

Thong On Fire An Urban Erotic Tale Noire

Ten-year-old girls don't wear wigs. So why is Anya wearing one? That's what Keely wants to know. But when Anya's wig falls off in front of the whole class, Keely realizes what she really wants is to help Anya, even though she's not sure how--and even though it means she'll have to do something she's afraid of: stand up to her friends. As for Anya, she just wants her hair to grow back, but no one can tell her whether it ever will. How can she learn to accept her disease when she can't even look in the mirror?

From the day he was born, Treacherous Freeman was never given a fair chance. He was raised by his father, a notorious gangster who deprived Treacherous of a normal childhood. Instead, he gave Treacherous an education in life on the streets of Virginia. When the time comes for Treacherous to make some sudden decisions, he has no idea they will land him in the very place that he is trying to avoid. Teflon Jackson is a beautiful woman who is the result of a horrible union. With a prostitute for a mother and a pimp for a father, Teflon's childhood was far from a fairytale. Witnessing her parents' abusive relationship, Teflon is determined not to follow in her mother's footsteps. When tragedy strikes and Teflon is forced into the streets to fend for herself, however, she finds herself relying on all the tricks her mother taught her. Treacherous and Teflon cross paths, and what starts out as a bad situation blossoms into an unbreakable bond. A bona fide gangster, Treacherous is confident that he can't lose, as long as he has his

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ride or die chick! Carl Weber Presents Ride or Die Chick: The Story of Treacherous and Teflon is about two people who come from nothing and are willing to sacrifice everything. This is a modern day tale of Bonnie and Clyde, built on a love that is stronger than that of Romeo and Juliet.

Have you ever had everything you love snatched from your hands in the blink of an eye? Do you know what it's like to watch helplessly as those you cherish burn to a crisp? Have you ever heard a mournful cry for street justice and then realized that the only person left to heed the call was you? Pearl Baines is a straight Harlem stunna. She and her twin sister, Diamond, are chased by some of the most notorious ballers in New York City. But while their father, ex-gangsta Irish Baines, devotes his life to rehabilitating young thugs, his sexy twin daughters fall hard for the glamour and glitter of strip clubs and street life. Unlike Diamond, though, Pearl is able to shake off the trappings of the hood in search of a better future. After graduating at the top of her class, Pearl becomes an FBI agent and plans to get as far away from the grime of Harlem as possible. But fate is cruel and the streets always get their due. On what should have been the happiest night of her life, Pearl's family perishes in a ball of merciless flames—flames intentionally set on the orders of Mookie Mason, her father's archenemy and the most ruthless gangsta in Harlem. Crazy with grief, Pearl becomes unzipped. Hell-bent on retribution, she prepares for battle in New York's urban jungle. With the help of Menace, an ex-lover who once trampled all over her heart but was

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deeply loyal to Irish Baines, Pearl puts her FBI training and tactical skills to work in a murderous mission designed to do what her father wasn't able to: take down Mookie Mason, and his entire crew, one at a time.

Two novellas relate the stories of Seven Stephens, whose fiancée tells her the wedding is off if she cannot lose weight; and three NFL players who meet their match in three women from Harlem whose sexual charms mask their thirst for revenge.

Handbook of Probabilistic Models carefully examines the application of advanced probabilistic models in conventional engineering fields. In this comprehensive handbook, practitioners, researchers and scientists will find detailed explanations of technical concepts, applications of the proposed methods, and the respective scientific approaches needed to solve the problem. This book provides an interdisciplinary approach that creates advanced probabilistic models for engineering fields, ranging from conventional fields of mechanical engineering and civil engineering, to electronics, electrical, earth sciences, climate, agriculture, water resource, mathematical sciences and computer sciences. Specific topics covered include minimax probability machine regression, stochastic finite element method, relevance vector machine, logistic regression, Monte Carlo simulations, random matrix, Gaussian process regression, Kalman filter, stochastic optimization, maximum likelihood, Bayesian inference, Bayesian update, kriging, copula-statistical models, and more. Explains the application of advanced probabilistic models encompassing multidisciplinary research Applies

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probabilistic modeling to emerging areas in engineering Provides an interdisciplinary approach to probabilistic models and their applications, thus solving a wide range of practical problems

Candy Raye Montana gets more than she had bargained for when she signs up with the House of Homicide, the hottest recording label on the east coast, and its CEO "Hurricane" Jackson, a man as talented as he is cruel, who gives her a painful lesson in the price of success. By the author of G-Spot. Original. 50,000 first printing.

STREET JUSTICE WASN'T HIS WAY. BUT FOR HIS OLDER BROTHERS, IT WAS THE ONLY WAY. The seven Davis brothers made a promise to their mother on her deathbed: they would each make something of their lives. And they vowed they would watch over eighteen-year-old Zabu Davis, their baby brother. Intelligent, driven, and charismatic, Baby Brother had resisted the lure of Brooklyn street life and was headed for Stanford University on a pre-med scholarship. But on the eve of his departure for California, in a split second of blinding violence, Baby Brother's life is thrown onto a tragic collision course. Soon, his devoted brothers follow a path of blood justice that will rock the city streets. Baby Brother was their pride and joy. Now, he's their reason to fight for vengeance.

"Have you ever wanted something so bad you was willing to crawl over bodies to get it? I mean, fiend for it so hard it didn't matter who you hurt, how low you had to scrape, it was gonna be yours? That's what music and balling did for me. They were the

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fundamentals behind my rise . . . and the perpetrators of my fall. They called me Harlem's black prince—a rising star who carried street dreams on his back. But the streets, ya know. They got a way of coming for theirs. A method of sneaking up on you when you ain't looking . . ." Andre "Thug-A-Licious" Williams came up on Harlem's meanest streets. But thanks to his nearly ankle-breaking hoop moves and explosive mic skills, he makes it out—and dominates the rap scene with chart-topping urban hits. Thug has sexed all the hottest freaks and has a slew of baby mamas to show for it. But no matter how many women he takes to his bed, only one can claim his heart: successful beauty salon owner Carmiesha "Lil Muddah" Vernoy, his ride-or-die queen who has stuck by his side and guarded his back through thick and thin. But Thug also has a nightmarish history with someone else. Pimp Williams, his older cousin and ex—partner in crime, is a cold-blooded killer who spreads havoc all over Harlem and will stop at nothing to get what he wants—even if it means betraying his own family, crushing Carmiesha, and forcing Harlem's black prince down to his knees and back to his bloody beginnings. "Urban erotica has never been hotter!" —Nikki Turner, author of *Riding Dirty on I-95*

"Urban erotica has never been hotter!" --Nikki Turner She's an heiress to a mega-fortune. But expert con-mami Mink LaRue will have to go beyond the top of her game to win the biggest hustle of all. . . Now that Mink has pushed her way to the front of the line to capture the Dominion family's oil billions, her life has become a luxurious whirl of easy money, fine whips,

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and sparkling jewels. But she'll need to come out of a whole new trick bag in order to throw shade on her sizzling swerve with Suge, her uncle-by-marriage only. Meanwhile, Suge is going toe-to-toe with the Dominion's oldest adversary, whose shameless mudslinging could cast dirt on their family name and ruin their good fortune forever. His chosen ally is a gorgeous ex-girlfriend--a woman Mink will need her every conniving wile to out-score. But scandalous secrets that could change con-mami Mink's life forever are just about to boil over. . . "Noire's versatile storytelling keeps the urban erotic genre hot!" --Kiki Swinson, bestselling author of the Wifey series "Noire knows all about street slang, scams, strip clubs, and fierce sex bouts. . . This is top-of-the-line street lit." --Library Journal on Natural Born Liar (starred review)

Seven Pillars of Wisdom is a memoir of the soldier known as 'Lawrence of Arabia.' Lawrence is a fascinating and controversial figure and his talent as a vivid and imaginative writer shines through on every page of his masterpiece. 'Seven Pillars of Wisdom' written between 1919 and 1926, is an extraordinary tale of action, politics and adventure. The story describes heroism through instances of war by a man who not only shaped events but was molded by them. The genre of the book can be related to many broad subjects like political history, military strategy, pathology or travel story. Lawrence, known as the defender of the empire, had found war in the Arab world and a long-lasting sideline to the War to End All Wars. This war produced more war during the time, in which, along with many other eminent writers, Lawrence was also involved. Seven Pillars of Wisdom provides a unique portrait of this extraordinary man and an insight into the birth of the Arab nation.

NINE LIVES KIKI SWINSON Wild-card Aiden. Dead-shot Ava. Efficient, fast, and brutal, this notorious brother-sister hit team grew up abused, unwanted—and in lethal tune with each other.

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Killing nine targets in ten days will be their biggest score yet. But as Ava sets up their final target, she falls hard for him and a chance at a normal life. And that's a betrayal she may not live to regret . . . THE CRUSHED ICE CLIQUE NOIRE At first all ghetto princesses Honore and Cucci want is quick cash-flow. But after sexing jewelry distributor Slimy Sam and learning his illegal tricks of the trade, they assemble a crack team of thieves for one dazzling scam. Replacing diamonds with fakes and selling the reshaped real deal on the black market is making them crazy-rich. But when Sam double-crosses them, these diamond divas must survive to steal another day . . . "Treachery, betrayal, and revenge add to the twists and turns and lots of drama in this book. Loved it! Can't wait until the sequel comes out." —RT Book Reviews, 4 Stars on Kiki Swinson's The Score "Noire has created one of the liveliest urban fiction series headed by a most memorable protagonist. Fans will get a hoot out of the biting insults and dark humor marking practically every page." —Library Journal STARRED REVIEW on Noire's Stone Cold Liar

Doomed to love Parisa Lovejoy, the mortal he is sworn to protect, winged warrior Antony Medichi risks everything when she is kidnapped by Commander Greaves who is enslaving mortal women for their blood. Original. 350,000 first printing.

"Handbook of Religion and the Asian City highlights the creative and innovative role of urban aspirations in Asian world cities. It points out that urban politics and governance are often about religious boundaries and processions--in short, that public religion is politics. The essays show how projects of secularism come up against projects and ambitions of a religious nature, a particular form of contestation that takes the city as its public arena. Asian cities are sites of speculation, not only for those who invest in real estate but also for those who look for housing,

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for employment, and for salvation. In its potential and actual mobility, the sacred creates social space in which they all can meet. Handbook of Religion and the Asian City makes the comparative case that one cannot study the historical patterns of urbanization in Asia without paying attention to the role of religion in urban aspirations"--Provided by publisher.

A Reverse Harem Mpreg Omegaverse novel

Ever since 1759, when Voltaire wrote "Candide" in ridicule of the notion that this is the best of all possible worlds, this world has been a gayer place for readers. Voltaire wrote it in three days, and five or six generations have found that its laughter does not grow old. "Candide" has not aged. Yet how different the book would have looked if Voltaire had written it a hundred and fifty years later than 1759. It would have been, among other things, a book of sights and sounds. A modern writer would have tried to catch and fix in words some of those Atlantic changes which broke the Atlantic monotony of that voyage from Cadiz to Buenos Ayres. When Martin and Candide were sailing the length of the Mediterranean we should have had a contrast between naked scarped Balearic cliffs and headlands of Calabria in their mists. We should have had quarter distances, far horizons, the altering silhouettes of an Ionian island. Colored birds would have filled Paraguay with their silver or acid cries. Dr. Pangloss, to prove the existence of design in the universe, says that noses were made to carry spectacles, and so we have spectacles. A modern satirist would not try to paint with Voltaire's quick brush the doctrine that he wanted to expose. And he would choose a more complicated doctrine than Dr. Pangloss's optimism, would study it more closely, feel his destructive way about it with a more learned and caressing malice. His attack, stealthier, more flexible and more patient than Voltaire's, would call upon us, especially when his learning got a little out of control, to be more

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than patient. Now and then he would bore us. "Candide" never bored anybody except William Wordsworth. Voltaire's men and women point his case against optimism by starting high and falling low. A modern could not go about it after this fashion. He would not plunge his people into an unfamiliar misery. He would just keep them in the misery they were born to.

Using her beauty in order to overcome the challenges of an abusive childhood and financial disadvantages, egomaniacal Sarita Robinson interacts with some of the hip-hop underworld's most powerful players and turns dangerously vengeful when she is abandoned by her supporters. Original. 75,000 first printing.

"Urban erotica has never been hotter!" --Nikki Turner She seduced Texas's richest oil family out of a fortune. But now petty thief and ex-stripper Mink LaRue has a rival for the ultimate temptation. . . It didn't take long for Mink to blow all the money she conned pretending to be missing oil heiress Sable Dominion. And now that a sweet chunk of the huge Dominion family trust fund is up for grabs, nothing can stop her from going for even more. Trouble is, her drug-dealing ex-boyfriend and the Dominion's irresistible eldest son, Barron, as well as his scheming fiancée, want to take Mink down in as many ways as possible. But her most dangerous opposition is the new pretender who's come to town. . .and she looks--and lies--exactly like Mink! Now, if the sexy little liar is going to come out on top, she'll have to make friends out of enemies and click up with a few very powerful haters. And knowing the insatiable Mink, she'll gamble everything to

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keep her conniving house of cards from tumbling all the way down. . . "This is top-of-the-line street lit." --Library Journal on Natural Born Liar (starred review)

2020 Banff Mountain Book Competition Finalist in Guidebooks Crack climbing is a highly technical form of movement in which climbers position their hands, feet, and even their entire body in cracks to make upward progress on rock. An advocate for the sport's aesthetic lines, physicality, and technical know-how, author Pete Whittaker teaches more than sixty Crack School Masterclasses each year and was featured in the popular climbing film Wide Boyz. This detailed and comprehensive guide teaches step-by-step techniques and tips, including for:

- Jamming (finger, hand, fist, foot, arm, leg, body)
- Crack types (chimneys, liebacks, underclings, roof cracks)
- How to safely lead and place protection
- Efficient positioning and movement
- Strength recovery while climbing

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Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil's name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr. But what Starr does—or does not—say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life. Want more of Garden Heights? Catch Maverick and Seven's story in *Concrete Rose*, Angie Thomas's powerful prequel to *The Hate U Give*.

A wanderlust-inspiring and transporting collection of photos from some of the world's most astounding places, organized thematically—vistas, sunrises and sunsets, city streets and urban life, tropical jungles, dramatic architectural facades, food stalls and restaurants, and more—from the premier online curator of travel photography. As much an armchair travel companion as a guide to planning your next trip, *My Tiny Atlas* contains more than 200 lush, surprising, and stunning photos, along with stories about far-flung locales and tips for

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experiencing a new location like a local. From Tiny Atlas Quarterly—one of the most trusted sources for authentic, unusual, and inspiring travel photography—this book takes you to every continent and all corners of the world, from Paris, San Francisco, London, and Buenos Aires to the Arctic Circle, Tanzania, Tahiti, and Mongolia. My Tiny Atlas visually explores new destinations with an intimate, insider's view—not of the usual monuments and tourist attractions, but of the real people, mouth-watering food, verdant flora, bustling streets, wild animals, epic views, lazy rivers, architectural gems, and other details that make you feel what it's like to truly be in another place, whether or not you ever leave home.

"A young woman rises from the gritty slums and seedy clubs of Miami to music superstardom, only to discover that nobody's past truly stays buried"--Provided by publisher.

When Mink LaRue is called away to be with her dying mother, interrupting her con on the rich Dominion family, Dy-Nasty Jenkins, who looks exactly like Mink, tries to take up the mantle and steal the money for herself.

In this bold collection of hard-hitting urban erotic quickies, Noire, the undisputed Queen of Urban Erotica, brings you eleven authors who explore, without apology or restraint, street sagas of sexual pleasure. Boasting an all-star lineup of some of today's hottest authors—and sprinkled with heat from some fresh new talent

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too—this collection from Noire thoroughly lives up to her credo of giving her fans just what they like: street drama with a sheet-drenching erotic twist. Here you'll find sexy tales from fan favorites K'wan, Joy, Thomas Long, Jamise L. Dames, Andrea Blackstone, Gerald Malcom, Euftis Emory, Kweli Walker, and Erick Gray, along with two hot new voices: Aretha Temple and Plea\$ure. Noire even supplies her own juicy addition to the hard-body lineup. So beware: The heat and the drama between these pages are not fairy tales for the desperate housewife. Ride hard with Noire as her authors get their grind on and take it to the limits in *From the Streets to the Sheets*.

After blowing through her gangster boyfriend's stash of drug money, Mink LaRue, a petty thief, flees to Dallas, Texas, where she pretends to be a wealthy family's long-lost daughter and tries to worm her way into their lives.

BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Nikki Turner's *Heartbreak of a Hustler's Wife*. The high priestess of the hood, Nikki Turner, is back with the novel fans have been feenin' for: the sequel to her #1 bestselling novel, *A Hustler's Wife*. Des, Virginia's slickest gangsta, is about to become a dad when he is charged with the murder of his own attorney. But with Yarni, his gorgeous wife (and a brilliant lawyer), now calling the shots, Des isn't going back to the slammer without a fierce fight. Even with the heat on, Des manages to take his game to the next level and finds a new hustle, one that will allow him to possess the three things all major players desire: money, power, and respect. He becomes a preacher. Reluctantly, Yarni stands

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by her man as he trades in his triple beam scale for a Bible and a Bentley and makes his Church of the Good Life Ministry a welcoming place for all sinners to step up to the altar. But when Des's nephew is killed in the high-stakes heroin trade and Des learns that someone close to him okayed the hit, the dyed-in-the-wool gangsta sets aside the Bible for the gospel of the streets—even if it means risking the one person who's always had his back.

National bestselling authors Kiki Swinson and Noire double down in these sizzling novellas about sex, money, and too much of a good thing... Shamelessly Rich KIKI SWINSON Exclusive parties, high-end rides, designer everything—for Virginia Beach heiress Megan Rich, it's just an ordinary day. And one taste of Eric Chambers' thug loving has her spending like crazy to keep him primed, hot, 'n ready. But when her parents cut off the cash flow, this poor little bad girl makes a dangerous, life-changing choice. . . Puttin' Shame in the Game NOIRE ZsaZsa, Malisha, and Kiki will do anything for a man who'll pay their bills and keep them in the style every trophy wife deserves. These gorgeous sistahs are using every lie, trick, and scheme in the book to seduce wealthy NYC police officer Noble into making one of them his one and only. But sometimes the only way to win is to know when to walk away... "Kiki captures the heat of the streets." —Wahida Clark "Noire is Dickens for the age of dojah, donuts and dawgs." —Publishers Weekly on Hood

College freshman Claire Danvers has had enough of her nightmarish dorm situation, where the popular girls never let her forget just where she ranks in the school's social scene: somewhere less than zero. When Claire heads off-campus, the imposing old house where she finds a room may not be much better. Her new roommates don't show many signs of life. But they'll have Claire's back when the town's deepest secrets come crawling out, hungry for fresh blood.

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Watch a Windows Media trailer for this book.

When it comes to the laws of attraction, there are no rules--and the battle between the sexes is about to make two lawyers hot under the collar. Original.

CHECK IT. Lamont be my government, but Hood be my name. I earned my stripes chilling up in Fat Daddy's joint, a Brownsville barbershop in the belly of Brooklyn. Some called me a street savior...others said I was just another Brownsville boy gone bad. Whatever. I brung it and I took it too. But when it was all said and done, I walked away with a lesson learned in street loyalty: ain't no need in looking over your shoulder in this game. Because your real enemies ain't aiming at your back. They lunging straight for your heart. Ya dig? Lamont "Hood" Mason is a fearless nineteen-year-old gangsta who was born and raised in the projects of Brooklyn, New York. He was an abandoned child who roamed the cold city streets and fought hard for survival. The only thing constant in his young life was the safety of a Brownsville barbershop owned by a father figure called Fat Daddy. The barbershop is where Hood comes of age, but cutting hair isn't the only thing Fat Daddy has going on. His daughter, Egypt, is the love of Hood's young life, and the one person whose dreams of a stable future can lead him off the grimy urban corners and out of the hustling life. But when Fat Daddy gets caught slippin and crosses paths with Xanbar, a notoriously brutal drug kingpin, his vices threaten to bring death down on the family Hood loves. In an effort to protect his own, Hood and his best friend and hustling partner, Dreko, take to the streets on a bloody mission that doesn't go exactly as planned. Hood returns to find his world turned upside down by a wave of sex, violence, and betrayal. No longer the starving kid on the street, he's now a man seeking vengeance and retribution, and he might be forced to choose between bending or breaking as he picks up the

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shattered pieces of his life, one by one.

“Urban erotica has never been hotter!” –Nikki Turner, author of *Black Widow* Have you ever been betrayed by those you love? Violated in the worst kind of way? And no matter how hard you tried to fight your way out of a trick bag, no matter how tall you tried to walk, did the cold streets of life lead you right back to your grimy destiny? The bestselling author of *G-Spot* and *Candy Licker*, Noire pens the intense tale of Eva Patterson, a tragic daughter of the ghetto who finds peril on the streets of New York. With an abusive mother and a heroin monkey on her back, Eva experiences a series of traumatizing events, forcing her to flee her Brooklyn tenement and seek refuge with her beloved cousin Fiyah in Harlem. But fate is not done wreaking havoc in Eva’s life yet. Poised on the brink of progress, Eva meets King Brody, a vicious Harlem drug lord who runs Bricks, the hottest rap club in town. Unbeknownst to Eva, her cousin Fiyah’s thirst for glory leads him to cut a killer deal with Brody. A trade-off is arranged: Fiyah gets a recording contract—and Brody gets Eva. The problem is, Eva already has a man: Ice Mello Williams, a hot Harlem rapper who has a bitter feud going with Fiyah and is determined to seize his recording contract. Torn between the man she loves and a violent kingpin, Eva becomes an unwilling pawn in a deadly game of cat and mouse. Can Fiyah and Mello help her elude the sadistic jaws of Brody, or will she end up losing her life in his brutal trap?

Her man demanded loyalty, but her body wouldn’t obey. Have you ever rolled over in the middle of the night and realized you were doing things you swore you’d never do? Sexing brothers you vowed you’d never touch? Bending backwards and stooping lower than you ever thought you’d stoop? Well if you can feel me even a little bit, then let me hit you with a story

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that just might blow your mind. . . . Nineteen-year-old Juicy Stanfield is the sexy young girlfriend of Granite “G” McKay, owner of Harlem’s notorious G-Spot Social Club. A drug dealer with a lethal streak, he runs Harlem with an iron fist. But even the cash and the bling can’t keep Juicy from getting restless, and while G fulfills her every material desire, she’s burning up with unrequited sexual energy. To cheat on him would mean a death sentence; so Juicy finds pleasure in secret ways: fantasizing on crowded subways or allowing her eyes to hungrily take in the male dancers on the club’s ladies night. But as Juicy’s sexual cravings grow stronger, one thing becomes frighteningly clear: She’s a virtual prisoner in G’s dangerous world. As G begins to suspect her of playin’ him, he pulls the reins he keeps on her even tighter. If she’s ever to escape and get a life of her own she must find a way to start stashing away some of G’s cash. But doing that under G’s watchful eye is a challenge she might not live up to—especially when her appetite tempts her with the deadliest desire of all: G’s very own son. . . .

“Erica Garza has written a riveting, can’t-look-away memoir of a life lived hardcore...In an era when predatory male sexual behavior has finally become a topic of urgent national discourse...Getting Off makes for a wild, timely read” (Elle). A fixation on porn and orgasm, strings of failed relationships and serial hook-ups with strangers, inevitable blackouts to blunt the shame—these are not things we often hear women share publicly, and not with the candor, eloquence, and introspection Erica Garza brings to Getting Off. What sets this courageous and riveting account apart from your typical misery memoir is the absence of any precipitating trauma beyond the garden variety of hurt we’ve all had to endure in simply becoming a person—reckoning with family, learning to be social, integrating what it means to be sexual.

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Whatever tenor of violence or abuse Erica's life took on through her behavior was of her own making, fueled by fear, guilt, self-loathing, self-pity, loneliness, and the hopelessness those feelings brought on as she runs from one side of the world to the other in an effort to break her habits—from East Los Angeles to Hawaii and Southeast Asia, through the brothels of Bangkok and the yoga studios of Bali to disappointing stabs at therapy and twelve-steps back home. In these remarkable pages, Garza draws an evocative, studied portrait of the anxiety that fuels her obsessions, as well as the exhilaration and hope she begins to feel when she suspects she might be free of them. *Getting Off* offers a brave and necessary voice to our evolving conversations about addiction and the impact that internet culture has had on us all—"a profoundly genuine, gripping story that any reader can appreciate" (Vice). "In reading Garza's insight into her own experiences, we better understand ourselves" (The New York Times Book Review).

"Urban erotica has never been hotter!" --Nikki Turner Her billionaire family's scandalous secrets are as big as their fortune. But consummate con-mami Mink LaRue plans to play them all for the ultimate high stakes... As a newly-minted Dominion family heiress, Mink has new golden moves to snag even more of the family fortune. Trouble is, her hidden love games with seductive uncle-by-marriage-only Suge have them at bad-news odds--and more than her heart is in dirty sexy trouble. When the family patriarch is shot, Mink is up against a crossfire of old Dominion rivals, blackmailers, and elegant scammers out to take

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them down for good. What she needs is a surprise ally--her identical twin Dynasty. But her scheming sibling's conniving threatens to end Mink's moneyed ride and ace her into lockdown. With disaster only one lie away, Mink has to flip the script on enemies she never saw coming--and turn her diamond-honed hustle into the supreme weapon... "Noire's versatile storytelling keeps the urban erotic genre hot!" --Kiki Swinson, bestselling author of the Wifey series "Noire knows all about street slang, scams, strip clubs, and fierce sex bouts...This is top-of-the-line street lit." --Library Journal on Natural Born Liar (starred review) "If you love a little nastiness, Dirty Rotten Liar is a book you'll hate to miss." --New Pittsburgh Courier

From the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Underground Railroad* and *The Nickel Boys* A pandemic has devastated the planet, sorting humanity into two types: the uninfected and the infected, the living and the living dead. After the worst of the plague is over, armed forces stationed in Chinatown's Fort Wonton have successfully reclaimed the island south of Canal Street—aka Zone One. Mark Spitz is a member of one of the three-person civilian sweeper units tasked with clearing lower Manhattan of the remaining feral zombies. Zone One unfolds over three surreal days in which Spitz is occupied with the mundane mission of straggler removal, the rigors of Post-Apocalyptic Stress Disorder

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(PASD), and the impossible task of coming to terms with a fallen world. And then things start to go terribly wrong... At once a chilling horror story and a literary novel by a contemporary master, *Zone One* is a dazzling portrait of modern civilization in all its wretched, shambling glory. Look for Colson Whitehead's bestselling new novel, *Harlem Shuffle*!

Jeff Speck has dedicated his career to determining what makes cities thrive. And he has boiled it down to one key factor: walkability. The very idea of a modern metropolis evokes visions of bustling sidewalks, vital mass transit, and a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly urban core. But in the typical American city, the car is still king, and downtown is a place that's easy to drive to but often not worth arriving at. Making walkability happen is relatively easy and cheap; seeing exactly what needs to be done is the trick. In this essential new book, Speck reveals the invisible workings of the city, how simple decisions have cascading effects, and how we can all make the right choices for our communities. Bursting with sharp observations and real-world examples, giving key insight into what urban planners actually do and how places can and do change, *Walkable City* lays out a practical, necessary, and eminently achievable vision of how to make our normal American cities great again.

She wanted to be a hip-hop star but the streets got in the way. Have you ever

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laid down with a man and wasn't sure if you'd ever get back up? Tossed the sheets with a bone-knocking fear that only a hard-core hustler could produce? Sexed him like your life depended on it, because in reality it did? You still with me? Then let's roll over to my house. Harlem. 145th Street. Grab a seat and brace yourself as I show you the kind of pain that street life and so-called success can bring. . . . Nineteen-year-old Candy Raye Montana, an ex—drug runner for the Gabriano crime family and a former foster child, dreams of becoming a hip-hop superstar, if only someone will discover her talents. Someone does. Mega music producer and king thug of Harlem, Junius “Hurricane” Jackson, CEO of the House of Homicide recording studio, cuts a deal and puts Candy on the stage. Suddenly she is a hot new artist on the notorious Homicide Hitz record label. Her career takes off and she blazes the charts, but it's not long before Candy realizes that the man she thought was her knight is nothing more than a cold-blooded nightmare. Caught between the music and the madness, between the dollars and the deals, Candy belongs to Hurricane—body and soul—and must endure his sadistic bedroom desires while keeping his sexual secrets hidden from the world. But Candy has some strong desires of her own that simply cannot be denied, especially when she finds herself turned on by a brilliant investment baller who just happens to be

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Hurricane's right-hand man. Candy longs for her freedom, but if Hurricane gets wind of her betrayal the blowback will be lethal—and not only will she risk losing her recording contract, she just might lose her life.

As the “wickedly clever” (Publishers Weekly) series continues, reluctant, slacker vampire Fortitude Scott learns that nothing is more important than family—or more deadly.... After a lifetime of avoiding his family, Fort has discovered that working for them isn't half bad—even if his mother, Madeline, is a terrifying, murderous vampire. His newfound career has given him a purpose and a paycheck and has even helped him get his partner, foxy kitsune Suzume, to agree to be his girlfriend. All in all, things are looking up. Only, just as Fort is getting comfortable managing a supernatural empire that stretches from New Jersey to Ontario, Madeline's health starts failing, throwing Fort into the middle of an uncomfortable and dangerous battle for succession. His older sister, Prudence, is determined to take over the territory. But Fort isn't the only one wary of her sociopathic tendencies, and allies, old and new, are turning to him to keep Prudence from gaining power. Now, as Fort fights against his impending transition into vampire adulthood, he must also battle to keep Prudence from destroying their mother's kingdom—before she takes him down with it....

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