeur-de-son-meilleur-ami', je suis intouchable. Le truc c'est que a ne m'arrange pas, mais alors PAS DU TOUT! Il va falloir que je trouve un moyen de sortir de cette zone la mords-moi-le-noeud trs vite! a ne devrait pas tre trs compliqu non? Non? Note de l'auteur: Suite aux retours sur les fautes de syntaxe et d'orthographe, le roman a t corrig par un correcteur professionnel, et mis jour. La nouvelle version est donc conforme aux exigences (lgitimes!) des lecteurs! Attention, ce livre contient des scnes rotiques et n'est donc pas laisser entre toutes les mains!

Tasha convinces her husband, Max, to buy her a Sybian, but he only agrees if she can come up with a business plan to pay for it. Determined to keep her promise, she creates The Sybian Club and begins bringing women to the basement room set up just for her new toy. It becomes so popular, she has to enlist the help of new friend, Ashley, to keep up with the demand, and the women enjoy an exciting ride as the business thrives. But Tasha has developed feelings for Ashley, and doesn't know how to tell her husband that she wants to add more to their sex life than just a new toy...-----Warnings: This title contains erotic situations, a menage a trois (MFF threesome), lesbian and anal sex and a "marital aid" that will put vibrators to shame!-----EXCERPT: "Our bodies are like fine tuned machines," Tasha said, picking up a remote and sitting next to her guest. "We need all sorts of revving up and tinkering with to get to our destination, you know what I mean?" Kim cleared her throat and couldn't help but smile. "Yeah, sure." "And it isn't always easy to be interested, when you're already tired, and you've spent all day picking up after the kids and cooking dinner..." Tasha went on, and Kim stared at her, nodding encouragement. "It isn't easy, especially when... well, you know most guys... I mean, some of them... the numbers on the clock don't even change by the time they're done, right?" Kim let out a sigh of relief. She knew Nicki must have told this woman everything. "I just need time, you know? Like... some build up..." Tasha nodded sympathetically. "Or... you need a ride on the Sybian." She started the video, and Kim sat, transfixed. They had tried all sorts of things, including watching porn together, to get her interested in sex again, and this was rather tame in comparison. But there was something about it... the look of sheer ecstasy on the woman's face! It made her feel weak and a little dizzy just watching. "Does it feel as good as it looks?" Kim asked, feeling a tingle between her legs. Tasha smiled. "Better. Ready to try it?" Kim was already toeing off her shoes and pulling her sweats and panties down over her hips, unmindful of stretch marks or her cesarean scar. Tasha didn't even raise an eyebrow when she stripped off her hoodie, too, unhooking her bra and letting her breasts, full and slightly pendulous from still nursing her six month old, swing free. She climbed up onto the machine completely nude, except for a pair of purple socks. "Can I have that one?" Kim asked, pointing to the life-like penis. Her eyes were bright, and whatever nervousness she'd been experiencing had been replaced by anticipation. Tasha fitted the insert onto the machine and squirted a little clear lubricant down the shaft. "These are the controls, like you saw in the video. This one is vibration, this one is rotation." Kim looked down at the box in her hand, suddenly doubtful that it could do any more than the hundred other sex toys they had tried over the years. Still, the look on the woman's face in the video kept coming back to her. What the hell? It's worth a shot. She positioned herself over the plastic cock, using the black box in front of the Sybian to steady herself as she slid down onto the slick length of it. "Once you get the hang of the controls, I can go, if you want me to," Tasha said. Kim flicked the switch marked "vibration," smiling at the sensation between her thighs. "Mmm... nice." Tasha sat down in the chair, smiling. "The good thing about the Sybian is that you don't really even need a lot of foreplay... it takes you right there."

The SAGE Handbook of Healthcare Ethics is an influential collection of work by leading scholars on the fundamental and emerging themes which define healthcare ethics. This authoritative Handbook brings together experts with backgrounds in philosophy, sociology, law, public policy and the health professions and reflects the increasing impact of globalization and the dynamic advances in the fields of bioscience and genetics, which keep ethics at the centre of debates about the future direction of healthcare. Combining international and interdisciplinary perspectives, the Handbook provides a cutting-edge account of debates in five key areas: Health Care Ethics in an Era of Globalization Beginning and End of Life Vulnerable Populations Research Ethics and Technologies Public Health and Human Rights

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This first book in Veronica Roth's #1 New York Times bestselling Divergent series of books is the novel that inspired the major motion picture starring Shailene Woodley, Theo James, and Kate Winslet. This dystopian series set in a futuristic Chicago has captured the hearts of millions of teen and adult readers. Perfect for fans of the Hunger Games and Maze Runner series, Divergent and its sequels, Insurgent and Allegiant, are the gripping story of a dystopian world transformed by courage, self-sacrifice, and love. Fans of the Divergent movie will find the book packed with just as much emotional depth and exhilarating action as the film, all told in beautiful, rich language. One choice can transform you. Beatrice Prior's society is divided into five factions—Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and Erudite (the intelligent). Beatrice must choose between staying with her Abnegation family and transferring factions. Her choice will shock her community and herself. But the newly christened Tris also has a secret, one she's determined to keep hidden, because in this world, what makes you different makes you dangerous. And don't miss The Fates Divide, Veronica Roth's powerful sequel to the bestselling Carve the Mark!

Celestine North lives a perfect life. She's a model daughter and sister, she's well-liked by her classmates and teachers, and she's dating the impossibly charming Art Crevan. But then Celestine encounters a situation in which she makes an instinctive decision. She breaks a rule and now faces life-changing repercussions. She could be imprisoned. She could be branded. She could be found FLAWED. In her breathtaking young adult debut, bestselling author Cecelia Ahern depicts a society in which obedience is paramount and rebellion is punished. And where one young woman decides to take a stand that could cost her everything.

In the sequel to the New York Times best-selling novel Hope Never Dies, Obama and Biden reprise their roles as BFFs-turned-detectives as they chase Obama's stolen cell phone through the streets of Chicago--and right into a vast conspiracy. Following a long but successful book tour, Joe Biden has one more stop before he can return home: Chicago. His old pal Barack Obama has invited him to meet a wealthy benefactor whose endorsement could turn the tide for Joe if he decides to run for president. The two friends barely have time to catch up before another mystery lands in their laps: Obama's prized Blackberry is stolen. When their number-one suspect winds up full of lead on the South Side, the police are content to write it off as just another gangland shooting. But Joe and Obama smell a rat... Set against the backdrop of a raucous city on St. Patrick's Day, Joe and Obama race to find the shooter, only to uncover a vast conspiracy that goes deeper than the waters of Lake Michigan—which is exactly where they'll spend the rest of their retirement if they're not careful.

