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Meg Venturi never expected the windfall she inherits when her grandfather dies. For some unknown reason the eccentric old millionaire has left her his profitable antique jewelry business. But there is a catch. Meg must share the business with an aloof, mysterious, and somewhat sinister young man called A. L. Riley. The town is whispering about her enigmatic new partner. Rumors spread about unspoken secrets, a dark and disturbing legacy . . . and murder. Soon a series of troubling events has Meg looking uncomfortably over her shoulder. The longer she stays in this tiny New England village the clearer two very troubling truths become: that all that glitters is definitely not gold . . . and that someone will stop at nothing to drive her away. They live ordinary lives, but they are extraordinary. They are the Offspring, children of a mysterious experiment gone awry—and they are in terrible danger. A sexy stranger awakens Amy Shane in the dead of night. Lucas Vanderwyck barely has

time to whisper a few words before three men burst into her bedroom and drag him away. But what Lucas reveals shatters Amy's safe little world forever. Lucas and Amy share a psychic gift—a gift that could put them in mortal danger. And as they share night after night of savage passion, as a shadowy government conspiracy tracks their every move, they will fight to save each other. But only with their powers of second sight can they escape the terror of a perfect darkness. One of the most celebrated biographer/historians of our time looks back at his own early life and gives us a remarkable account of World War II in the Pacific. *They Both Die at the End* meets *The Loneliest Girl in the Universe* in this mind-bending sci-fi mystery and tender love story about two boys aboard a spaceship sent on a rescue mission, from two-time National Book Award finalist Eliot Schrefer. Stonewall Honor Award winner! Two boys, alone in space. Sworn enemies sent on the same rescue mission. Ambrose wakes up on the Coordinated Endeavor with no memory of a launch. There's more that doesn't add up: evidence indicates strangers have been on board, the ship's operating system is voiced by his mother, and his handsome, brooding shipmate has barricaded himself away. But nothing will stop Ambrose from making his mission succeed—not when he's rescuing his own sister. In order to survive the ship's secrets, Ambrose and Kodiak will need to work together and learn to trust each other . . . especially once they discover what they are truly up against. Love might be the only way to survive. * Chicago Public Library's Best of the Best Books of the Year * A Booklist Editor's Choice of the Year * A BCCB Blue Ribbon Book of the Year * A YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults & Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults Book of the Year * Croaker, Lady, Murgan the annalist, the sorcerer One-Eye, and their fellow mercenary warriors in the hire of the city of Taglia discover their situation is not what it seems. Introduction to Inquiry concerning the

doctrines of previous lives and emptiness -- Selections from Inquiry concerning the doctrines of previous lives and emptiness -- Introduction to Essence of the Christian religion -- Essence of the Christian religion -- A final thought With a new life comes new troubles. And a new darkness with a similar face. An evil plagues the mirror world Teal. Like the Demons of Ethygas, evil people throw away their humanity and join the ranks of Minions. The vicious creatures can only be slain by the weapons made by the organization named Heaven. But unlike Demons, these Minions have many terrible forms and many dark powers. Yet a greater danger invests the land. One that few know of and even fewer understand. One night, one special night, the young rascal Drowen sets off with the sassy tomboy Esca to pull off a prank in Vorshaya Village. Till a mysterious mystic catches them. Little do they suspect their misfortune will change their lives forever - and the fate of Teal. The decision he makes that fateful night will ultimately culminate four years later, after a battle for his life, and leave him to choose a path he never considered taking. More rides on Esca's and his shoulders than he ever expected. And one misstep may lead to everyone's ruin. Madeline Dare would be the first to tell you her money is so old there's none left. A former socialite from an aristocratic family in decline, Maddie is a tough-talking, would-be journalist exiled to the rust belt of upstate New York. Her prospects for changing her dreary lifestyle seem dim--until a set of dog tags found at a decades-old murder site is linked to her family. Shocked into action, Maddie embarks on a search that takes her from the derelict smokestacks of Syracuse to the posh mansions of Long Island's Gold Coast. But instead of the warm refuge of home, this prodigal daughter soon uncovers dark, sinister secrets that will violently challenge everything she believes in and holds dear. A new darkness threatens the people of Ethygas, one thought only to exist in myths and legends. But a plague of evil already lays heavy on the land. And only the Guard can hold it back, for only they can slay the demons that infest the land. During the summer festival in Hartin, Drowen, a Guard with special skills and a bright future, begins the hunt for another demon, a hunt that draws him into a quest to confront that darkness and protect the one he

holds most dear. He must sacrifice his career and risk everything on the slim chance of success. And if he fails, all of Ethygas will fall. USA Today bestselling author Cate Holahan delivers her latest nail-biting thriller, perfect for fans of Ruth Ware and Lisa Jewell. Imani Banks lives in a posh Brooklyn Heights neighborhood that has just been rocked to its core. An acclaimed movie director has been murdered, and his blond trophy wife—Imani's closest friend—is missing. Their neighbors, along with the media, jump to the conclusion that Melissa Walker has killed her husband in a fit of rage and is on the run. Fortunately for the missing actress, Imani is a psychiatrist as well as a steadfast friend. She will never give up her search and is determined to prove Melissa's innocence. It shouldn't take a degree in human behavior to know that Melissa would never leave her daughter behind. Recently, Imani and her chef husband rented some extra rooms in their house to a struggling waitress from his restaurant. Tonya Sayre has moved in with her teen daughter and the convenient timing and her suspicious behavior soon lead Imani to suspect that the true killer is living right under her own roof. Now all she has to do is prove it. Nicholas comes from a world of darkness where women are no better than slaves. He believes the secret to true happiness is for his wife to be molded to perfection. He had the promise of perfection in the bright eyes and innocent smile of a childhood friend long since lost to his world. He never gave up his dreams of their perfect life together. An accidental meeting brings him face to face with his dream. Will he realize that true happiness can only be found in the beauty of imperfection before it's too late? Fans of Divergent will love Diana Peterfreund's take on Jane Austen's Persuasion set in a post-apocalyptic world. In the dystopian future of For Darkness Shows the Stars, a genetic experiment has devastated humanity. In the aftermath, a new class system placed anti-technology Luddites in absolute power over vast estates—and any survivors living there. Elliot North is a dutiful Luddite and a dutiful daughter who runs her father's estate. When the boy she loved, Kai, a servant, asked her to run away with him four years ago, she refused, although it broke her heart. Now Kai is back. And while Elliot longs for a second chance with her first love, she knows it could

mean betraying everything she's been raised to believe is right. For *Darkness Shows the Stars* is a breathtaking YA romance about opening your mind to the future and your heart to the one person you know can break it. Mindy McGinnis, award-winning author of *The Female of the Species* and *A Madness So Discreet*, returns with a new dark and twisted psychological thriller—perfect for fans of *Gone Girl* and *Fight Club*. Sasha Stone knows her place—first-chair clarinet, top of her class, and at the side of her Oxford-wearing boyfriend. She's worked her entire life to ensure her path to Oberlin Conservatory as a star musician is perfectly paved. But suddenly there's a fork in the road in the shape of Isaac Harver. Her body shifts toward him when he walks by, and her skin misses his touch even though she's never known it. Why does he act like he knows her so well—too well—when she doesn't know him at all? Sasha discovers that her by-the-book life began by ending the chapter of another: the twin sister she absorbed in the womb. But that doesn't explain the gaps of missing time in her practice schedule, or the memories she has of things she certainly never did with Isaac. Armed with the knowledge that her heart might not be hers alone, Sasha must decide what she's willing to do—and who she's willing to hurt—to take it back. **NAMED A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR BY THE WASHINGTON POST, VOGUE, ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY, NPR, ESQUIRE, AND KIRKUS** “There's some kind of genius sorcery in this novel. It's startlingly original, hilarious and harrowing by turns, finally transcendent. Watkins writes like an avenging angel. It's thrilling and terrifying to stand in her wake.” —Jenny Offill, author of *Dept. of Speculation* and *Weather* A darkly funny, soul-rending novel of love in an epoch of collapse—one woman's furious revisiting of family, marriage, work, sex, and motherhood. Since my baby was born, I have been able to laugh and see the funny side of things. a) As much as I ever did. b) Not quite as much now. c) Not so much now. d) Not at all. Leaving behind her husband and their baby daughter, a writer gets on a flight for a speaking engagement in Reno, not carrying much besides a breast pump and a spiraling case of postpartum depression. Her temporary escape from domestic duties and an opportunity to reconnect with old friends

mutates into an extended romp away from the confines of marriage and motherhood, and a seemingly bottomless descent into the past. Deep in the Mojave Desert where she grew up, she meets her ghosts at every turn: the first love whose self-destruction still haunts her; her father, a member of the most famous cult in American history; her mother, whose native spark gutters with every passing year. She can't go back in time to make any of it right, but what exactly is her way forward? Alone in the wilderness, at last she begins to make herself at home in the world. Bold, tender, and often hilarious, *I Love You but I've Chosen Darkness* reaffirms Watkins as one of the signal writers of our time. New York Times bestselling author Karen Robards continues her penchant for “fantastic storytelling” (RT Book Reviews) with this heart-pumping and nail-biting tale of a brilliant ornithologist trapped on the remote Attu Island in Alaska, fighting for her life—and that of a handsome stranger—before they're swallowed up in darkness forever. Ornithologist Dr. Gina Solomon, PhD, can't believe her good fortune when she's picked as one of a small group of Stanford University scientists lucky enough to be allowed to conduct research on Attu Island, Alaska. But a dream come true soon turns into a nightmare when she witnesses the horrifying break-up of a small plane. As the pieces rain down around her into the frigid waters of the Bering Sea, Gina heads toward the crash site looking for survivors and discovers James “Cal” Callahan. But when the two realize the plane crash wasn't an accident—and that the individuals responsible are still on the island—will they escape before they're swallowed up in darkness forever? Set against the harsh wilderness of Alaska, *Darkness* is yet another of Robards's “scintillating romantic thrillers” (Publishers Weekly) featuring the well-paced suspense and twists that has made Robards an icon in the romance genre. After arriving in New Orleans—escaping from a tragic past—the virginal beauty falls victim to a series of strange, unearthly attacks. And for the first time in her life, she aches with sexual desire. Now Natalie is confused, frightened, out of control—desperately struggling to understand a world that is transforming around her. But soon she will be powerful and magnificent in ways she could never have imagined . . .

Detective Rene Broussard knows the hot young woman in despair is trouble. But something about Natalie intrigues and intoxicates the ruggedly handsome Cajun policeman who has come to her rescue in her time of greatest need. And when he inexplicably wakes in bed beside her—both burning with a lust impossible to deny—he doesn't care that a dark and vengeful enemy has brought them to this moment. All that matters is the irresistible curve of her body, the heat of her passion . . . and the forbidden pleasures the night promises. With one sharp, sensuous, biting kiss, he will be hers for life . . . and beyond. Samurai Lord Inaba has been murdered in his sleep. To make matters worse, the crime took place under the protective eye of the Shogun himself. This is a case for Judge Ooka, Japan's own real-life Sherlock Holmes. And, of course, for his 14-year-old apprentice, Seikei. Their only clue—a bloodstained origami butterfly—leads them on a journey filled with mysterious shape-shifting ninjas, vengeful peasants, and a power-hungry killer you might never suspect. If Seikei is to help solve this crime, he must first survive. Edgar Award finalists Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler drench this story with drama and suspense in this, their third mystery featuring the famous magistrate Ooka and his young samurai apprentice. When Felix is hired to take care of a recently blinded man, he thinks his life might finally be turning around. It has to be better than where he came from, but he has no idea what he's signed up for. Lane is depressed, rude, and difficult to be around. It doesn't help that Felix is clearly not qualified for the job, especially since he can't even make oatmeal right. But Felix is trying to make his life better, so he'll put up with the man even if it requires some unconventional methods. Felix's humor soon pulls Lane out of his depression, and Felix feels like things are finally going right in his life. That is, until he's attacked by someone who wants to keep Lane quiet. It's clear that Lane isn't who he's pretending to be, and Felix should probably walk away. But Felix has finally found a place where he belongs and he's willing to go to great lengths to stay by Lane's side. Even if it involves kidnapping, stealing, and Felix's overwhelmingly bad ideas, Felix will do just about anything because Lane is there for him unlike anyone else has ever been. Felix

might be out of his element, but one thing he is sure about is that he doesn't want to leave Lane... even if it costs him his life. Hidden in Darkness is 90k words of snark, car chases, and morally questionable choices. Newly edited with an updated cover. Spanning the icy streets of Reykjavik, the Icelandic highlands and cold, isolated fjords, The Darkness is an atmospheric thriller from Ragnar Jonasson, one of the most exciting names in Nordic Noir. The body of a young Russian woman washes up on an Icelandic shore. After a cursory investigation, the death is declared a suicide and the case is quietly closed. Over a year later Detective Inspector Hulda Hermannsdóttir of the Reykjavík police is forced into early retirement at 64. She dreads the loneliness, and the memories of her dark past that threaten to come back to haunt her. But before she leaves she is given two weeks to solve a single cold case of her choice. She knows which one: the Russian woman whose hope for asylum ended on the dark, cold shore of an unfamiliar country. Soon Hulda discovers that another young woman vanished at the same time, and that no one is telling her the whole story. Even her colleagues in the police seem determined to put the brakes on her investigation. Meanwhile the clock is ticking. Hulda will find the killer, even if it means putting her own life in danger. FREE PREVIEW: Even if there be monsters, there is none so fierce as that which resides in man's own heart. Enchanting Regency-Era Gothic Romance Intertwined with Inspiration from Mary Shelley's Frankenstein Travel writer Amelia Balfour's dream of touring Egypt is halted when she receives news of a revolutionary new surgery for her grotesquely disfigured brother. This could change everything, and it does. . . in the worst possible way. Surgeon Graham Lambert has suspicions about the doctor he's gone into practice with, but he can't stop him from operating on Amelia's brother. Will he be too late to prevent the man's death? Or to reveal his true feelings for Amelia before she sails to Cairo? Ten years after her alcoholic husband disappears on the same week her best friend is brutally murdered, Risa marries another man only to be confronted by her first husband, who shocks their Pennsylvania community with claims that he is the murderer, compelling Risa to risk everything to discover the truth. Dark myths, medieval

secrets, intrigue, and romance populate the pages of the first-ever teen series from the #1 bestselling author of "The Other Boleyn Girl." Illustrations. Beloved bestselling author Andrews's passion for vampires comes to spellbinding life in a long-awaited novel of dark desires as all-consuming--and forbidden--as in "Flowers in the Attic." The debut short-story collection from the acclaimed author of The Chalk Man, hailed as "Britain's female Stephen King" (Daily Mail), featuring eleven bone-chilling and mind-bending tales "All hail the queen of scream. A Sliver of Darkness is C. J. Tudor at her spine-tingling, nightmare-inducing best. Read it if you dare."—Chris Whitaker, New York Times bestselling author of We Begin at the End Time slips. Doomsday scenarios. Killer butterflies. C. J. Tudor's novels are widely acclaimed for their dark, twisty suspense plots, but with A Sliver of Darkness, she pulls us even further into her dizzying imagination. In "The Lion at the Gate," a strange piece of graffiti leads to a terrifying encounter for four school friends. In "Final Course," the world has descended into darkness, but a group of old friends make time for one last dinner party. In "Runaway Blues," thwarted love, revenge, and something very nasty stowed in a hat box converge. In "Gloria," a strange girl at a service station endears herself to a coldhearted killer, but can a leopard really change its spots? And in "I'm Not Ted," a case of mistaken identity has unforeseen fatal consequences. Riveting, macabre, and explosively original, A Sliver of Darkness is C. J. Tudor at her most wicked and uninhibited. This gripping story set during the life of Queen Boudica brings the Key Stage 2 history curriculum to life. Perfect for fans of historical adventure. Young Rhianna is relived when Queen Boudica takes in her and her sister when their parents die. But there's a darkness in Boudica that's waiting to be unleashed and the Romans will suffer for their crimes against her. Soon Rhianna witnesses much more than the kindness that Boudica has shown her and her sister. There's a battle coming... and a terrible aftermath. Flashbacks offer dramatic stories set in key moments in history, perfect for introducing children to historical topics. Why does knowledge make us see things we don't want to see? Why does it make us suffer more than it makes us happy? Why do we exist in a world with dominating

curses more than blessings? Why can't we define the true meaning of happiness, and barely smell its odor? When are we going to finally start asking the right questions? Why are we down here on this planet, asked to seek perfection in an imperfect world? What was the true reason behind making Prophet Adam eat from the forbidden tree? When do artists finally reach their point of perfection? If human beings, animals and insects have their own psychology, what about other creatures among which are invisible ones? Not all explanations are mentioned in books But till when will we have questions without any answers? Searching for a way, some souls ask: Why does darkness exist, while light seems endless? We search for the key chain, while we don't even know which door is the right one! But, who's she; who astonished his life, captured the sundered pieces of his heart, and brought him the keys to tons of buried secrets the one who didn't fear touching his wounds, and the one who anticipated all his moves? Some masts are old enough to be one of the antiques the sea carries or swallows, yet it still supports the deck, controls the ship, and above its towering apex, it guides the captain It's still a lively organ in the giant space of the sea. He stood there, his body straight and solid as a mast, while erecting from such bemusements with the strength of a sailor, the knowledge of a captain and the vision of an artist, he sailed for his journey, toward the endless seas of the Universe When Sybella accompanies the Duchess of Brittany to France, she expects trouble, but she isn't expecting a deadly trap. Surrounded by enemies both known and unknown, Sybella searches for the undercover assassins from the convent of St. Mortain who were placed in the French court years ago. Genevieve has been undercover for so many years, she no longer knows who she is or what she's supposed to be fighting for. When she discovers a hidden prisoner who may be of importance, she takes matters into her own hands. As these two worlds collide, the fate of the Duchess, Brittany, and everything Sybella and Genevieve have come to love hangs in the balance. Chasing the Darkness is a story about vengeance and redemption and takes place in a land called Pandaren where there are two types of people - those with magic, Spectrals, and those without. Azrael, obsessed with revenge and power,

undergoes a procedure giving him magic, but an unexpected side effect causes him to feel emotions he's blocked for years. As an assassin and second in command of the Watch Guard, he has become a liability. Azrael is betrayed by his team and rescued by the people he's hunted. He learns his beliefs and purpose are based on lies and has to choose the path of vengeance or the road to redemption. Chasing the Darkness entertains readers who enjoy character-driven stories with twists and turns. Chasing the Darkness is a fast-paced novel with magic, sword fights, and romance that keeps readers turning the page. The underlying themes, besides redemption, include forgiveness, sacrifice, and learning that one's worth is not defined by one's past. A brave, brutal, and unforgettable novel, hailed as an "eye-opener. . . gripping" by the "New York Times." To live through the zombie apocalypse they have to survive each other first. College freshman Parker Osborne is having the worst day ever. He humiliated himself trying to pick up a cute guy, he hasn't made any friends at school, and his stupidly hot jerk of a TA gave him a crappy grade on his paper. He's going to drop Adam Hawkins' film class and start fresh tomorrow after he's had a good sulk. But Parker's about to find out what a bad day really looks like—if he can survive the night. A virus is unleashed, transforming infected people into zombie-like killers. After these quick and deadly creepers swarm campus, Parker only escapes thanks to Adam swooping him onto the back of his trusty motorcycle. Now they're on the run—and stuck with each other. When they're not bickering, they're fighting off the infected in a bloody battle for survival. Their only hope is to head east to Parker's family, but orphaned Adam has a secret he's not sure Parker will accept: he's a werewolf. Can they trust each other enough to find some light in these dark days? This gay romance from Keira Andrews features enemies to lovers, a really stressful road trip, two young men finding love in the

zombie apocalypse, and of course a happy ending. Book one in the Kick at the Darkness m/m shifter romance series. This is a book of poetry about many ups and downs in life that I hope others can find comfort in relating to. About Book One, Meredith Out of the Darkness: Meredith Beck is living the perfect life. She has a thriving career she loves and an apartment in New York City with the man of her dreams. But when she is devastated by tragedy, Meredith must rebuild her life in what she discovers is a shockingly less-than-perfect world. In Book One, Meredith Out of the Darkness, Meredith stumbles through her day-to-day responsibilities without passion or hope. Her mundane routine is pleasantly interrupted when her brother introduces her to Nick Kelly, a quiet painter from a small town in Maine. Meredith is drawn to Nick's love of nature and is comforted by his purity of heart. They begin a whirlwind romance, and as they plan their future together, she is delighted to have found peace once again, this time in a simple life far removed from the fast-paced life she's known. But they are haunted by the past, competing with ghosts and desperate to meet unreachable expectations. Full of colorful characters and leading the reader on an emotional journey from Philadelphia to Maine, Meredith Out of the Darkness is about two people's awakening to a world of possibilities. But when their different visions of perfection come between them, the question remains: what is true perfection? About The Meredith Series: Meredith Beck, a teacher from Philadelphia, must redefine herself after she is shaken by tragedy. The series chronicles the remaking of her life and her relationships with three men, each struggling with his own journey. Carrying her experiences with her, Meredith emerges stronger, wiser, and at peace as she discovers the beauty of an imperfect world. Book 1: Meredith Out of the Darkness Book 2: Meredith Against the Wind Book 3: Meredith Into the Fire Book 4: Meredith With the Waves