

The Case For Hope Looking Ahead With Confidence And Courage

"Hope and insight and empathy spring from every page. . . . [McKesson] stares down the faces of bigotry and unfreedom and cynicism and doesn't flinch in writing out our marching orders toward freedom." --Ibram X. Kendi, #1 New York Times bestselling author of How to Be an Antiracist From the internationally recognized civil rights activist/organizer and host of the podcast Pod Save the People, a meditation on resistance, justice, and freedom, and an intimate portrait of a movement from the front lines. In August 2014, twenty-nine-year-old activist DeRay Mckesson stood with hundreds of others on the streets of Ferguson, Missouri, to push a message of justice and accountability. These protests, and others like them in cities across the country, resulted in the birth of the Black Lives Matter movement. Now, in his first book, Mckesson lays down the intellectual, pragmatic, and political framework for a new liberation movement. Continuing a conversation about activism, resistance, and justice that embraces our nation's complex history, he dissects how deliberate oppression persists, how racial injustice strips our lives of promise, and how technology has added a new dimension to mass action and social change. He argues that our best efforts to combat injustice have been stunted by the belief that racism's wounds are history, and suggests that intellectual purity has curtailed optimistic realism. The book offers a new framework and language for understanding the nature of oppression. With it, we can begin charting a course to dismantle the obvious and subtle structures that limit freedom. Honest, courageous, and imaginative, On the Other Side of Freedom is a work brimming with hope. Drawing from his own experiences as an activist, organizer, educator, and public official, Mckesson exhorts all Americans to work to dismantle the legacy of racism and to imagine the best of what is possible. Honoring the voices of a new generation of activists, On the Other Side of Freedom is a visionary's call to take responsibility for imagining, and then building, the world we want to live in.

Talsy and Chanter return to the peaceful vale, where she gives birth to his son - a creature of the chaos. Travain has stunted Mular powers and a Trueman personality, making him dangerous and unpredictable, and he is also angry at his father's apparent neglect. Mular, however, do not care for their children, who are born fully formed and independent. Travain grows quickly, and is everything Chanter warned Talsy he might be. Chanter finds the last piece of the broken Staff of Law and makes it whole, but the laws are lost. His first son is born on the eastern continent they left behind so long ago, but he is blinded by strange golden lights in his mind. He names himself Law, and finds shelter in a hive of semi-ants. The next generation are manants, and attack him, forcing Law to flee into the chaos. In his search for shelter, he travels to the western continent, where Truemen capture him. The wind informs Chanter of his plight, and Talsy insists that they save him. That means venturing into the chaos once more, and now it is far worse than it was before.

Walt Johnson has been a rolling stone most of his life, moving from town to town and living on the edges of homelessness. Now he has run out of time as lung cancer has left him only months to live. Walt then begins a quest to find the son with whom he lost contact decades earlier. Out of money, he lands a job at a small-town restaurant in an attempt to save enough to buy a bus ticket to the last known whereabouts of his son. The friends Walt makes at his new job soon become family for him, especially 14-year-old Danny who is emotionally paralyzed at the loss of his own father in Iraq. Faced with Danny's struggles to grow up and the struggles of his other new friends, Walt comes to realize he is not only on a journey to find his own son, but he is on a journey to find himself worthy of being a father. MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME IN GOD'S HEART: After 7 years of volunteering to serve the men, women, and children at a very popular outreach center in Atlanta, GA, I stumbled upon an amazing personal discovery. I came to the humble realization that homelessness is not simply a state of physical destitution. But homelessness is also a place of spiritual and emotional emptiness. It is very true that some live in a perpetual state of misfortune and need the relationship, the challenge, and the encouragement of others to "dare to hope" that their circumstances are only temporary. Many undoubtedly need financial relief to end their state of homelessness. Yet, each of us, whether well off or destitute, can attest to the fact that at one point or another we have felt abandoned and displaced. While serving as an outreach leader, I found a new family. I discovered though I had a physical dwelling, I too was in an emotional state of homelessness. While serving the homeless, I struggled to conquer my own issues with abandonment. I found myself desperately attempting to place the pieces of my own life in a recognizable order. And it was while serving that I found an extension of God's family that are far too often overlooked, disqualified, and misunderstood. Each month I would show up with a fresh sermon in hand-ready to inspire and motivate those whom "I thought" were in need of encouragement. But each time, I left with the discovery that I needed it more than any of them. I arrived ready to inspire, but left all the more inspired myself.HOPE FOR THE SOUL is inspired by the men, women, and children seeking love, purpose, and a reason to believe that a better experience of life exists. In this book, you too will discover that there is a secret place in God's heart to find all the rest, affirmation, and love you have been longing for. HOPE FOR THE SOUL is guaranteed to strengthen your ability to:*Speak life to every dead dream*Pursue your God-given power*Declare freedom from past failures*Perform at maximum capacity in His strength*Trust God and His promises to build a better life!!

This book will allow you to experience, as you read, what it was like for this woman of God, as she graciously started ministry at just 18 1/2 years old. Elder, Evangelist, Della Clark, has been called, chosen, and appointed by God to go into all the world to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She is equipped and anointed to finish the work that He has called her to do. This book is a great read, and as you peel back each page, you will begin to see, that, on her journey, she has made full proof of the ministry by the power of the Holy Spirit. Elder, Evangelist, Della Clark, boldly confesses with conviction that "No devil in hell can stop it" because her work and call into the ministry is ordained by God. And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that, he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; 1Timothy 1:12KJV Authors note... Keep pressing on as you are courageous and free and never held back by fear, intimidation, or defeat. The battle belongs to the Lord, and He has the final victory...

United Nations Champion of the Earth, climate scientist, Katharine Hayhoe changes the debate on how we can save our future.

When a ventilator prevented her from speaking during her final hours, Jennifer started writing. After her death, her husband turns to those pages to tell her story of courage and faith. James had just walked through the door after a day's work when Jennifer told him the news that changed everything: it was cancer. In the following two years they would lose their sense of normalcy and their dreams for the future. But along the way, they would gain something even greater than their loss. Told through the eyes of a grieving husband is this true story of a young woman's fight for her life. Jennifer's final words, penned by hand when a ventilator prevented her from speaking, provide a powerful backdrop to this journey of faith and hope. A memoir that also offers a practical pathway for those struggling with loss, The Last Seven Pages is a testimony of a God who is present in our darkest moments, and who turned a devastating illness into a life-changing promise.

A story of thirty years of drug and alcohol abuse while simultaneously managing a successful career and raising a family. Richard strives to balance the road to success with his insatiable need to medicate himself with the use of alcohol and prescription drugs. Ultimately the devils catch up with him and he is forced to deal with the reality he is a hopeless drunk, proving there is hope for all.

Encourage your child to play hidden pictures in order to encourage object constancy skills, which fuels the ability to determine pictures based on their features. This means that regardless of

how an artist interprets an apple, your child will also recognize it as an apple. So what are you waiting for? Play hidden pictures today!

Jess has been in love with her best friend, Kate, for seven years, but her feelings have never been returned. One night they sleep together, and Jess finds out how much it is possible to be hurt by someone close. Jess and Kate struggle to redefine their friendship. They spend a week at Jess's family holiday house in a small seaside town, Awatangi, intending to make the time to talk things through, but the conversations never happen. Kate makes vague promises, but begins to have second thoughts. Jess wants Kate, and nothing else, and is heartbroken that isn't enough. Jess decides – while everything is changing in her life – that she doesn't want to go on living in the city, that she wants to return to Awatangi. Part of her hopes some physical distance between them may help things with Kate, and part of her – frustrated and upset – simply wants to leave Kate behind. In Awatangi, Jess meets Keri, a local lawyer who has also recently returned home. Like Jess, Keri surfs, and like Jess, she seems to feel some attachment to her family roots in Awatangi. Jess is drawn to Keri, but forces herself not to let anything happen. Despite everything, Kate is still Jess's closest friend, and she has loved Kate all her life. She feels she has to give the situation with Kate as long as she can to work itself out. Awatangi is about coping with feelings for a close friend that are not returned, set in a small holiday township on the West Coast of the South Island of New Zealand. It is an exploration of getting what you've always wanted and it not being enough, of being in love with one person and wanting another, and of finding out that life doesn't always turn out as expected.

This books contains three stimulating stories of human struggles. Miriam struggle as she takes care of her young nephew, Johnny , whose father, Paul Simeon she suspects of being responsible for her sisters untimely death. Her sisters last letter indicated that there was enough information to have Paul and his gang arrested. She cringes while watching Johnny act nervous and edgy when he is around his father. What does that child know, she asks herself. Is her new friend, Mrs. Worth justified in believing that Paul and his co-hort, Stubby are planning to get rid of both of them? The second book, Dont Wake a Sleeping Lion has Esther struggling with trying to find a way to escape from her kidnappers. She and her co-worker were on the trail of a series of missing persons. How do they handle the death of one of their members as he is found beaten until he is almost not recognized? The third book is called Beth Young Beth struggles over her fathers anger at God for taking his wife. She weeps as she watches him raise his fist toward heaven. Its interesting to see how she tries to intervene in her fathers life. In the meantime, while praying for him, she finds that the boy next door, who is the towns trouble maker needs prayer Her aunt tries to convince the eager child to be patient. The second part of Beth has her grown up into a teen and she and the boy next door are praying for each other. God is good...all the time

A Collection of Matt Shaw's heartbreaking dramas Matt Shaw does not just write horror. In fact, when asked what his favourite books are, he often names the tales collected within this set. Stories of heartbreak, loss and grief - all with an element of hope... A hope we often forget when dealing with grief. Contained within this collection Heaven's Calling BOY: Built to Love The Missing Years of Thomas Pritchard (unpublished short story) Alone Heaven's Calling Josh and Holly could face anything thrown at them all the time they had each other. Their love would conquer anything and the world was their oyster. But when a tragic accident tears Josh away from Holly she realises that, without her husband, she cannot cope and her world begins to crumble; her loss being more than she can handle. Until, that is, she receives a phone call. Her late husband. The same time every day; he doesn't appear to know what has happened to him and Holly can't bring herself to tell him. She isn't even sure if it really is him calling or whether it's all in her tormented mind. Especially seeing as the calls only happen when she is alone. Is it all in her head, has she gone mad, or is heaven really calling? Boy: Built to Love No parent should have to bury their own child and yet that was exactly what they had to do. Stillborn; a young boy never to open his eyes to take in the world around him. And now Lucy and Jack's marriage was on the verge of crumbling under the strain of the grief they struggled to cope with. A grief made worse when the doctors tell them they'll never be able to have a child of their own due to complications from the last pregnancy. But what if it didn't have to be that way? What if there was a way of using science and technology to create a son they could love? What if Jack was able to use Artificial Intelligence to create A Boy: Built to Love? Is the answer to their problems to be found within the world of science-fiction or are they setting themselves up for yet more grief and sadness? The Missing Years of Thomas Pritchard August 3rd. 6:03am. The tranquil summer's morning was shattered by the desperate screams of Thomas' mother echoing down the near deserted suburban street. The few people milling about outside getting ready for their daily business had said they couldn't make out what the cries were about when they were interviewed. Not initially. Not until Anne, a pretty woman in her early thirties with shoulder length blonde hair, spilled out onto the street wearing nothing more than her dressing gown and slippers anxiously calling out for her five year old son, Thomas, to come out from wherever he was hiding. Eye witnesses reported Anne was closely followed by her husband Bill - a professional, clean-shaven man in his late thirties with dark, short hair - half dressed for work in his suit trousers and unbuttoned white shirt, and that he too looked just as frantic as the mother did. The year was 2003; the year Thomas disappeared from his home without a trace. * * * * * August 3rd. 6:03am. A young, fragile looking hand knocked confidently on the white PVC of the front door to number twenty-two. The hand belonged to a smartly dressed, skinny fourteen year old, fresh-faced boy. Whilst waiting for an answer to his knocking he slid a brown leather satchel off his shoulder down onto the floor as though the weight was too much for him to bear any more. He went to knock again but stopped himself when he heard the sound of footsteps from the other side of the door as the freshly woken homeowner came to answer his initial knocking. There was the slightest of pauses as keys were twisted in locks before the door opened as much as the strong, gold, security chain would permit it to. "Can I help you?" asked the homeowner, a frail looking woman in her late sixties. "Where's my mum?" asked the boy. The year was 2012; the year Thomas came home.

A time to reflect on my seventy years of life. Maybe some folks will be interested in my life and the folks I have met, or maybe not. This is a non-traditional memoir, filled with alphabetical vignettes nit chronological ones. I have made a foray into fiction with an asterisk: in those cases where I have marked the vignette as fictional, it might be 100 percent not true, but in many cases I knew of, was part of, or heard from others about the story itself. At any rate, the entire book is my recollection of things past, and as in all recollections, the more distant the memory the clearer the details.

Can you really trust in hope? Lee Strobel proves that you can! Lee Strobel's trademark investigative style paired with an uplifting message of the hope found in Jesus Christ. Lee's timeless message walks readers through why holding on to hope is so crucial, why we can trust in the hope of Jesus Christ, and how that hope can change our lives for the better. Lee Strobel has already helped millions delve deeper into their faith and investigate the how and the why of what they believe. His cases for a creator, Christ, and faith are air-tight and convincing to even the

most stalwart skeptic. The Case for Hope is sure to inspire and ignite hope into the hearts of those who thought they were without hope.

In this high concept YA novel debut that's We All Looked Up meets The Sun Is Also a Star, three teens must face down the mistakes of their past after they learn that life on Earth might end in less than a week. News stations across the country are reporting mysterious messages that Earth has been receiving from a planet--Alma--claiming to be its creator. If they're being interpreted correctly, in seven days Alma will hit the kill switch on their "colony" Earth. True or not, for teenagers Jesse Hewitt, Cate Collins, and Adeem Khan, the prospect of this ticking time bomb will change their lives forever. Jesse, who has been dealt one bad blow after another, wonders if it even matters what happens to the world. Cate, on the other hand, is desperate to use this time to find the father she never met. And Adeem, who hasn't spoken to his estranged sister in years, must find out if he has it in him to forgive her for leaving. With only a week to face their truths and right their wrongs, Jesse, Cate, and Adeem's paths collide as their worlds are pulled apart.

"A rich, sensual, bewitching adventure of good vs. evil with love as the prize." ~Publisher's Weekly on ETERNITY 300 years ago, Raven St. James was hanged for witchcraft. But she revives among the dead to find herself alive. She is an Immortal High Witch, one of the light. A note from her mother warns that there are others, those of the Dark, who preserve their own lives by taking the hearts of those like her. Duncan Wallace's forbidden love for the secretive lass costs him his life. 300 years later, he loves her again, tormented by hazy memories of a past that can't be real. She tells him of another lifetime, claims to be immortal. Though he knows she's deluded, he can't stay away. And the Dark Witch after her heart is far closer than either of them know. If you liked the TV Series HIGHLANDER, you will LOVE this series. Don't miss Book 2, INFINITY. "A hauntingly beautiful story of a love that endures through time itself." ~New York Times Bestselling Author, Kay Hooper "This captivating story of a love that reaches across the centuries, becomes as immortal as the lover's themselves, resonates with timeless passion, powerful magic, and haunting heartbreak." ~BN.com's official review

Forced together by unfortunate circumstances, a bitter man and a young, hurting girl must decide whether they will hold on to their pain or seek their Father in Heaven.

A variety of animals teach a boy to appreciate individual differences.

Home is where the heart is... Seven years after leaving town and the only girl he loved, Cooper still couldn't forget about Sophia. He had two loves. Music and the woman of his dreams. Coming back home proved that would always be true. But things have changed. Now he has to gain her trust again if he wants to make her all his. The question is, did he lose his chance the first time? Some things are hard to forget... Sophia tried to stop loving Cooper and failed miserably. Despite the way he'd abandoned her seven years earlier, she can't seem to stay away, even though trusting him doesn't prove easy. One careless night could change it all and the secret she carries may ruin any chance of them being together. They say life is all about taking chances. But when opportunities are lost and love comes knocking the second time around, lives are changed forever.

For many people, worry, anxiety, and fear are constant companions: fear of death, fear of danger, fear of disease. In today's unpredictable and contentious world, who can blame us? All too often, these fears are crippling, keeping us from the life God has called us to live. Is there any hope amidst all this darkness? There is. As Christians, we have been given all we need in order to face down even the most frightening, unexpected, and overwhelming obstacles in life. In Hope, Dr. David Jeremiah explores the top seven fears that are holding so many of us back from the life God has called us to live and shares secrets for facing down these fears with hope in God. With each page, you'll grow in your conviction that God is the answer you've been looking for: as you look to the future, you'll begin to see nothing except his power and love guarding your every step. Step into the truth and start living the fearless life God created you to enjoy. Here in a nutshell is all you will ever need to transform your dreams into reality. You will learn how, through self-understanding and a simple change of perspective, you could achieve your destiny. If you follow the steps indicated here, this book will change your life!

Sy Middleton, a teenager living in Manhattan, enters a secret world when he is initiated into Earth-tribe and becomes a Triber. In the Middle Realm, Tribers from Earth-, Fire-, Air- and Water-tribe train to enhance their powers and compete in monthly Lunar Festivals. The Zodiac Council has protected the Lower and Middle Realms from the Darkforce for thousands of years, but the balance of power has shifted, placing humanity at risk. The Darkforce has stolen the Book of Dreams. Sy and his friend Joshua Ryderson embark on a quest to find it...

WHEN IT COMES TO LOVE, SOMETIMES IT TAKES THE HEAD YEARS TO DISCOVER WHAT THE HEART HAS ALWAYS KNOWN When Forbes Branson was a young man ready for something new. A senior in high school, he was the golden boy. Heir to a fortune, he knew what his life was going to be. But he wanted adventure first. A year to do what he wanted, where he wanted before college. An unexpected betrayal would change everything. Sophie Lipton was fifteen the first time she set foot on the Branson ranch. Dragged from one place to another, never having more than one pair of shoes or enough to eat, the moment she saw the wide open spaces, she felt she could breathe for the first time in her life. It was the home she always dreamed of. But her happiness came at a price. To stay in her new home, Sophie had to keep somebody else's lies. Lies that would eventually tear apart a family. And tear apart her friendship with Forbes. Coming home is never easy-especially after twelve years. Forbes isn't the same young man. He found his adventure-and more. Weary, he's ready to settle into a slower, calmer life. Working on his family's ranch and taking the job as Chief of Police sounds like a piece of cake after the things he had seen and done. Sophie isn't the quiet girl Forbes remembers. She's grown into a strong, confident woman. A woman used to being in charge. The Branson ranch is her territory now. If Forbes thinks he's going to waltz back in and take over, he's going to find out fast that Sophie is no pushover. Twelve years ago, they shared one goodbye kiss. More sweet than passionate. Now, as adults it's a whole new game. The attraction between them is undeniable. Just as they begin to move forward, the past has other ideas. Secrets rarely stay buried forever. Lies. Betrayal. Maybe even murder. Before Forbes and Sophie can think about the future, they will need to deal with the past. Together.

In this collection of poems and her life story Stephanie Ellis shares her personal story as a single mother and how she endured and surpassed the worst of life's hardships.

Everything around her was falling apart but she remained resilient, and it was her hope that served as her shield. All of us are fighting a hard battle in life every single day. Hope is the one thing that keeps us going. It's like the candle that serves as our light in the dark. It's what fuels our body and soul to keep believing and keep trying to make things better. We need to learn that no matter what there is always hope. God always has a plan and creates a path for us out of our darkest hours Always remember when there is nothing else there is always HOPE

Emma Alexander has been living in San Diego the past eight years building her career. She's only been home once during that time. When she rushes home to deal with a family tragedy, she discovers small towns have long memories. Circumstances force her to deal with the reason she stayed away so long. Now she must decide between the life she left behind and the one she's secretly yearned for. Jack McElroy has been in love with Emma since they met their freshman year of college. The last four years of living in San Francisco have been torturous for him, being away from her. When her promotion moves her north, fear of ruining their friendship tempers his desire to show her how he truly feels. Will he be able to profess his love for her or will her ex-fiancé beat him to the punch?

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

The year is 4518 BCE. Halim, a Shakti warrior initiate, lives with his family in Harappa, a fortified city in the Indus River Valley. His father is injured, so the task falls to Halim to find a cure for his mother, who has fallen prey to a mysterious, debilitating disease. Sanjit, a seasoned Shakti, agrees to accompany Halim to the Kunlun Mountains in search of a sacred medicine from an ancient monastery. Halim's impulsive sister, Taja, insists on joining them too. When the three travellers confront the Ignogai, a barbaric tribe with a bloodthirsty shaman, they must flee across hazardous and unfamiliar terrain to avoid being captured and persecuted for their Shakti Prana. With a little bit of magic, determination, and some help from a few extraordinary people, the trio must fight for their lives to make it back home in time to save Halim's mother from certain demise.

On the Other Side of Freedom: The Case for Hope by DeRay Mckesson: Conversation Starters American history is defined by the fight for racial justice, and the activism and resistance that were involved in its historical past. Black Lives Matter is a continuation of the unceasing work for justice to prevail. Author DeRay Mckesson cites that there is an ongoing conversation about resistance, activism, and justice that needs to be discussed. The movement called Black Lives Matter grew out of the protests organized by Mckesson and his friends. The book explains the ideas that galvanized the movement and presents the political framework on which the new liberation movement rests. On the Other Side of Freedom is written by Mckesson who is among the 30 Most Influential People on the Internet named by Time. He is the 11th World's Greatest Leaders in Fortune's List. A Brief Look Inside: EVERY GOOD BOOK CONTAINS A WORLD FAR DEEPER than the surface of its pages. The characters and their world come alive, and the characters and its world still live on. Conversation Starters is peppered with questions designed to bring us beneath the surface of the page and invite us into the world that lives on. These questions can be used to.. Create Hours of Conversation: - Promote an atmosphere of discussion for groups - Foster a deeper understanding of the book - Assist in the study of the book, either individually or corporately - Explore unseen realms of the book as never seen before Disclaimer: This book you are about to enjoy is an independent resource meant to supplement the original book. If you have not yet read the original book, we encourage you to before purchasing this unofficial Conversation Starters.

THE RILEY COOPER SERIES OF HOPE Book Two Nearly a year has passed since the human race had been decimated by an unknown virus. With her husband's whereabouts still unknown and the world no longer familiar to her, Riley Cooper, along with her family, find solace within their community of friends now living in Jackson, Wyoming. Fully aware that the longevity of their survival will largely depend on the growth of their community, the inhabitants of Jackson begin their search for other survivors. In doing so, they discover the terrifying truth of what humanity has become, leaving Riley and her family faced with the unimaginable possibility that hope is lost.

Casper Quinn has a secret. Brant Mitchell has two. Hickory Ditch, Arkansas – July 2012 Popular fried chicken chain Wings of Glory is under attack from homosexual activists, and Harvest Mission Pentecostal Church is ready to fight back. Caught in the crossfire of a culture war in which they never enlisted, Casper and Brant will each have to find his own answer to the age-old question: Am I really what I eat? Because if they could find the courage to tell each other their truths, they might discover there really is life after the Ditch. CHICKEN is a Southern Gothic YA novel with an infusion of magical realism. It's a raw, honest, sometimes funny, sometimes poignant look at falling in love in a place where angels and demons are believed in without question, but the human heart is always subject to suspicion. You know from experience that when you change your perspective on something that troubles you, it can sometimes quickly change how you feel and improve the way you deal with your challenges. This small book explains how to change your perspective deliberately and reliably, which will make you feel good more often and get more of your goals accomplished.

Upton Sinclair, one of America's foremost and most prolific authors, addresses the cultivation of the mind and the body in this 1922 volume. Sinclair's goal was to attempt to tell the reader how to live, how to find health, happiness and success, and how to develop fully both the mind and the body. Part One: The Book of the Mind covers such subjects as faith, reason, morality, and the subconscious. Part Two: The Book of the Body develops such subjects as errors in diet, the fasting cure, food and poisons, work and play, and diseases and their cures .

When Aislinn Amon's father disappears, her mother drags her from New York to Indiana where she is to attend a new boarding school - Source High. At Source High, Aislinn finds herself in a whole other

world than what she knew. Everyone has something supernatural about them, including her. Soon, she finds that she's not the normal, rebel, messed up teenage girl she thought she was. Her friends try to help her along the way when trouble comes knocking on her door. People die, she finds herself falling in love with, something she swore she'd never do, and secrets start to form. Can Aislinn cope with everything that's happening? Can she handle the life she's been forced to deal with? Or will she crack under the heavy pressures laid upon her seventeen-year-old shoulders?

W'starrah Altieri can see the future, ranks high in her church, and is without question the most beautiful woman in the North Mark. But the prophecy she knows to be true will either break her heart, destroy her home or end her life. In 2002 ADR, the jewel of the southern empire is the city of Cryssigens, where life is an unending carnival of display, while intrigue brews beneath the surface. Nobles, guilds and House Cups scheme with and against each other, even in the best of times. But civil war stripped the city of its Overlord, and now factions emerge daring all in a bid to succeed to the throne. One of the leading lights of Cryssigensian society is W'starrah Altieri, the Lavender Lady, high-ranking priestess of the sect of Argens Stargazer; while others see only her dazzling beauty her eyes are filled with foreknowledge of the future. She willingly risks life and reputation to save her city, but juggling visions, rivals, suitors and the occasional assassin pushes the real world further from her grasp. Who could expect that in the midst of this she would meet the promised love of her life, or foresee that he too is doomed? "Perilous Embraces" is the third story in the Shards of Light saga set in the Lands of Hope. It is highly recommended that you read the preceding novels "The Ring and the Flag" and "Fencing Reputation" first.

Beth Chambers' life is no fairytale, even if she feels like a damsel in distress. After four years in a destructive relationship, Beth has decided enough is enough and leaves her girlfriend, taking with her only her dog Dudley, her broken spirit, and a shattered view of life. At her lowest point, she meets Amy Fletcher, a woman who has it all-and whom she believes would never want more than friendship. But what Beth fails to realise is that there are definitely two sides to every story. Could Amy Fletcher be Beth's Princess Charming? Could her story end with a happily ever after?

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