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From the bestselling author of *Blink* and *The Tipping Point*, Malcolm Gladwell's *Outliers: The Story of Success* overturns conventional wisdom about genius to show us what makes an ordinary person an extreme overachiever. Why do some people achieve so much more than others? Can they lie so far out of the ordinary? In this provocative and inspiring book, Malcolm Gladwell looks at everyone from rock stars to professional athletes, software billionaires to scientific geniuses, to show that the story of success is far more surprising, and far more fascinating, than we could ever have imagined. He reveals that it's as much about where we're from and what we do, as who we are - and that no one, not even a genius, ever makes it alone. *Outliers* will change the way you think about your own life story, and about what makes us all unique. 'Gladwell is not only a brilliant storyteller; he can see what those stories tell us, the lessons they contain' *Guardian* 'Malcolm Gladwell is a global phenomenon ... he has a genius for making everything he writes seem like an impossible adventure' *Observer* 'He is the best kind of writer - the kind who makes you feel like you're a genius, rather than he's a genius' *The Times*

The first novel from National Book Award winner and author of *Sing, Unburied, Sing* Jesmyn Ward, a timeless Southern fable of brotherly love and familial conflict—"a lyrical yet clear-eyed portrait of a rural South and an African American reality that are rarely depicted" (*The Boston Globe*). Where the Line Bleeds is Jesmyn Ward's gorgeous first novel and the first of three novels set in Bois Sauvage—followed by *Salvage the Bones* and *Sing, Unburied, Sing*—comprising a loose trilogy about small town southern family life. Described as “starkly

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beautiful” (Publishers Weekly, starred review), “fearless” (Essence), and “emotionally honest” (The Dallas Morning News), it was a finalist for the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award and the Virginia Commonwealth University Cabell First Novelist Award. Joshua and Christophe are twins, raised by a blind grandmother and a large extended family in rural Bois Sauvage, on Mississippi’s Gulf Coast. They’ve just finished high school and need to find jobs, but after Katrina, it’s not easy. Joshua gets work on the docks, but Christophe’s not so lucky and starts to sell drugs. Christophe’s downward spiral is accelerated first by crack, then by the reappearance of the twins’ parents: Cille, who left for a better job, and Sandman, a dangerous addict. Sandman taunts Christophe, eventually provoking a shocking confrontation that will ultimately damn or save both twins. *Where the Line Bleeds* takes place over the course of a single, life-changing summer. It is a delicate and closely observed portrait of fraternal love and strife, of the relentless grind of poverty, of the toll of addiction on a family, and of the bonds that can sustain or torment us. Bois Sauvage, based on Ward’s own hometown, is a character in its own right, as stiflingly hot and as rich with history as it is bereft of opportunity. Ward’s “lushly descriptive prose...and her prodigious talent and fearless portrayal of a world too often overlooked” (Essence) make this novel an essential addition to her incredible body of work. *The Master Key System* is a personal development book by Charles F. Haanel. The book describes many New Thought beliefs such as the law of attraction, creative visualization and man's unity with God, and teaches the importance of truth, harmonious thinking and the ability to concentrate. The Book that will not only leave you 'feeling' good, but also 'thinking' good. In *The Master Key System*, presented as a series of twenty-four lessons, delivered to students, Charles Haanel discusses everything from how to feel healthy to how to become wealthy.

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Using precise logic and a consistent, common-sense frame-work, Haanel shows us how to achieve that what we most desire. Used as thus instructed "The Master Key" will make of the reader a greater, better personality, and equipped with a new power to achieve any worthy personal purpose and a new ability to enjoy life's beauty and wonder.

A New York Times bestseller and USA Today bestselling book! From award-winning actor Neil Patrick Harris comes the magical first book in a new series with plenty of tricks up its sleeve. When street magician Carter runs away, he never expects to find friends and magic in a sleepy New England town. But like any good trick, things change instantly as greedy B.B. Bosso and his crew of crooked carnies arrive to steal anything and everything they can get their sticky fingers on. After a fateful encounter with the local purveyor of illusion, Dante Vernon, Carter teams up with five other like-minded illusionists. Together, using both teamwork and magic, they'll set out to save the town of Mineral Wells from Bosso's villainous clutches. These six Magic Misfits will soon discover adventure, friendship, and their own self-worth in this delightful new series. (Psst. Hey, you! Yes, you! Congratulations on reading this far. As a reward, I'll let you in on a little secret... This book isn't just a book. It's a treasure trove of secrets and ciphers and codes and even tricks. Keep your eyes peeled and you'll discover more than just a story--you'll learn how to make your own magic!)

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER * REESE'S BOOK CLUB PICK "There's a 100% chance you'll be paging through this book to uncover the secrets and deception that could potentially burn everything down!" — Reese Witherspoon "This is by far one of the most endearing L.A. novels in recent memory."— Publishers Weekly (Starred Review) "A capacious book, chock-full of human drama...Escandón's narrative voice is often witty and warm, and her meditations on

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Los Angeles are lush and lyrical...A lively and ambitious family novel." — New York Times Book Review Storm clouds are on the horizon in L.A. Weather, a fun, fast-paced novel of a Mexican-American family from the author of the #1 Los Angeles Times bestseller Esperanza's Box of Saints L.A. is parched, dry as a bone, and all Oscar, the weather-obsessed patriarch of the Alvarado family, desperately wants is a little rain. He's harboring a costly secret that distracts him from everything else. His wife, Keila, desperate for a life with a little more intimacy and a little less Weather Channel, feels she has no choice but to end their marriage. Their three daughters—Claudia, a television chef with a hard-hearted attitude; Olivia, a successful architect who suffers from gentrification guilt; and Patricia, a social media wizard who has an uncanny knack for connecting with audiences but not with her lovers—are blindsided and left questioning everything they know. Each will have to take a critical look at her own relationships and make some tough decisions along the way. With quick wit and humor, Maria Amparo Escandón follows the Alvarado family as they wrestle with impending evacuations, secrets, deception, and betrayal, and their toughest decision yet: whether to stick together or burn it all down. In Brixton, Nora and Dora Chance – twin chorus girls born and bred south of the river – are celebrating their 75th birthday. Over the river in Chelsea, their father and greatest actor of his generation Melchior Hazard turns 100 on the same day. As does his twin brother Peregrine. If, in fact, he's still alive. And if, in truth, Melchior is their real father after all... Wise Children is adapted for the stage from Angela Carter's last novel about a theatrical family living in South London. It centres around twin chorus girls, Nora and Dora Chance, whose lives are brimming with mystery, illegitimacy and scandal. Dora narrates the story as her older self, looking back on a tumultuous life, throughout which she and her sister have loved to sing and dance. A big,

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bawdy tangle of theatrical joy and heartbreak, *Wise Children* is a celebration of show business, family, forgiveness and hope. Expect show girls and Shakespeare, sex and scandal, music, mischief and mistaken identity – and butterflies by the thousand.

Glue on the windowsill and toothpaste in the shoes. Who did the deed? Twelve-year-old Cub Scout twins Julieta and Rafaela have to deal with their older sister's ugly tricks, which get them into trouble.

#1 New York Times bestselling author Nora Roberts' *Circle Trilogy* begins with an epic tale that breaks down the boundaries between reality and the otherworldly, while forging together the passions of the men and women caught in a battle for the fate of humanity... In the last days of high summer, with lightning striking blue in a black sky, the sorcerer stood on a high cliff overlooking the raging sea... Belting out his grief into the storm, Hoyt Mac Cionaoith rails against the evil that has torn his twin brother from their family's embrace. Her name is Lilith. Existing for over a thousand years, she has lured countless men to an immortal doom with her soul-stealing kiss. But now, this woman known as vampire will stop at nothing until she rules this world—and those beyond it... Hoyt is no match for the dark siren. But his powers come from the goddess Morrigan, and it is through her that he will get his chance at vengeance. At Morrigan's charge, he must gather five others to form a ring of power strong enough to overcome Lilith. A circle of six: himself, the witch, the warrior, the scholar, the one of many forms, and the one he's lost. And it is in this circle, hundreds of years in the future, where Hoyt will learn how strong his spirit—and his heart—have become... Don't miss the other books in the *Circle Trilogy* *Dance of the Gods* *Valley of Silence*

A Darker Shade of Magic, from #1 New York Times bestselling author V.E.

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Schwab Kell is one of the last Antari—magicians with a rare, coveted ability to travel between parallel Londons; Red, Grey, White, and, once upon a time, Black. Kell was raised in Arnes—Red London—and officially serves the Maresh Empire as an ambassador, traveling between the frequent bloody regime changes in White London and the court of George III in the dullest of Londons, the one without any magic left to see. Unofficially, Kell is a smuggler, servicing people willing to pay for even the smallest glimpses of a world they'll never see. It's a defiant hobby with dangerous consequences, which Kell is now seeing firsthand. After an exchange goes awry, Kell escapes to Grey London and runs into Delilah Bard, a cut-purse with lofty aspirations. She first robs him, then saves him from a deadly enemy, and finally forces Kell to spirit her to another world for a proper adventure. Now perilous magic is afoot, and treachery lurks at every turn. To save all of the worlds, they'll first need to stay alive. "A Darker Shade of Magic has all the hallmarks of a classic work of fantasy. Schwab has given us a gem of a tale...This is a book to treasure."—Deborah Harkness, New York Times bestselling author of the All Souls trilogy Shades of Magic series 1. A Darker Shade of Magic 2. A Gathering of Shadows 3. A Conjuring of Light At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

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Ever since her sixteenth birthday, strange things keep happening to Seraphina Parrish. Unexplainable premonitions catapult her to faraway cities. A street gang wants to kill her, and a beautiful, mysterious boy stalks her. But when Sera moves to Chicago, and her aunt reveals their family connection to a centuries old, secret society, she's immediately thrust into an unbelievable fantasy world, leading her on a quest to unravel the mysteries that plague her. In the end, their meanings crash into an epic struggle of loyalty and betrayal, and she'll be forced to choose between the boy who has stolen her heart and the thing she desires most. Wander Dust is the breathtaking fantasy that will catapult you through a story of time, adventure, and love.

Instant #1 International Bestseller “Cue greed, lust, secrets, and serious suspense. Count us in.”—theSkimm “An insanely plotted book...riveting.”—The New York Times Book Review Written with the chilling, twisty suspense of *The Wife Between Us* and *Something in the Water*, a seductive thriller about identical twins, greed, lust, secrets, and deadly lies. Twin sisters Iris and Summer are startlingly alike, but beyond what the eye can see lies a darkness that sets them apart. Cynical and insecure, Iris has long been envious of Summer’s seemingly never-ending good fortune. When Summer calls Iris to Thailand to help her sail the family yacht to the Seychelles, Iris has secret hopes for what might happen

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on the journey. But after a disturbing incident in the middle of the Indian Ocean, everything changes. Now Iris has the chance to step into the golden life she's always envied—and get one step closer to the hundred-million-dollar inheritance left by her manipulative father. All Iris would need to do is ensure she's the first of his seven children to fulfill the strange conditions of his will. But Iris soon discovers that her twin was keeping more than one secret, and Iris's life lurches between glamorous dream and paranoid nightmare. In a family in which the winner takes all, whom can she trust? And how far will she go to get the life she's always dreamed about? "Ferociously entertaining. A novel like a triathlon: part evil-twin thriller, part howdunit (or did-she-do-it?), part juicy family drama. Drop Knives Out and Double Indemnity into the blender, shake some Dead Calm over the froth, power it on, and you've got a cocktail like The Girl in the Mirror—fresh, flavorful, and utterly intoxicating." —AJ Finn, #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Woman in the Window

You Can't Run From Destiny Gavin and Catrina McGregor wanted normal lives for their twin boys, Caleb and Lucas. While both have pursued their own passions in life, a cloud has hung over them from birth. It is a secret that their parents wanted to protect them from, but a prophecy from ancient days is beginning to unfold before their eyes. The prophecy speaks of a day when twin

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brothers from the blood line of King Callam of McGregor will be born. One will rise to greatness and embrace the light. The other will rise to greatness and embrace the dark. Worse yet, with the existence of the boys, a powerful and evil master of sorcery, Dark Master Natas, will return. Caleb and Lucas are the heirs to King Callam. With the twins alive, Natas begins to grow stronger as the twins grow older. Hiding Is No Longer An Option On one fateful night, Gavin and Catrina realize that they can no longer protect the boys from their destiny. The Sorcerer's of dark magic, The Dark order of the Draith, have found them and the time has come to reveal the secrets they have kept. When Caleb and Lucas' mother is captured by an agent of the Draith, Gavin and his boys must go into the world they left behind to rescue her, now placing the boys on the path to fulfilling the prophecy they worked so hard to keep them from having to follow. Secrets Will Be Revealed For Caleb and Lucas, the world of Carsonia is like something straight from a fantasy novel. Here they discover warring factions of humans, goblins, elves, and more. Nothing is as it seems and everyone has an agenda... and each agenda seems to include the boys. With agendas and secrets around every corner, the cozy lives that Caleb and Lucas once knew are coming to an end. Nothing is as it seems and danger waits for them with each step. To get out of here alive, they must rely on their only shred of hope... their loyalty to each

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other. Destiny Is Calling The Dark Master Natas must have the blood of the boys to break free of the spell that has kept him bound for hundreds of years. The warlord Hathian, seeks to destroy the boys and claim Carsonia for himself. The Knights of Liberty seek to find the boys and do whatever is in their power to prevent them from fulfilling the dark promise of the prophecy. And Gavin fights to rescue his family and use one last family secret to end this insanity, once and for all. But you can't hide from destiny. Caleb and Lucas have been called. Events conspire to trap them in Carsonia and force them to play out their roles in the final days of Carsonia. Soon, the fate of Carsonia will rest in the hands of these two young boys... The Twins of the Prophecy. Discover for yourself why readers are saying that "Twins of the Prophecy" is bound to be one of the best fantasy books series of this generation.

The #1 New York Times bestselling series finale and sequel to A Discovery of Witches and Shadow of Night. Look for the hit TV series “A Discovery of Witches,” streaming on AMC Plus, Sundance Now and Shudder. Bringing the magic and suspense of the All Souls Trilogy to a deeply satisfying conclusion, this highly anticipated finale went straight to #1 on the New York Times bestseller list. In The Book of Life, Diana and Matthew time-travel back from Elizabethan London to make a dramatic return to the present—facing new crises and old

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enemies. At Matthew's ancestral home, Sept-Tours, they reunite with the beloved cast of characters from *A Discovery of Witches*—with one significant exception. But the real threat to their future has yet to be revealed, and when it is, the search for Ashmole 782 and its missing pages takes on even more urgency. Eff must finally get over believing she is bad luck and accept that her special training in Aphrikan magic, and being the twin of the seventh son of a seventh son, give her extraordinary power to combat evil magical creatures.

In this second book in the Ella and Owen series, the dragon siblings find themselves face-to-face with a stinky fish monster! In this second book in the Ella and Owen series, we pick up right where book one left off--with the siblings splashing around in a lake, not knowing where they are. Once they find their way home, they are reminded that it's their mother's birthday. The twins head out on a new adventure in search of special ingredients in order to make her a cake. They end up being turned into newts and run into a stinky fish monster that wants to eat them! This fun romp will have kids laughing and turning the pages! This early chapter book series has it all--humor adventure, a dash of some gross-out stuff, and just the right mixture of sibling rivalry/love. Black and white illustrations on every page add to the enjoyment, with dragon details galore, making Ella and Owen's world pop on each page.

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Adam Mulvaney lives a double life. By day, he's the spoiled youngest son of an eccentric billionaire. By night, he's an unrepentant killer, one of seven psychopaths raised to right the wrongs of a justice system that keeps failing. Noah Holt has spent years dreaming of vengeance for the death of his father, but when faced with his killer, he learns a daunting truth he can't escape. His father was a monster. Unable to ignore his own surfacing memories, Noah embarks on a quest to find the truth about his childhood with the help of an unlikely ally: the very person who murdered his father. Since their confrontation, Adam is obsessed with Noah, and he wants to help him uncover the answers he seeks, however dark they may be. The two share a mutual attraction, but, deep down, Noah knows Adam's not like other boys. Adam can't love. He wasn't born that way. But he refuses to let Noah go, and Noah's not sure he wants him to. Can Adam prove to Noah that passion, power, and protection are just as good as love? *Unhinged* is a fast-paced, roller coaster ride of a romance with an HEA and no cliffhangers. It features a dirty-talking, possessive psychopath and a sweet cinnamon roll of a boy with Daddy issues and a core of steel. There's gratuitous violence, very dark humor, enough steam to fog up a hundred car windows, and something a lot like love. This is book one in the *Necessary Evils* series. Each book follows a different couple.

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A SCANDALOUS PREGNANCY Telling her high-society family she was about to be an unwed mother had been tough. So how could she possibly inform the Garrison clan that the baby's father was their archenemy? Brooke planned to keep the paternity secret...then millionaire hotel mogul Jordan Jefferies learned the truth. And he was not about to let her fear of scandal stop him from claiming his child. Or from making Brooke his wife.

Everyone at some time has felt a bit dim or like they didnt shine as bright as others. LUMI the lightening bug faced the same problem. She knew that she was made to light up but she didnt know how to do it. She looks for her answer in new ways and finds she can be happy just as she is right now! Even better, she discovers her light is uniquely bright. Discover what you can learn - and teach your children - about living light and shining bright with LUMI.

#1 New York Times bestselling author! In Rainbow Rowell's Fangirl, Cath is a Simon Snow fan. Okay, the whole world is a Simon Snow fan, but for Cath, being a fan is her life-and she's really good at it. She and her twin sister, Wren, ensconced themselves in the Simon Snow series when they were just kids; it's what got them through their mother leaving. Reading. Rereading. Hanging out in Simon Snow forums, writing Simon Snow fan fiction, dressing up like the characters for every movie premiere. Cath's sister has mostly grown away from fandom, but Cath can't let go. She doesn't want to. Now that they're going to college, Wren has told Cath she doesn't want to be roommates.

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Cath is on her own, completely outside of her comfort zone. She's got a surly roommate with a charming, always-around boyfriend, a fiction-writing professor who thinks fan fiction is the end of the civilized world, a handsome classmate who only wants to talk about words . . . And she can't stop worrying about her dad, who's loving and fragile and has never really been alone. For Cath, the question is: Can she do this? Can she make it without Wren holding her hand? Is she ready to start living her own life? And does she even want to move on if it means leaving Simon Snow behind? A New York Times Book Review Notable Children's Book of 2013 A New York Times Best Seller! From award-winning and bestselling author, Jewell Parker Rhodes comes a powerful coming-of-age story about two brothers, one who presents as white, the other as black, and the complex ways in which they are forced to navigate the world, all while training for a fencing competition. Framed. Bullied. Disliked. But I know I can still be the best. Sometimes, 12-year-old Donte wishes he were invisible. As one of the few black boys at Middlefield Prep, most of the students don't look like him. They don't like him either. Dubbing him "Black Brother," Donte's teachers and classmates make it clear they wish he were more like his lighter-skinned brother, Trey. When he's bullied and framed by the captain of the fencing team, "King" Alan, he's suspended from school and arrested. Terrified, searching for a place where he belongs, Donte joins a local youth center and meets former Olympic fencer Arden Jones. With Arden's help, he begins training as a competitive fencer, setting his sights on taking down the fencing team captain, no

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matter what. As Donte hones his fencing skills and grows closer to achieving his goal, he learns the fight for justice is far from over. Now Donte must confront his bullies, racism, and the corrupt systems of power that led to his arrest. Powerful and emotionally gripping, *Black Brother, Black Brother* is a careful examination of the school-to-prison pipeline and follows one boy's fight against racism and his empowering path to finding his voice.

In a society that purges thirteen-year-olds who are creative, identical twins Aaron and Alex are separated, one to attend University while the other, supposedly Eliminated, finds himself in a wondrous place where youths hone their abilities and learn magic. The dazzling Lytton twins, Adele and Venetia, are born into the great Lytton publishing empire. In 1928, on their eighteenth birthday, they are rich and admired, with a confidence verging on arrogance. But the specter of Nazi Germany is growing... Gradually their privileged world darkens in unimaginable ways—but it is not just the twins whose lives have been irrevocably changed. Barty Miller, rescued from the London slums in babyhood by Celia Lytton, is clever, ambitious, and a complete contrast to the twins—and she faces temptation of the most unexpected kind...

The answer to your question will be revealed on the Lunar Eclipse. But when finding the truth, don't let the shadows take you. The week of *The Reckoning* has begun. And senior students have been tasked with making the freshmen's lives pure hell as we prepare to take the assessment that will decide whether we stay at Zodiac Academy or

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lose our places here forever. With the Lunar Eclipse on the horizon, my sister and I have more to worry about than just passing our exams. A dark plot is unfolding and the shadows are drawing closer. It looks like our enemies could be more powerful than we ever realised.

"First in a new series"--Author's website.

Welcome to Harmony... A dreamy New England Coastal town, filled with cobblestone streets, charming colonial homes ... and tumultuous secrets that threaten to tear its families apart. Only Tabitha Lenox knows the intimate details of all their stories. Most of Harmony thinks Tabitha is a "harmless eccentric." But she's really an irrepressible sorceress of darkness who's been causing the town cauldrons of trouble even before Prudence Standish accused her of witchcraft in 1693 (and Tabitha certainly hasn't forgotten!). Based on her secret diaries, Hidden Passions turns back the clock more than twenty years to expose the deepest, darkest secrets of the town's most upstanding men and women. Shocking secrets. Sizzling secrets. Shattering secrets. They're all here...and more. Enter Harmony, but be very careful if you should encounter a mysterious woman carrying a doll. As she's done with Harmony townsfolk for hundreds of years, she may very well look into your heart to see what you truly desire and grant it...for a terribly high price.

It's All Spells' Night, the broomstick is waiting and Junior Wizard Ben-Muzzy is ready for action. He's been dared to play a trick on a grungy old witch called Grimwade and he

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wants his twins Joel and Gemma to go with him

A captivating and poignant coming-of-age urban YA debut about sisters, friends, and what it means to embrace change.

Journalist Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were their curse and their salvation. Rex and Rose Mary and their four children lived like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns, camping in the mountains. Rex was a charismatic, brilliant man who, when sober, captured his children's imagination, teaching them how to embrace life fearlessly. Rose Mary painted and wrote and couldn't stand the responsibility of providing for her family. When the money ran out, the Walls retreated to the dismal West Virginia mining town Rex had tried to escape. As the dysfunction escalated, the children had to fend for themselves, supporting one another as they found the resources and will to leave home. Yet Walls describes her parents with deep affection in this tale of unconditional love in a family that, despite its profound flaws, gave her the fiery determination to carve out a successful life. -- From publisher description.

A Newbery Honor Winner A New York Times Bestseller This stunning fantasy inspired by Chinese folklore is a companion novel to *Starry River of the Sky* and the New York Times bestselling and National Book Award finalist *When the Sea Turned to Silver* In the valley of Fruitless mountain, a young girl named Minli lives in a ramshackle hut with her parents. In the evenings, her father regales her with old folktales of the Jade

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Dragon and the Old Man on the Moon, who knows the answers to all of life's questions. Inspired by these stories, Minli sets off on an extraordinary journey to find the Old Man on the Moon to ask him how she can change her family's fortune. She encounters an assorted cast of characters and magical creatures along the way, including a dragon who accompanies her on her quest for the ultimate answer. Grace Lin, author of the beloved Year of the Dog and Year of the Rat returns with a wondrous story of adventure, faith, and friendship. A fantasy crossed with Chinese folklore, Where the Mountain Meets the Moon is a timeless story reminiscent of The Wizard of Oz and Kelly Barnhill's The Girl Who Drank the Moon. Her beautiful illustrations, printed in full-color, accompany the text throughout. Once again, she has created a charming, engaging book for young readers.

Winner of the International Lannan Literary Award for Nonfiction Animal tracks, word magic, the speech of stones, the power of letters, and the taste of the wind all figure prominently in this intellectual tour de force that returns us to our senses and to the sensuous terrain that sustains us. This major work of ecological philosophy startles the senses out of habitual ways of perception. For a thousand generations, human beings viewed themselves as part of the wider community of nature, and they carried on active relationships not only with other people with other animals, plants, and natural objects (including mountains, rivers, winds, and weather patters) that we have only lately come to think of as "inanimate." How, then, did humans come to sever their ancient

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reciprocity with the natural world? What will it take for us to recover a sustaining relation with the breathing earth? In *The Spell of the Sensuous* David Abram draws on sources as diverse as the philosophy of Merleau-Ponty, Balinese shamanism, Apache storytelling, and his own experience as an accomplished sleight-of-hand of magician to reveal the subtle dependence of human cognition on the natural environment. He explores the character of perception and excavates the sensual foundations of language, which--even at its most abstract--echoes the calls and cries of the earth. On every page of this lyrical work, Abram weaves his arguments with a passion, a precision, and an intellectual daring that recall such writers as Loren Eiseley, Annie Dillard, and Barry Lopez.

Claire Randall is leading a double life. She has a husband in one century, and a lover in another... In 1945, Claire Randall, a former combat nurse, is back from the war and reunited with her husband on a second honeymoon—when she innocently touches a boulder in one of the ancient stone circles that dot the British Isles. Suddenly she is a Sassenach—an "outlander"—in a Scotland torn by war and raiding border clans in the year of our Lord...1743. Hurlled back in time by forces she cannot understand, Claire's destiny is soon inextricably intertwined with Clan MacKenzie and the forbidden Castle Leoch. She is catapulted without warning into the intrigues of lairds and spies that may threaten her life ...and shatter her heart. For here, James Fraser, a gallant young Scots warrior, shows her a passion so fierce and a love so absolute that Claire becomes a

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woman torn between fidelity and desire...and between two vastly different men in two irreconcilable lives.

Becky and her brother use some ingenious clues to identify the person who stole five children's books from the town's library.

The third magical book in the #1 New York Times bestselling Magic Misfits series from acclaimed and wildly popular celebrity Neil Patrick Harris! Theo Stein-Meyer loves being part of the Magic Misfits. Armed with his trusty violin bow, he completes the team with his levitation skills, unflappable calm, and proper manners. But when a girl named Emily begins to spend time with the group, Theo is surprisingly drawn to her. She seems to understand the pull he feels between music and magic, between family and friends. Then a famous ventriloquist arrives in town, and the Misfits are sure he (and his creepy dummy) are up to no good. With their mentor, Mr. Vernon, suddenly called away and tension simmering among the friends, can they come together to stop another member of the villainous Emerald Ring? It's time for Theo to make a choice about where--and with whom--he belongs. Join the Magic Misfits as they discover adventure, friendship, and more than a few hidden secrets in this unique and surprising series. Whether you're a long-time expert at illusion or simply a new fan of stage magic, hold on to your top hat!

Gail Carson Levine charmed the world with Ella Enchanted, her spirited retelling of the Cinderella story. Now this award-winning author turns her attention to two more classic

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fairy tales, and deftly turns them upside down and inside out with her trademark wit and hilarity. In *The Fairy's Mistake*, two very different sisters have two very different encounters with the fairy Ethelinda. Rosella is kind and helpful. Her reward: Jewels and gems tumble out of her mouth whenever she speaks. Myrtle is rude and spiteful. Her punishment: Bugs and vipers slither out of her mouth. The fairy Ethelinda feels she's meted out justice just right--until she discovers Rosella has been locked up by a greedy prince and Myrtle is having the time of her life! In *The Princess Test*, King Humphrey has decided it's time for his son, Prince Nicholas, to marry. But he must make sure the bride is a real princess. So he devises a series of princess tests, designed to weed out the phonies and the fakes. Meanwhile, Nicholas has fallen in love with Lorelei, a mere blacksmith's daughter. She's no princess, but he wants to marry her all the same--but how will she ever pass the terrible tests? In these first two delightfully entertaining, laugh-out-loud *Princess Tales*, Gail Levine gently spoofs the notion that fairies are always right and that tests can ever prove a person's worth, but holds fast to the notion that true love will always win in the end.

When his twin brother falls ill in the family's chateau in the independent republic of Geneva, Victor Frankenstein embarks on a quest to create the Elixir of Life described in an ancient text in the family's secret *Biblioteka Obscura*.

Nuclear war, dystopian unrest, a genetic mutation that divides twins in life and unites them in death—the “refreshingly nuanced” (Booklist, starred review) first novel in award-

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