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**There Are No Accidents in Love and Relationships** Robert H. Hopcke 2018-02-12

*The Light of the Lovers' Moon* Marcia Lynn McClure 2011-05 Violet Fynne was haunted--haunted by memory. It had been nearly ten years since her father had moved the family from the tiny town of Rattler Rock to the city of Albany, New York. Yet the pain and guilt in Violet's heart was as fresh and as haunting as ever it had been. It was true Violet had been only a child when her family moved. Still--though she had been unwillingly pulled away from Rattler Rock--pulled away from him she held most dear--her heart had never left--and her mind had never forgotten the promise she had made--a promise to a boy--to a boy she had loved--a boy she had vowed to return to. Yet, the world changes--and people move beyond pain and regret. Thus, when Violet Fynne returned to Rattler Rock, it was to find that death had touched those she had known before--that the world had indeed changed--that unfamiliar faces now intruded on beloved memories. Had she returned too late? Had Violet Fynne lost her chance for peace--and happiness? Would she be forever haunted by the memory of the boy she had loved nearly ten years before?

*Emergency Attraction* Samantha Beck 2017-04-17 Ten years ago when Shane Maguire chose the Marines as his escape from some trouble of his own making, he only regretted one thing--leaving Sinclair Smith behind. Despite his best intentions, she ended up as the one that got away. Now he's back, determined to reclaim everything he gave up, including Sinclair. Sinclair is immune to Shane's charms. She's immune to stolen kisses behind the gym. And she's definitely immune to that maneuver he did in the back seat of his car... Okay, maybe her hormones are susceptible, but she has absolutely no desire to risk anything on the bad boy who broke all his promises. When a little emergency lands her at his mercy, he offers her a deal she can't refuse. And this time, she'll show Shane what it means to be left wanting... Each book in the Love Emergency series is a standalone story that can be enjoyed out of order. Series Order: Book #1 Emergency Engagement Book #2 Emergency Delivery Book #3 Emergency Attraction

*A Siren Song* in Jenns Cove Marc Sanderson 2022-04-29 Music is Rhea Gallagher's life, so when the band she helped found kicks her out on the verge of a major recording deal, she's devastated. Leaving Los Angeles and running home to the small seaside town of Jenns Cove seems her only option. There, she can regroup and figure out what comes next. What she doesn't expect is to find her old flame, Cam Colton, has returned to Jenns Cove to care for his ailing father. Cam was the love of her life, and their breakup left them both with ugly scars that refuse to heal. Rhea knows Jenns Cove is too small to avoid Cam entirely, but she has a plan to deal with him--they'll start from scratch, mere acquaintances, the past be damned! When Cam Colton returns to Jenns Cove to care for his father after the stroke, he locks into the perfect job with The Ecosystem Services Institute. As dive master and marine sciences coordinator, he'll be in the water--his favorite place--as often as possible. Being back in small-town Jenns Cove, feels like just what he needs... until the love of his life, the woman who broke his heart, arrives home from Los Angeles, running from the music world she dumped him for. Two things become instantly clear to Cam. His anger toward Rhea Gallagher hasn't abated one bit, and he's still in love with her.

*The Empire of Ice Cream* Jeffrey Ford 2019-08-15 Mixing the mundane with the metaphysical, the pairings of the everyday and the extraordinary in this collection of short fiction yield supernatural results--a young musician perceives another world while drinking coffee, a fairy chronicles his busy life in a sandcastle during the changing tide, a demonic 16th-century chess set shows up in a New Jersey bar, and Charon, the boatman of hell, takes a few days vacation. Storylines both conventional and outlandish reveal humdrum routines as menacing, or imaginary worlds as perfectly familiar. Allusions to authors such as Edgar Allan Poe and Jules Verne reinforce the fantasy tradition in these tales, while understated humor and moments of sadness add a quirky unpredictability. Also included is the previously unpublished novella, "Botch Town," a coming-of-age story about a boy on Long Island whose family and friends live ordinary lives under threats both real and imagined. Each story is followed by a brief afterword that details its genesis.

*Mountains Climbed* Phoebe Alexander Can they climb the mountains keeping them apart? Lt. James McAllister is deployed, but he can't stop thinking about the beautiful sociology professor he befriended before he left for his tour. No matter how hard he tries to keep her out of his mind, all he can think about is seeing Sarah when he's back on American soil. Dr. Sarah Lynde is moving on with a new man in her life, Garrett Stone. This fiery redhead with the voice of an angel provides a needed distraction, but is it enough to stop Sarah from seeing James when he returns from deployment? Authors' Note: Intended for readers 18+. Another version of this book was previously published under the same title. This edition has been rewritten and edited. The first three Mountains Series books must be read in order, as it is James and Sarah's continuing saga. The subsequent books in the Mountains Series function as standalones. Book 1: Mountains Wanted - James & Sarah's Story #1 Book 2: Mountains Climbed - James & Sarah's Story #2 Book 3: Mountains Loved - James & Sarah's Story #3 Book 4: Christmas in the Mountains - James & Sarah's holiday novella Book 5: The Navigator - Garrett's Story Book 6: The Explorer - Abby's Story #1 Book 7: The Adventurer - Rachel's Story (coming soon) Book 8: Mountains Transcended - Abby's Story #2 (coming soon)

*Fruitful Bodies* Morag Joss 2005-07-26 In Bath, England, good health is an ancient tradition and a booming business. One local font of wellness is the Sulis Clinic, where the rich come for rest, repair, and repasts of strictly organic--and not terribly pleasant--cuisine. World-famous cellist Sara Selkirk has come to Sulis to admit her former music teacher. The poor dear has fallen into decrepitude, and has lately been the unlikely suspect in the shocking murder in a local pub. Distracted from her upcoming Dvorak performance in Salzburg, Sara begins to wonder if there isn't an odd link between Sulis and the murder. But another death soon rocks Sara to her core, leading her to a choice she will regret--and a killer she can no longer avoid....

*Menschenkind* Toni Morrison 2019-03-26 Ein greises Epos über die Sklaverei - der bekannteste Roman der Nobelpreisträgerin. Sethe - die auf der Flucht aus der Sklaverei ihr Leben riskierte, ihren Mann verlor und ein Kind begraben musste, die unvorstellbares Leid ertrug und dennoch nicht den Verstand verlor - lebt seit langem in einem kleinen Haus am Rande von Cincinnati, wo sie die Vergangenheit auszulösen versucht. Doch im Haus Nr. 124 der Bluestone Road treibt ein Spuk sein Unwesen: Der widerspenstige Geist von Sethes Tochter, die vor achtzehn Jahren ums Leben kam, will nicht vergessen werden. Das Kleinkind, dessen Tod Sethe nicht überwinden kann, starb namenlos; sein Grab trägt allein das Wort "Menschenkind". Als Paul D eines Tages vor Sethes Tür steht, reißt er alte Wunden wieder auf - und setzt so einen schmerzhaften Heilungsprozess in Gang... "Menschenkind" wurde von den Juroren der New York Times zum besten amerikanischen Roman der letzten 25 Jahre gewählt. "Moderne Weltliteratur. Eine bravouröse Leistung." Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

*Make It Sparkle* Lindsay Burke 2016-08-25 A little shine--a lot of fun! Stand out from the crowd with the cute and carefree jewelry in Make it Sparkle! Inside, jewelry junkie Lindsay Burke of Fusion Beads shares 25 colorful, sparkling pieces that will make any outfit pop. Pair crystals and bangles for Pink Party Bracelets, perfect for stacking. Turn a gray day around with pendants and French hoops with Rain City Earrings. Dress up your favorite jeans when you pair them with your very own Denim Ice Necklace, a multi-strand must-have your friends will be dying to borrow. Featuring easy-to-follow instructions and step-by-step photos, any project can be personalized by adding your own choices for colors, shapes, and metals. Even if you've never made your own jewelry, soon you'll be ready to Make it Sparkle!

*Homers Odyssey* Homerus 1873

*Nobody's Cuter than You* Melanie Shankle 2015-04-07 There is nothing as precious in life as a friend who knows you and loves you in spite of yourself. Yet over the last couple of decades, we've substituted the joy of real friendship with cheap imitations. We settle for "community" on Facebook and Twitter and a series of text messages that allow us to communicate with someone without the commitment. We like each other's beautifully filtered photos on Instagram and delude ourselves into believing we have a community. But real friendship requires effort. It's showing up, laughing loud, and crying hard. It's forgiving and loving and giving the benefit of the doubt. It's making a casserole, doing a carpool pickup, and making sure she knows those cute shoes are 50 percent off. Written in the same comedic style as the New York Times bestsellers Sparkly Green Earrings and The Antelope in the Living Room, *Nobody's Cuter than You* is a laugh-out-loud look at the special bond that exists between friends and a poignant celebration of all the extraordinary people God had the good sense to bring into our lives at exactly the right moments. From the friendships we develop over a lifetime to the ones that wounded us and the ones that taught us to love better, Melanie Shankle reveals the influence our friends have on who we were, who we are, and who we will become. And on a day when our jeans felt too tight, our chins have decided to embrace hormone-related acne reminiscent of our teen years, and our kids have tested the limits of our sanity, they are the ones who will look at us and say, "Nobody's cuter than you!"

*Fashion, Rosé & Foul Play* Gemma Halliday 2020-08-18 From New York Times bestselling author Gemma Halliday comes a new fashionably fatal culinary mystery novel in the USA Today bestselling *Wine & Dine* Mysteries! Emmy Oak has always been a fan of her best friend Ava's handmade silver jewelry. So when Ava gets a chance to showcase her pieces at a charity fashion show for Wine Country's elite, both women are thrilled. That is, until the model wearing Ava's custom emerald necklace is murdered after her runway walk and the gem is stolen! The theft of the expensive jewel means Ava could lose everything, including her shop, Silver Girl... unless Emmy can help her track down a killer and find the missing emerald! While the enticing Detective Grant might be looking at the death as a burglary-gone-wrong, Emmy isn't so sure that's the case. The model's name was Gia Monroe, and Emmy quickly learns that she made her fair share of enemies in life. From the flamboyant designer overheard threatening her just before the fashion show, to her agent with a shady secret and a precarious hold on his talent, to an eccentric rival designer with a grudge, no one seems to be grieving Gia's death. And when Emmy discovers Gia may have had a mysterious stalker, she realizes any one of them could have murdered the model. Between running her small winery and navigating the catty world of high fashion, Emmy tries to stay one step ahead of the danger...before the killer strikes again! \*\*Simple and delicious recipes and affordable wine pairings included!\*\* "Ms. Halliday is the undisputed queen of the genre." ~ Fresh Fiction "I rank 'A Sip Before Dying' as one of my favorite fun reads. I say to Gemma Halliday, well done!" ~ The Book Broke "The Wine & Dine Mystery series is a definite to read and keep an eye out for more to follow." ~ Cozy Mystery Book Review *Wine & Dine Mysteries: A Sip Before Dying* - book #1

*Chocolate Covered Death* - book #2 *Victim in the Vineyard* - book #3 *Marriage, Merlot & Murder* - book #4 *Death in Wine Country* - book #5 *Fashion, Rosé & Foul Play* - book #6 *Witness at the Winery* - book #7

Rating: This story does not contain any graphic violence, language, or sexual encounters. Its rating would be similar to PG-13 or what you would find on a Hallmark Channel movie or TV series. Surprised by Motherhood Lisa-Jo Baker 2014-04-01 A lawyer with a well-stamped passport and a passion for human rights, Lisa-Jo Baker never wanted to be a mom. And then she had kids. Having lost her own mother to cancer as a teenager, Lisa-Jo felt lost on her journey to womanhood and wholly unprepared to raise children. Surprised by Motherhood is Lisa-Jos story of becoming and being a mom, and in the process, discovering that all the what to expect and how to books in the world can never truly prepare you for the sheer exhilaration, joy, and terrifying love that accompanies motherhood. Set partly in South Africa and partly in the US (with a slight detour to Ukraine along the way), Surprised by Motherhood is a poignant memoir of one woman's dawning realization that being a mom isn't about being perfectists about being present.

*My Grandma Loves This!* Benjamin Harfoot 2013-01 In this book, we have hand-picked the most sophisticated, unanticipated, absorbing (if not at times crackpot!), original and musing book reviews of "Sparkly Green Earrings: Catching the Light at Every Turn." Don't say we didn't warn you: these reviews are known to shock with their unconventionality or intimacy. Some may be startled by their biting sincerity; others may be spellbound by their unbridled flights of fantasy. Don't buy this book if: 1. You don't have nerves of steel. 2. You expect to get pregnant in the next five minutes. 3. You've heard it all.

*Mama Bear Apologetics*TM Hillary Morgan Ferrer 2019-06-04 \*Foreword written by Nancy Pearcey\* "Parents are the most important apologists our kids will ever know. Mama Bear Apologetics will help you navigate your kids' questions and prepare them to become committed Christ followers." --J. Warner Wallace "If every Christian mom would apply this book in her parenting, it would profoundly transform the next generation." --Natasha Crain #RoarLikeAMother The problem with lies is they don't often sound like lies. They seem harmless, and even sound right. So what's a Mama Bear to do when her kids seem to be absorbing the culture's lies uncritically? Mama Bear Apologetics™ is the book you've been looking for. This mom-to-mom guide will equip you to teach your kids how to form their own biblical beliefs about what is true and what is false. Through transparent life stories and clear, practical applications—including prayer strategies—including prayer strategies—this band of Mama Bears offers you tools to train yourself, so you can turn around and train your kids. Are you ready to answer the rallying cry, "Mess with our kids and we will demolish your arguments"? Join the Mama Bears and raise your voice to protect your kids—by teaching them how to think through and address the issues head-on, yet with gentleness and respect.

*Der lange Weg zur Freiheit* Nelson Mandela 2014-01-25 »Ich bin einer von ungezählten Millionen, die durch Nelson Mandelas Leben inspiriert wurden.« Barack Obama Eine fast drei Jahrzehnte währende Gefängnishaft ließ Nelson Mandela zum Mythos der schwarzen Befreiungsbewegung werden. Kauf ein anderer Politiker unserer Zeit symbolisiert heute in solchem Maße die Friedenshoffnungen der Menschheit und den Gedanken der Aussöhnung aller Rassen wie der ehemalige südafrikanische Präsident und Friedensnobelpreisträger. Auch nach seinem Tod finden seine ungebrochene Charakterstärke und Menschenfreundlichkeit die Bewunderung aller friedenswilligen Menschen auf der Welt. Mandelas Lebensgeschichte ist über die politische Bedeutung hinaus ein spannend zu lesendes, kenntnis- und faktenreiches Dokument menschlicher Entwicklung unter Bedingungen und Fahrnissen, vor denen die meisten Menschen innerlich wie äußerlich kapituliert haben dürfen.

*Die Fahrt zum Leuchtturm Virginia Woolf* 2019-07-15 »Die Fahrt zum Leuchtturm« ist ein Roman von Virginia Woolf. Die mehrstimmige Geschichte handelt von der Ramsay-Familie und ihren Besuchern auf der schottischen Isle of Skye zwischen 1910 und 1920. Der Roman gehört zur modernen Literatur und wurde 2015 von mehreren internationalen Literaturkritikern zu einem der bedeutendsten Werke der britischen Welt gewählt. Unlösare Fragen waren das, so schien es ihr, als sie da am Fenster stand, James an der Hand haltend. Auch er war ihr ins Wohnzimmer gefolgt, der junge Mann, über den sie lachten; er stand am Tisch, fingerte an irgendwas herum, zappelnd, linkisch und fühlte sich von allem ausgeschlossen; ohne sich nach ihm umzuwenden, wusste sie das. Alle waren sie gegangen - die Kinder; Minta Doyle und Paul Rayley; Augustus Carmichael; ihr Mann - alle waren sie gegangen. So wandte sie sich denn mit einem Seufzer um und sagte: »Wollen Sie mit mir kommen, Mr. Tansley, oder ist Ihnen das zu langweilig?« Null Papier Verlag www.null-papier.de

*A Kind of Intimacy* Jenn Ashworth 2013-07-18 Annie is obese, lonely and hopeful. Armed with self-help books, her cat and a collection of cow-shaped milk jugs, she moves into her new home and sets about getting to know the neighbours, especially the man next door. She ignores her neighbour's inconvenient girlfriend, but it's not quite as easy for Annie to dismiss her own past. As Annie's murky history of violence, secrets and sexual mishaps catches up with her, she cannot see that she has done anything wrong. She's just doing what any good neighbour would do, after all.

*Family Business* Megan Matthews 2021-05-25 Family bonds are at stake in the first Pelican Bay billionaire spin-off from USA TODAY Bestselling author Megan Matthews. We've all heard the story. Rich jerk pays a hot chick to be his fake fiancé, and they fall madly in love. Let's hope that doesn't happen this time. When my cousin offered \$2 million to a family friend, Mari Chambers, I thought he'd lost his mind. Then I met her. Mari... she hasn't been in America in two years due to drama in San Francisco. Turns out she's been in Guatemala helping disadvantaged families. But her project needs more funding, and my cousin's offer is the payday she desperately requires. The kicker is I want to be--her knight in shining armor. Mari's about to find out my cousin isn't the only rich Kensington. The name Oliver Kensington isn't synonymous with money, but

that doesn't mean my bank account is lacking. Rather than pursue the almighty dollar in America, I'm working on helping others in a big way. But first, I have to help myself. What will my cousin do if I steal his fake fiancé right out from under him?

**A Different Light** Elizabeth A. Lynn 2014-04-01 A man makes the ultimate sacrifice to find the man he loves in this "magical . . . entertaining cross-genre tale" from the World Fantasy Award-winning author (Library Journal). In the future, cancer has been eliminated on Earth. Despite his diagnosis, celebrated artist Jimson Alleca can live peacefully for another twenty years if he stays on the planet to receive his medication. But Jimson does not want peace; he wants love. Even though it will shorten his lifespan, giving him one single year more, Jimson leaves space-normal to enter "the Hype," a shimmering space outside of space. He goes in search of his former lover, the star captain Russell O'Neill. What he finds is enough adventure and freedom to fill a lifetime. With *A Different Light*, author Elizabeth A. Lynn has changed the face of science fiction by depicting a homosexual relationship not as taboo or fantastical but as a normal aspect of everyday life, around which the fantasy and adventure gets built. Since the novel's first publication in 1978, readers have loved its depth of prose, its clarity of emotion, and its thrilling adventure. It is no wonder Lynn is a multiple World Fantasy Award-winning writer whose work author George R. R. Martin called "lyrical and literate, and a treat from the first page to the last."

**Salvage R** J Theodore 2022-07-05 *Periodot* is headed for its second cataclysm. War has sealed borders and locked down the skies. The Five, *Periodot's* alchemist gods, have seen one of their number die and another fall in their efforts to protect their world from invaders beyond the stars. Defeated and diminished, they are ignoring the prayers of their people, and the rapidly unraveling world must fend for itself. Talis and the orphaned crew of the lost airship *Wind Sabre* have a plan to set things to rights, but they're stranded on a rock far from the heart of the conflict. When an old enemy offers them a ship and a path forward, it comes with strings that will pull them further from the home they are so desperate to save. Their broken planet has been through a lot, but if Talis and her crew can't navigate hostile skies, shifting allegiances, and subverted governments, their enemies could claim a power that would destroy *Periodot* for good.

**The Big Mama Collection: Sparkly Green Earrings / The Antelope in the Living Room / Nobody's Cuter than You** Melanie Shankle 2017-09-05 This collection bundles all 3 of popular author Melanie Shankle's previous books together in one e-book, for a great value! *Sparkly Green Earrings* "There is really no better indicator you're a mother than acquiring the ability to catch throw-up in a plastic bag, disinfect your hands, and immediately ask your friend to pass the beef jerky as you put on another Taylor Swift song and act as if nothing has happened." This is the type of insight Melanie Shankle offers in this quirky memoir of motherhood. Written in the familiar, stream-of-consciousness style of her blog, *Big Mama*, *Sparkly Green Earrings* is a heartwarming and hilarious look at motherhood from someone who is still trying to figure it all out. Filled with personal stories—from the decision to become a mother to the heartbreak of miscarriage and ultimately, to the joy of raising a baby and living to tell about it—*Sparkly Green Earrings* will make you feel like you're sitting across the table from your best friend. A must-read for anyone who's ever had a child or even thought about it. *The Antelope in the Living Room* Welcome to the story of a real marriage. Marriage is simultaneously the biggest blessing and the greatest challenge two people can ever take on. It is the joy of knowing there is someone to share in your joys and sorrows, and the challenge of living with someone who thinks it's a good idea to hang a giant antelope head on your living room wall. In *The Antelope in the Living Room*, New York Times best-selling author and blogger Melanie Shankle does for marriage what *Sparkly Green Earrings* did for motherhood—makes us laugh out loud and smile through tears as she shares the holy and the hilarity of that magical and mysterious union called marriage. *Nobody's Cuter than You* There is nothing as precious in life as a friend who knows you and loves you in spite of yourself. Yet over the last couple of decades, we've substituted the joy of real friendship with cheap imitations. We settle for "community" on Facebook and Twitter and a series of text messages that allow us to communicate with someone without the commitment. We like each other's beautifully filtered photos on Instagram and delude ourselves into believing we have a community. But real friendship requires effort. It's showing up, laughing loud, and crying hard. It's forgiving and loving and giving the benefit of the doubt. It's making a casserole, doing a carpool pickup, and making sure she knows those cute shoes are 50 percent off. Written in the same comedic style as the New York Times bestsellers *Sparkly Green Earrings* and *The Antelope in the Living Room*, *Nobody's Cuter than You* is a laugh-out-loud look at the special bond that exists between friends and a poignant celebration of all the extraordinary people God had the good sense to bring into our lives at exactly the right moments. From the friendships we develop over a lifetime to the ones that wounded us and the ones that taught us to love better, Melanie Shankle reveals the influence our friends have on who we were, who we are, and who we will become. And on a day when our jeans feel too tight, our chins have decided to embrace hormone-related acne reminiscent of our teen years, and our kids have tested the limits of our sanity, they are the ones who will look at us and say, "Nobody's cuter than you!"

**To Catch an Actress** Elizabeth Elwood 2005-05-31 SET AN ACTRESS TO CATCH AN ACTRESS Angela Benson inherits a fortune when her Aunt Maud is murdered, but the killer is never found, and suspicion continues to cloud her life. Then as Angela's career begins to take off, new evidence comes to light that throws her back into the center of a murder investigation. As Angela prepares for the role of Amanda in Noel Coward's *Private Lives*, she finds herself embroiled in a sinister play beyond the footlights. **To Catch an Actress and Other Mystery Stories** is a new collection of short stories by Elizabeth Elwood, whose murder mystery play, *Casting for Murder*, produced in the year 2000, was based on the lead story in this anthology. Elizabeth's extensive background in theatre, opera, education, politics, and arts administration has resulted in this light-hearted and thoroughly entertaining series of ten mystery stories which feature Bertram Beary, the feisty city councillor who was introduced in *Casting for Murder*, his opera-singing daughter, Philippa, and his detective inspector son, Richard. The stories combine the lively Vancouver musical theatre scene with the traditional British cozy. Witty, sophisticated, and cleverly developed, this anthology provides intriguing plots that will appeal to mystery lovers everywhere. Praise for Elizabeth Elwood's *Work Of Renovations*: "[A] delightful comedy with a dash of murder mystery thrown in for good measure". *Surrey Now Of Casting for Murder*: "[G]ood dialogue, snappy one-liners suspense and surprises". *The Record Cover Photo: Michael Broderick and Donna Thompson in Casting for Murder, World Premiere, November 2000, directed by Dwayne Campbell, Bernie Legge Theatre*

**Life In Miniature** Linda Schlossberg 2010-12-01 From a powerful new voice in fiction comes a compelling debut about the delicate bond between daughters and mothers, and about leaving everything you know in order to find the place where you belong. Adie has always known she was different. There's her size, for one thing. Born three months premature, Adie is the smallest of her peers. Then there's Adie's mother, who at first glance seems like so many other 1980s moms—clipping coupons and attending *Feel the Burn* aerobics classes. But beneath the surface is something erratic and unpredictable, something that makes her drag Adie and her older sister, Miriam, from one rental apartment to the next—until Miriam runs away. Adie is left behind with her mother, who is convinced their lives are in real danger and takes Adie on a crazy run across northern California. Now Adie faces a stark choice: submit to this increasingly surreal adventure, or grow up in ways she never imagined. . . "Life in Miniature is a stunning double portrait, subtly capturing a daughter's misconceptions of her mother's delusions—while simultaneously revealing the consequences for both—in a compulsively readable and deeply insightful first novel." —Jonathon Keats, author of *The Book of the Unknown*. . . a book of intelligence and grace that will make you laugh and cry." —Terry Gamble, author of *Good Family* Linda Schlossberg received her PhD in English literature from Harvard University, where she is the Assistant Director of the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program. Her fiction has been recognized by the Pacific Northwest Writers Association, the National League of American PEN Women, and Writers at Work. She has also received research and writing grants from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, as well as several awards for excellence in teaching. Linda lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**Cowgirl Nance Sparks** 2021-05-11 Aren Jacobs trusts no one. Reeling from a devastating altercation with her foster family that left her scarred inside and out, she's suddenly unemployed and all too happy to isolate herself from the world. But when a severe storm threatens her small community, Aren goes out to help and ends up saving Carol Matthews's life. Carol doesn't know who to turn to after the storm leaves her homeless and grief-stricken. Taking refuge with the woman who saved her is only one of her bad options, but there's something about Aren that makes her feel safe despite all the rumors flying around town about what really happened the night Aren returned to visit her foster family. The last thing Aren expects is to fall for Carol. Sharing her home is one thing, but sharing her heart means sharing the demons in her past and risking everything to keep Carol safe.

**Afraid to Die** Lisa Jackson 2012-07-19 'Shiveringly good suspense!' Lisa Gardner THE FOURTH BOOK IN A GRIPPING SERIES FROM 30 MILLION COPY SELLING AUTHOR. Others may dread the bone-numbing cold of winter, but the killer relishes it. The way the frigid water preserves his victims, the feel of their icy skin beneath his fingers. Before long, the world will see their beauty - and his vengeance. The Bitterroot Mountains are in the grip of a hard winter when the detectives first see the two bodies: each frozen solid, yet deliberately displayed. Both victims are women known to Detective Selena Alvarez. Each of them is wearing a piece of her jewellery. Selena's partner Regan Pescoli and the entire department are working on this case, and so is P.I. Dylan O'Keefe, a man Selena got too close to once before. But this killer already knows too much about the mistakes Selena has tried to outrun. The secrets of her past are coming to the surface, one by one. And soon a madman bent on revenge will show her just how much she has to lose . . . 'She is one of the best' Harlan Coben THE NEXT BOOK IN THE SERIES, READY TO DIE, IS AVAILABLE NOW

**Your Public Best** Lillian Brown 1992-01-04 The definitive sourcebook for people on the job, on interviews, giving lectures, or on TV.

**Death in Wine Country** Gemma Halliday 2020-04-14 From #1 Amazon & New York Times bestselling author Gemma Halliday comes murder, mirth, and mouth-watering delicacies in the next novel in the USA Today bestselling *Wine & Dine* Mysteries! While Emmy Oak started her culinary career as a personal chef to the stars, she's perfectly content to now be back home at her family's Oak Valley Vineyards, running the small but plucky winery. However, when one of her past clients—soap opera star Carrie Cross—purchases a vacation home in Wine Country, Emmy is happy to cater her housewarming party. Only, what starts as a Hollywood affair ends in tragedy, as one of Carrie's costar guests is killed, and everyone is a suspect. Detective Christopher Grant immediately sets his sights on Carrie's husband, and this time Emmy isn't so sure the tall, dark, and too-handsome-for-his-own-good detective is wrong. She has her own suspicions about the former child actor and his wife's costar. But when a blackmail scheme, a wealthy estranged family, and a shifty cowboy from the wrong side of the tracks enter the scene, Emmy realizes Carrie's husband isn't the only person with reason to want the victim dead. As the danger mounts, the suspects multiply, and things heat up between Emmy and Grant, the killer homes in on a new target...and this is one of my favorite Emmy may not be leaving alive! \*Simple and delicious recipes and affordable wine pairings included!\* "Ms. Halliday is the undisputed queen of the genre." — Fresh Fiction "I rank 'A Sip Before Dying' as one of my party fun reads. I say to Gemma Halliday, well done!" — The Book Breeze "The Wine & Dine Mystery series is a delight to read and keep an eye out for more to follow." — Cozy Mystery Book Review *Wine & Dine Mysteries: A Sip Before Dying* - book #1 *Chocolate Covered Death* - book #2 *Victim in the Vineyard* - book #3 *Marriage, Merlot & Murder* - book #4 *Death in Wine Country* - book #5 *Fashion, Rosé & Foul Play* - book #6 Rating: This story does not contain any graphic violence, language, or sexual encounters. Its rating would be similar to PG-13 or what you would find on a Hallmark Channel movie or TV series.

**Mit Worten kann ich fliegen** Sharon M. Draper 2014-02-17

**Who Will Catch Us** As We Fall *Iman Verjee* 2016-07-07 *Growing up in the Nairobi of the 90s, a seething boiling pot of racial tension and conflicting cultural taboos, Leena and Jai are raised to believe in a Kenya full of possibility and potential. But as they come of age and venture into a world of underground activists beyond the confines of their tight-knit East Asian community and closely guarded, gated compound, they start to see a country divided by deep ethnic allegiances and on the brink of something very sinister. Soon Leena and Jai find themselves entangled in a shady world of crooked policemen, seedy salesmen, prostitutes, and bohemian artists. As the city tightens its grip, so begins a dangerous game of corruption and conspiracy, where rebellions simmer, and a tangled web of power unravels as dark forces collide and disturbing revelations surface. A powerful tale of love and politics in contemporary Nairobi, Who Will Catch Us As We Fall depicts a Kenya on the cusp of change in all its complexity. Through two of the most memorable and remarkable characters in contemporary African fiction, Iman Verjee has penned a moving portrait of a family torn apart by national politics and prejudice, yet still painfully tethered together.*

**Teaching Cats to Jump Hoops** You Jin 2012 A chain-smoking student with a violent past. A girl with a weakness for rare turtles. A boy who sees a raging fire each time he opens his exam booklet. In this collection of funny and heartwarming stories by You Jin, a teacher finds herself confronted with misfits and loners, rebellious dropouts and overbearing, even abusive parents. Yet she remains determined to reach out to her students. Combining an assured style with sensitive portrayals, *Teaching Cats to Jump Hoops* is the first translation into English of a popular voice in Chinese literature.

**A Heaven on Earth** Barbara Cartland 2012-12-01 Beautiful Aurora Hartnell is returning home to Hadleigh Hall for Christmas. Resigned to a quieter pace of life, she is therefore filled with anticipation when she hears that an eligible bachelor, Lord Moreton, has moved into nearby Elton Hall. Dreaming of an attractive stranger who will sweep her off her feet, Aurora is delighted when her father invites the mysterious Lord for dinner on Christmas Eve. But Aurora's dreams are crushed like a daisy underfoot when she finally meets the man, and her prospects look bleak until the dashing Earl of Linford gallops into her life.

**The Devil Speaks** Hungarian Seth Edgardo 2011-12-01 In a land of unrelenting turmoil, in a city that's been laid siege by Mongols, Huns, Turks, Tartars, Germans, and Russians, a cop from Brooklyn joins the chase for a notebook with a mathematical formula that could turn the world on its head.

**On the Bright Side** Melanie Shankle 2020-02-25 *Big Mama* blog founder and New York Times bestselling author Melanie Shankle helps us sort through our questions about being true to ourselves in a world gone crazy and what matters the most in the end. These days, so many voices tell us what to do, what to think, and what kind of parent or friend or spouse to be that it's easy to feel overwhelmed and defeated. Somewhere in the midst of online arguments and crazy politics and the ups and downs of life, we've lost sight of the gifts that are all around us: kindness, love, mercy, and joy. In *On the Bright Side*, Melanie Shankle reminds us of the unchanging principles we can count on in a changing world. These are lessons that Melanie has learned along the way about how to find all the joy that life has to offer—and why encouragement is never something to keep to ourselves. Melanie invites us to lead with love in all areas of our lives, exploring topics such as: Finding your people Giving up on comparing and competing Aging (kind of) gracefully Believing in ever after Staying mostly sane while raising kids Thinking before speaking Making decisions And more! This delightful memoir highlights the joys of life told in Melanie's down to earth, relatable, and totally enjoyable style. *On the Bright Side* is a how-to guide to knowing—and living—what matters most.

**The Antelope in the Living Room** Melanie Shankle 2014-02-04 Welcome to the story of a real marriage. Marriage is simultaneously the biggest blessing and the greatest challenge two people can ever take on. It is the joy of knowing there is someone to share in your joys and sorrows, and the challenge of living with someone who thinks it's a good idea to hang a giant antelope head on your living room wall. In *The Antelope in the Living Room*, New York Times best-selling author and blogger Melanie Shankle does for marriage what *Sparkly Green Earrings* did for motherhood—makes us laugh out loud and smile through tears as she shares the holy and the hilarity of that magical and mysterious union called marriage.

**Sofies Welt** Jostein Gaarder 2013-01-28 Ein Roman über zwei ungleiche Mädchen und einen geheimnisvollen Briefeschreiber, ein Kriminal- und Abenteuroman des Denkens, ein geistreiches und witziges Buch, ein großes Lesevergnügen und zu allem eine Geschichte der Philosophie von den Anfängen bis zur Gegenwart. Ausgezeichnet mit dem Jugendliteraturpreis 1994. Bis zum Sommer 1998 wurde Sofies Welt 2 Millionen mal verkauft. DEUTSCHER JUGENDLITERATURPREIS 1994

**Nulla succede per caso in amore** Robert H. Hopcke 2017-09-05 *Quante volte abbiamo pensato che, se quel giorno non avessimo perso l'autobus o l'auto non ci avesse lasciato a piedi, forse non avremmo mai incontrato la persona che adesso vive al nostro fianco? E a chi non è capitato di ricevere da un amico o da un fratello il dono sempre desiderato, ma di cui non aveva mai parlato a nessuno? A proposito di queste singolari coincidenze c'è chi parla di «caso», di «destino» o, addirittura, di «connessione cosmica». Ma quel che è certo è che liquidare con un sorriso di sufficienza potrebbe non essere la risposta giusta. Si tratta infatti di eventi che capitano spesso nei momenti cruciali della vita - quando stiamo per compiere, o abbiamo appena compiuto, una scelta importante che inciderà sul nostro futuro - e ci fanno capire, se sappiamo leggerli, che fra noi e le persone che amiamo esiste un legame «trascendente», che prescinde dal tempo e dallo spazio che ci separano da loro. Dopo lo straordinario successo di *Nulla succede per caso*, lo psicoterapeuta junghiano Robert H. Hopcke torna a esplorare l'ambito in cui le coincidenze significative hanno un particolare rilievo, ossia quello dell'amore e degli affetti familiari. Raccontando e interpretando le esperienze di pazienti, colleghi, amici, e quelle strettamente personali, l'autore dimostra quanto gli «eventi sincronistici» siano stati determinanti per chi li ha vissuti, e come abbiano radicalmente modificato il loro sguardo sul mondo. Perché la sincronicità, sostiene Hopcke, non solo ci aiuta a chiarire le dinamiche della nostra vita affettiva, ma ci consente di entrare in una relazione più «intima» con il nostro inconscio, con quel rigo e in gran parte inesplorato mondo interiore che ci fa essere quel che siamo. Solo cogliendo le profonde e innumerevoli connessioni fra il nostro sé più autentico e la realtà che ci circonda, riusciremo finalmente a riordinare i diversi tasselli che la vita si diverte a scompigliare o - talvolta senza preavviso e con effetti perturbanti - a ricomporre sotto i nostri occhi, facendoci ritrovare, nei rapporti con la persona amata e con i nostri cari, quella meravigliosa sensazione di*

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*Irina's Inspirations for Jewelry* Irina Miech 2012-08-29 Whether its beach stones, seed pods, or Queen Elizabeth, Irina draws a direct parallel from her inspirational source to finished handcrafted jewelry. Each of the 24 main projects includes a full-color photo of Miech's inspiration, an explanation of how she translates that into materials and colors. Pearls, crystals, gemstones, wire and more are used to create stunning necklaces, bracelets and earrings, and every project includes bonus design and technique variations. Readers can make the projects as show, or use them as motivation to discover inspirational sources for their own creative process.

*Sparkly Green Earrings* Melanie Shankle 2013-02-08 A heartwarming and hilarious look at motherhood from someone who is still trying to figure it all out. Filled with personal stories—from the decision to become a mother to the heartbreak of miscarriage and ultimately, to the joy of raising a baby and living to tell about it

*Text Dead People* Rose Cooper 2015-06-09 You can't block the dead! The first novel in the Dead Serious series, in which a middle school girl bridges the gap between the living and the dead with her phone. Annabel Craven hopes she'll fit in—maybe even be popular—at the Academy. She's worried she'll stay friendless and phoneless (it's true). But when she finds a mysterious phone in the woods near the cemetery, one of her problems is solved . . . and another one is just beginning. Someone won't stop texting her. And that someone seems . . . dead. How is Annabel supposed to make friends when her phone keeps blowing up with messages from the afterlife? And what will happen if she doesn't text back? Includes morbidly-cute black-and-white illustrations! "Scary—but not too scary." --SLJ "Good, ghostly fun." --Kirkus Reviews

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