

## Discovering Daisy: A Protectors Novella (The Protectors)

This meticulously researched compendium provides every aspect of growing, identifying, harvesting, preserving, and using more than 500 species of herbs. Thorough profiles provide a plant’s botanical name and family, whether it is an annual or perennial, its height, hardiness, light requirements, water consumption, required soil type, and pH. The often fascinating history of the plant, the chemistry of its essential oils, and its culinary, landscape, and craft uses are also included, as is advice on how to propagate. For the first edition of their work, both authors received The Gertrude B. Foster Award for Excellence in Herbal Literature from the Herb Society of America. This new edition adds important species and includes updated nomenclature.

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**New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Shyla Black returns with a new story in her More Than Words series... I persuaded my best friend that I should be her first... I'm Hayes Elliot. Since second grade, I've had one best friend, Echo Hope. When she graduates from college, of course I have to give her something amazing. Since I'll be on a business trip to Maui, I'm bringing her along for a week of fun and sun. But once she sheds her long skirts, serious buns, and combat boots for bikinis, I can't deny how stunning she is...and I can't stop wanting her. Worse, she's determined to lose her V-card—and has asked one of our man-whoring buddies to plug it. I've got to step in. It's underhanded, but I offer to do the job properly. Since I'm no one's Prince Charming, I have no intention of following through. Suddenly, the kisses start and the clothes come off...and I can't remember why I'm not supposed to make her mine in every way. Or why I shouldn't be in love with her. But if I want Echo for more than a vacation fling, I'll have to fight. And she's about to find out how determined I am to upgrade my best friend to wife. \*\*Every 1001 Dark Nights novella is a standalone story. For new readers, it's an introduction to an author's world. And for fans, it's a bonus book in the author's series. We hope you'll enjoy each one as much as we do.\*\***

Discover the white-hot fantasy romance that broke all the rules, where a fierce woman with powerful hidden magic goes toe-to-toe with the alpha warlord who abducted her...only to steal her heart. KINGDOMS WILL RISE AND FALL FOR HER... Cat Fisa isn't who she pretends to be. She's perfectly content living disguised as a soothsayer in a traveling circus, avoiding the destiny the Gods—and her dangerous family—have saddled her with. As far as she's concerned, the magic humming within her blood can live and die with her. She won't be a pawn in anyone's game. But then she locks eyes with an ambitious warlord from the magic-deprived south and her illusion of safety is shattered forever. Griffin knows Cat is the Kingmaker—the woman who divines truth through lies—and he wants her to be a powerful weapon for his newly conquered realm. Kidnapping her off the street is simple enough, but keeping the fierce beauty by his side is infuriatingly tough. Cat fights him at every turn, showing a ferocity of spirit that burns hot...and leaves him desperate for more. But he can ever hope to prove to his once-captive that he wants her there by his side as his equal, his companion...and maybe someday, his Queen? Get ready to burn: This romantic fantasy reads like the fiercest fairytale and includes a protective alpha warlord, enemies who become so much more, high action, humor, heat, and a dangerous world where mythical creatures hide. Readers will want to return to this fantasy world again and again in its sequels A Breath of Fire and Heart on Fire.

## Defiance

A Scarcity of Condors

**More Than Possess You: A More Than Words Novella**

Salvatore

*New York Times* bestselling author *Donna Grant* brings you another sizzling *Dark Kings* novella.  *Born to rule the skies as a Dragon King with power and magic, Cineded hides his true identity in the mountains of Scotland with the rest of his brethren. But there is no respite for them as they protect the planet and the human occupants from threats. However, a new, more dangerous enemy has targeted the Kings. One that will stop at nothing until dragons are gone forever. But Cineded discovers a woman from a powerful, ancient Druid bloodline who might have a connection to this new foe. Sallidne is sanctuary for Gemma. Her young life was spented one stormy night when her family disappears, leaving her utterly alone. She learned to depend solely on herself from then on. But no matter where she goes she feels...lost. As if she missed the path she was supposed to take. Everything changes when she backs into the most dangerously seductive man she's ever laid eyes. Gemma surrenders to the all-consuming attraction and the wild, impossible love that could destroy them both – and finds her path amid magic and dragons. \*\*Every 1001 Dark Nights novella is a standalone story. For new readers, it's an introduction to an author's world. And for fans, it's a bonus book in the author's series. We hope you'll enjoy each one as much as we do.\*\**

This book is an analysis of literary texts that question, critique, or subvert anthropocentrism, the notion that the universe and everything in it exists for humans. Bryan Moore examines ancient Greek and Roman texts; medieval to twentieth-century European texts; eighteenth-century French philosophy; early to contemporary American texts and poetry; and science fiction to demonstrate a historical basis for the questioning of anthropocentrism and contemplation of responsible environmental stewardship in the twenty-first century and beyond. *Ecological Literature and the Critique of Anthropocentrism* is essential reading for ecocritics and ecocriticism. It will also be useful for researchers interested in the relationship between science and literature, environmental philosophy, and literature in general.

Landscape architect Devon Rhodes doesn't know what to think when he overhears a heated conversation in his new next-door neighbor's back yard, but when he decides to intervene, he definitely isn't expecting the encounter to change his life forever. Forced to retire from his career as a professional ballet dancer far too soon, Sebastian DeVille has moved to the quiet suburbs of San Francisco to figure things out and maybe get away from his poor decisions for a while. Well, one poor decision. His very married ex. An ugly argument with the man leads to an unlikely meeting with his sexy new neighbor and an unexpected Valentine's date that neither Sebastian nor Devon will ever forget. But can one night of pretend romance really lead to a lifetime of love? Although this is part of my Protectors universe, this short story can be read as a standalone. \*\*Please note that this story was previously part of a promotional giveaway so it was intended to be a certain length. Although it is a complete story with an HEA, if you don't care for short stories, Devon and Sebastian's tale may not be for you.

A sugar daddy website doesn't seem a sound basis for an AI life plan, but I'm a non devon town girl with big dreams, and there's this one advert, this one crazy advert I can't stop thinking about... Two hot guys seeking their Little Miss Right. Someone who can entertain them, amuse them, fit in with their corporate schedule. And sex. They want sex. Lots of sex. Bonus, right? One major dose of epic win. Of course, guys like Carl and Rick have their conditions. One being that they come together, or not at all. Hell, I can live with that. And there are no skeletons in their designer closet, none that I can find. Just two hot sugar daddies, with particular tastes, nothing to worry about. Until Carl and Rick spill the big one, the one that sends the girls running. A whole string of them before me, running to the hills without so much as a backward glance. Maybe I should run, too. Thanks but no thanks, see you around, guys, nice knowing you. But I'm already in way too deep for that.

The Chosen and the Beautiful

Daisy Miller

Unbroken

Christmas Blitz

Unexpected

After four years abroad, artist Jonas Davenport has come home to start building his dream of owning his own art studio and gallery. But just as he's ready to put the darkness of his past behind him forever, it comes roaring back with a vengeance. The only thing keeping ex-cop Mace Calhoun from eating his own gun after an unthinkable loss is his role in an underground syndicate that seeks to get justice for the innocent by taking the lives of the guilty. Ending the life of the young artist who committed unspeakable crimes against the most vulnerable of victims should have been the easiest thing in the world. So why can't he bring himself to pull the trigger? After years of fighting in an endless, soul-sucking war, Navy SEAL Cole Bridgerton has come home to fight another battle – dealing with the discovery that the younger sister who ran away from home eight years earlier is lost to him forever. He needs answers and the only person who can give them to him is a young man struggling to put his life back together. But he never expected to feel something more for the haunted artist. Cole and Mace. One lives by the rules, the other makes his own. One seeks justice through the law while the other seeks it with his gun. Two men, one light, one dark, will find themselves and each other when they're forced to stand side by side to protect Jonas from an unseen evil that will stop at nothing to silence the young artist forever. But each man's scars run deep and even the strength of three may not be enough to save them... Note: Contains m/m/m scenes and is intended for mature audiences Triggers: References to sexual abuse of a child This is book 1 in a series but can be read as standalones...no cliffhangers.

I failed Caleb once because I was a coward. And he ended up paying the price. Never again... Ten years of war and the loss of nearly his entire family have left thirty-four-year-old former sniper, Jace Christenson, with nothing to come home to. And he prefers it that way. Life consists of his work in an underground vigilante group, the near-constant search for the last remaining link to who he used to be, and a string of meaningless sexual encounters that serve only one purpose... to make it easier to not feel anything anymore. But when Jace gets the call that the young man he saved two years earlier has gone missing, he's forced to deal with the truth he's been trying to deny from the moment he laid eyes on Caleb Cortano. That the young man is so very much more than just the exception to all his rules... You know how if something shatters when it breaks, there's no way to find all the pieces to put it back like it once was? Maybe sometimes it's better not to even try... Nineteen-year-old Caleb Cortano has been barely hanging onto his sanity in the two years since the truth about his father's depravities came to light. A victim of the man's crimes himself, Caleb has only managed to find any semblance of peace when he's in the presence of the man who saved him once before. But when he finally comes to accept that Jace Christenson wants nothing to do with someone who's shattered beyond repair, Caleb finds another way to seek solace from the pain inside. As the fear of being reunited with the father he both fears and misses becomes more and more likely, desperation has Caleb doing something foolish that brings him face to face with the only man he's ever wanted... but who doesn't want him back. Caleb stays with me until we get some answers... just me... When Caleb's life is threatened, Jace refuses to walk away a second time. Even if protecting Caleb means he's risking his own heart, Jace isn't going anywhere. At least not until he can put some of the missing pieces of Caleb's life back together. But will Caleb be able to do the same for the equally broken Jace? Will two shattered men be able to find all the missing pieces to be who they were truly meant to, or is Caleb right? Some things just aren't worth trying to fix...

Find out why New York Times bestseller Maya Banks calls McKenna's books as "A nonstop thrill ride..." Still craving his touch... Ellen Kent never forgot her crush on the town's sexy bad boy, Simon Riley—but God, has she tried. It's been years since Simon blasted out of LaRue, leaving the fiery mess he made there far behind—as well as Ellen and her broken heart. She's grown up, moved on, gotten engaged to a safe, respectable guy. She works hard running a Bed & Breakfast in her family mansion. She's completely over Simon—but she certainly wasn't prepared to have him show up out of nowhere and ask to rent a room from her. Tall, dark, tough, fascinating. As smoldering hot as he ever was. And just as seductive. But to chase him away would be to admit defeat, right? And she wasn't afraid of him. He swore he'd never return. Simon Riley has spent his adult life as a war-zone photojournalist, and he's been in plenty of hot spots, but there's no place so dangerous to him as the small, sleepy town of LaRue. This place didn't want him then, and it doesn't want him now, but Simon's Uncle Gus recently died under mysterious circumstances, and Simon has to know more. And he can't resist a chance to see Ellen again. She's the only good memory he has of this hellhole. So sweet. So wild. He hadn't bargained on how sweet, or how wild. Enough to make him lose his head and do something really stupid...like start falling in love with her all over again. But LaRue is full of deadly secrets. As their passion rages out of control, someone lurks in the shadows who will go to any lengths to keep those secrets hidden. Now Ellen and Simon might pay for the truth with their lives... "Well-crafted romantic suspense. McKenna builds sexual chemistry and tension between her characters to a level of intensity that explodes into sexually explicit love scenes." Return To Me is a re-release and a standalone book.

"Once a fuck up, always a fuck up." Words twenty-six-year-old Dante Thorne has had to live with for more years than he can count and a title he finally earned at the tender age of sixteen when one careless decision led to tragedy. And since he can't deny the truth of the words, why not live by them instead? Fucking up, fucking, it doesn't matter; as long as it feels good and makes him feel for the day he failed that one person he'd always sworn to protect. A good philosophy to live until Dante meets the one man who might actually having him wishing he was something more... At forty-one and with a distinguished career as a Texas Ranger under his belt, Magnus DuCane should have been in the prime of his life. Instead, he's mourning the loss of the daughter he couldn't save and contemplating a future that looks nothing like the one he had planned. The only bright spot in his life is the young grandson whose suddenly been returned to him after going missing two years earlier and the new family of men that he's been welcomed in to with open arms. But with his iron will, unflailing self-control and unflappable discipline, Magnus knows he can start a new chapter and get his life back on track...if he can just get past the disturbing, unexpected feelings one young man stirs in him. Because everything about Dante Thorne is wrong for Magnus. His arrogance, his cocky attitude, every single unfiltered word that falls unchecked out of his mouth and, of course, the fact that he's a man. But when his well-meaning friends send Dante with him as a bodyguard when he returns to Texas to testify in a high-profile case, Magnus begins to see beyond the brash words and endless sexual innuendo. And when he starts to discover that what he sees isn't all that bad, suddenly the fact that that Dante is a man instead of a woman no longer seems like such a big sticking point...

Vengeance

A Comprehensive Reference to Herbs of Flavor and Fragrance

The Encyclopedia of Herbs

A Protectors Novella

I'm Still With You

**Juleón** "Jude" Tholet has survived in his DNA. His father, Cleón, lived through imprisonment and torture during Pinochet's military coup in Chile. His mother, Penny, risked everything to gain her husband's freedom and flee the country with their newborn son. But as a closeted gay teenager growing up in Vancouver, Jude is targeted by a neighborhood bully called El Cóndor, culminating in a vicious hate crime that forces the Tholets to flee their country again. Jude cautiously rebuilds his life in Seattle, becoming an accomplished pianist, but his his wings have been clipped and he cannot seem to soar in his relationships. Only family remains a constant source of strength and joy, until a DNA test reveals something that shocks all of the Tholets: Jude is not their child. Stunned by the test results, the Tholets must dig into their painful past, re-examine their lives in 1973 Santiago and the events surrounding Jude's birth story. It's a tale rooted in South America's Operation Condor. It spreads through Pinochet's terrifying regime of detention camps, torture, disappeared civilians and stolen children. The journey forces Penny Tholet to confront the gaps in her memory while Cleón must re-live an ordeal he's long kept hidden away in a secret world. The tale ends with Jude digging through his genetic code in a quest to find his biological parents. Are they alive? Or are they among Los Desaparecidos—the Disappeared Ones? Suanne Laqueur's third book in the Venery series explores the desperate acts of love made in times of war, and the many ways family can be defined.

*"At 49, Vincent St. James has learned to live with the choices he's made, even if he isn't always proud of them. After the military he was practically born into decided his sexuality was more important than his impeccable service record, Vincent lost everything, including the man he'd planned to spend the rest of his life with. And a man with nothing to live for has nothing to lose. When he's given the chance to help out a friend who once had his back when others didn't, he jumps at the chance to repay the favor. Even if it means protecting the kind of man he despises most... a power-hungry politician looking to push his own agenda on an unsuspecting public. 30-year-old Nathan Wilder can't take back the moment he betrayed his twin brother, but he can try to make sure that the legacy of hate that drove him to turn on Brody never has a chance to rear its ugly head again. And if that means going against his powerful father's right-wing political constituency in a down and dirty race for a seat in the U.S. Senate, then so be it. But when the threats that had been limited to harmless emails start taking an uglier turn, culminating in a violent attack that leaves no doubt as to the assailant's intent, Nathan is thrown into the direct path of a mysterious and dangerous man who may end up forcing Nathan to confront truths he just isn't ready to face yet. Protecting Nathan was supposed to be a walk in the park for a guy like Vincent. But nothing about the younger man is what he'd been expecting, especially the long-held feelings Nathan stirs in him. The feelings that aren't just about protection. Which is a problem, because while the threat against Nathan is temporary, the danger that's become a way of life for Vincent is just waiting for the next thing it can take from him. Caring about someone means painting a target on their back and Vincent is done losing people he loves. But letting Nathan go may not be as easy as seems..."-**Publisher's description.*

*Part revenge tale, part fairytale, The Harpy is an electrifying story of marriage, infidelity and power by the author of the #1 Indie Next Pick, The End We Start From, Megan Hunter Lucy and Jake live in a house by a field where the sun burns like a ball of fire. Lucy has set her career aside in order to devote her life to the children, to their finely tuned routine, and to the house itself, which comforts her like an old, shy friend. But then a man calls one afternoon with a shattering message: his wife has been having an affair with Lucy's husband, Jake. The revelation marks a turning point: Lucy and Jake decide to stay together, but make a special arrangement designed to even the score and save their marriage—she will hurt him three times. As the couple submit to a delicate game of crime and punishment, Lucy herself begins to change, surrendering to a transformation of both mind and body from which there is no return. Told in dazzling, musical prose, The Harpy is a dark, staggering fairy tale, at once mythical and otherworldly and fiercely contemporary. It is a novel of love, marriage and its failures, of power, control and revenge, of metamorphosis and renewal.*

*From the New York Times bestselling author of Atlantis Betrayed and Vampires in Atlantis comes the story of an immortal Atlantean warrior who falls in love with a panther shapeshifter as they battle vampires. Atlantean warrior Bastien is sent to make an alliance with the panther shapeshifters in the Florida Everglades, but he wants something more intimate than a political alliance with the female shifter he's obsessed with. First, he must contend with the nest of vampires who also want the shapeshifters' allegiance. Previously published in Wild Thing*

Subterraneans

1001 Dark Nights: Bugle Twenty

Midnight Abduction

A Comedy in Three Acts

Return to Me

*Collects three stories, including a new Mageverse novella that sees Morgana le Fay swear an oath of service to the vampire knight Percival, who along with his partners Cador and Marrok provide her with a night of bondage and submission.*

*Ex-cop Maverick Max James needs only three things. His Harley, an open road and his work in an underground organization that delivers justice when the law can't. Family? They left him long before he left them. Friends? A liability. A place to call home? Doesn't exist. Mav's motto is simple: Get done and get out. Work, sex, doesn't matter. No emotional connections. Simple. Until he meets him. At fifteen years old, Eli Galvez had nothing. No family, no friends and only his body as a means to make enough money to survive. But a chance meeting changed all that and eight years later, he's well on his way to having the life he could once only dream of. He's been accepted into medical school and he's finally returned home to Seattle to be closer to the men and women who don't share his blood, but are the only family he's ever really known. Only things aren't what they seem and the secrets Eli has been hiding are about to come to the surface with dangerous consequences. Guys like Eli just aren't Mav's type, period. Yet he can't deny his intense attraction to the younger man who only looks at him with fear in his eyes. Until the day there's something else in those eyes too. Something that draws Max in and refuses to let go. Something that makes him want to forget his rules. But Mav's learned the hard way what happens when you get too close to something. And while he vows to protect Eli after a violent attack leaves the younger man shaken, protection is all that matters. Because anything else would just cost too much.*

*Small town real estate agent Holly Clifford is counting the seconds until she pays off the debt incurred from caring for her sick mother and can move out of Hilldale Vermont forever. After forfeiting her college scholarship to law school to be at her mother's side, she obtained her real estate license and took a position at Trust Reality. Nick Shaw is on the path to victory. As a high school football hero turned rookie star wide receiver of the newest NFL team, the Iowa Talons, success is all he knows. But sometimes there's things fame and money can't buy. When Nick returns to Hilldale, he puts an offer on a lakeside mansion up for sale by Trust Reality and turns Holly's life upside down. Can she stay on track and resist Nick's charm or will she be blitzed by Hilldale's football hero this Christmas?*

What happens when a group of tough vigilantes meets up with a big-hearted family with boundary issues? Reese: It's supposed to be an easy job. You know, the kind you get after you've been gone a while and the boss is unsure of how capable you still are? But then there's a mugger, an abduction, two thugs, and a blackmail scheme. And smack-dab in the middle of it is a beautiful lost soul who needs me. The scared, young gamer-geek pushes all my protective buttons and awakens something inside me that's ready to die right in and inhale the man. But how could I have anything to offer someone like Ben? I'm a mess. Injured, scarred, practically closeted, the recognizable son of a famous man... There's no way I can ask him to give me a shot at forever. Right? Ben: It seems like I've been looking out for myself my entire life. Heck, I was even given away the day I was born. And, yeah, maybe if I adoptive parents had survived, I would have had a nice life. But they didn't. And I don't. Instead, I'm forced to put up with a hateful, scheming foster parent for the sake of sticking around to care for my little sister. Only, when a blackmail plan lands little Georgie in the hands of thugs, it's clear I'm her only hope. At least... until I meet the big, strong bodyguard someone sends to watch over me. Reese is everything I've ever dreamed about: protective, attentive, affectionate, and dedicated. But he's hiding something, and I don't have the time or energy to figure out what. Because time is running out, and Georgie is the only family I have left. Until the biological brother who never wanted me shows up and turns everything on its head. After having finally accepted it's just Georgie and me, suddenly falling for my protector and being surrounded by Griff and the Marian clan makes me question everything I've ever known about myself and what defines a family. Can a guy with a broken past ever build a family with someone who seems too good to be true?

Ral's Woman

Abolution

Ecological Literature and the Critique of Anthropocentrism

### Ignite (Midnight Fire #1)

I finally had the chance at a perfect life when I met the man I was supposed to be with. But he's gone and chances like that don't come along twice in one lifetime. Right?Former president Everett Shaw had his whole life laid out for him from the time he was a child and he lived out every expectation to complete and utter perfection... until he met the one man who changed everything. With plans to leave public life behind after finishing his term in office, Everett was looking forward to a quiet life with the man of his dreams at his side. But one brutal act of violence stole that bright future away, leaving Everett struggling just to get through each day. A decade later finds Everett nearing the age of sixty and living a shell of a life. Haunted by his loss, he finds solace in his roses and evenings sitting in front of the television. But when his estranged son is horribly injured while saving the life of another, Everett leaves everything behind in the hopes of mending the broken relationship and helping his son heal in more ways than one. My job is to protect and there are rules that have to be followed. Even if they weren't, I wouldn't risk letting anyone close... not again.Special Agent Jonathan Nash's job is to keep the former president safe, not be his friend. Even if something about the lonely older man draws him in, he's not about to risk what's left of his career for anything. And it's not like a guy like Everett Shaw would really see him anyway. Nor would he want him to, considering the ugly past Nash left behind to pursue his dream. No, he's better off following protocol and doing his job. Let someone else deal with the broken man. It's not his problem... it can't be. I learned a long time ago to live life on my terms and that sometimes you have to take that leap of faith to get what you want. But wanting two men at the same time? That's new, even for me. At forty-five years old, former Navy SEAL Gage Fortier has experienced success and loss in equal measure, and while his life has taken a direction he never planned, he wouldn't have it any other way. When Reese, the young man he's partnered with in the underground vigilante group they both work for, is injured on the job, he sees an opportunity to build on the friendship with the bitter former soldier while giving him a place to recover. But when he discovers that the young man is actually the estranged son of a former U.S. president, Gage realizes he has the chance to give both father and son so much more. There's only one problem with his plan... how to ignore his growing attraction for the devilishly handsome Everett Shaw and Everett's perpetual shadow, Agent Nash. Three men in very separate courses. Until something unexpected happens and three become one...

A #1 New York Times Bestseller! The Shadowhunters must catch a killer in Edwardian London in this dangerous and romantic sequel to the #1 New York Times bestselling novel Chain of Gold, from New York Times and USA TODAY bestselling author Cassandra Clare. Chain of Iron is a Shadowhunters novel. Cordelia Carstairs seems to have everything she ever wanted. She's engaged to marry James Herondale, the boy she has always loved; she has a new life in London with her best friend Lucie; and she bears the sword Cortana, a legendary hero's blade. But the truth is far from simple. Cordelia's marriage is a lie, arranged to save her reputation, while James remains in love with the Grace Blackthorn. Cortana burns her when she touches it. And a serial murderer is targeting the Shadowhunters of London, killing under cover of darkness, then vanishing without a trace. Now Cordelia, James, and Lucie must follow the trail of the killer through the city's most dangerous streets. All the while, each is keeping a shocking secret: Lucie, that she is attempting to raise the dead; Cordelia, that she has sworn a dangerous oath of loyalty to a mysterious power; and James, that he himself may be the killer they seek.

It's the holidays for a group of very special men who've managed to become a family in the last year and while all the guys are coming together to celebrate Hawke and Tate's upcoming wedding, a few of them have big plans of their own... A change of plans... Newlyweds Ronan and Seth are settling into married life as Ronan considers his return to medicine and Seth starts dreaming of a future that may include the pitter patter of little feet a lot sooner rather than later. Building a future... Knee deep in wedding preparations, Hawke and Tate are celebrating something even more important - Matty's final round of chemotherapy treatment. As they anxiously await confirmation that their son is finally in remission, both men strive to give their little boy a normal life including a new house, playdates with Matty's new best friend, Leo, and a new support system of men and women who are starting to seem a lot like family. An important question to ask... Meanwhile, Mav is looking to make things official with Eli despite the young man's busy schedule with medical school. But before he can ask the man of his dreams that very important question, he has to get past Eli's family first, including a posse of two overprotective fathers, several intrusive uncles and a little girl who just wants to brush Mav's hair! Figuring it all out... With Mattie, Brennan and Tristan settling into their newfound relationship and our favorite threesome from New York visiting for the wedding, there are plenty of chances for old friends to connect and new bonds to be formed. The best kind of chaos... And of course, what wedding wouldn't be complete without a little drama including some white hot sexual tension between a not so old grandfather and a certain cocky bodyguard?

Add in some more Barrett's, a couple of precocious kids, several dogs, one spoiled cat and a gaggle of new, hot alpha men and you've got the perfect storm for a holiday that only the Protectors could pull off!

Everything was supposed to go back to normal when I was rescued. It hasn't. And I'm starting to think it never will because I don't even know what normal is anymore... It's been two years since Aleksis Silva was rescued by his older brother from the dark underworld of sex trafficking and every day since then has been a battle. Leaving the house, interacting with people, even doing something as boring as deciding what clothes to wear or what to eat for breakfast are tasks that most people take for granted. But for Aleks, they're torture. Because freedom and choice are things that once came at a steep price and survival meant submitting to the whims of those who only saw him as a possession and plaything. Until there was one man who saw him as something more... I knew from the moment I saw him that I was going to get him out. But I also knew once I did, I'd need to let him go... He's known as Vaughn and nothing more. His job is to make sure secrets don't get out and the possessions he's been tasked with guarding never escape and tell their story. After eight years in a world where innocent kids are used to feed the darkest of depravities, Vaughn has seen things that would break even the strongest man. But he's played it smart and built up a wall between himself and the darkness that threatens to consume him. It wasn't until he met a young man who had to be a thousand times stronger to survive the life he was forced into as a child that the first crack appeared in his carefully constructed wall. Vaughn's only job was to make sure young Aleksis Silva remained the ugly little secret of one of the most powerful men in Chicago. It was one job he was more than happy to fit at, and when he eliminated the threat against Aleks and set him free, he was sure their paths would never cross again. But fate has other plans... Vaughn is the only man from his other life who never had a starring role in his nightmares... but he's been in every one of my dreams. And I don't know why... When Aleks is suddenly abducted after leaving work one quiet spring evening, he's certain he'll never see his brother and family again. But terror quickly turns to relief when a familiar face once again comes to his rescue, along with all the feelings he's always had but never quite understood around the dangerous, older Vaughn. Certain that Vaughn will make everything okay again like he did once before, Aleks knows he doesn't even need to ask Vaughn to take him home. But when he does anyway, nothing's ever experienced prepares him for Vaughn's answer... or the brutal betrayal that comes along with it. I'm sorry, Aleks. I can't do that.

Shattered

Atonement

Beautiful Savage

Retribution

Made Mine

☐ From New York Times and USA Today bestselling authors Rebecca Zanetti, Kristen Ashley, Larissa Ione, and Laura Kaye. Four Dark Tales. Four Sensual Stories. Four Page Turners. BLAZE ERUPTING: Scorpius Syndrome/A Brigade Novella by Rebecca Zanetti Hugh Johnson is nobody's hero, and the idea of being in the limelight makes him want to growl. He takes care of his brothers, does his job, and enjoys a mellow evening hanging with his hound dog and watching the sports channel. So when sweet and sexy Ellie Smithers from his college chemistry class asks him to save millions of people from a nuclear meltdown, he doggedly steps forward while telling himself that the world hasn't changed and he can go back to his relaxing life. One look at Ellie and excitement doesn't seem so bad. ROUGH RIDE: A Chaos Novella by Kristen Ashley Rosalie Holloway put it all on the line for the Chaos Motorcycle Club. Informing to Chaos on their rival club—her man's club, Bounty—Rosalie knows the stakes. And she says them with her eyes straight, finds out she's betrayed him and he delivers her to his brothers to mete out their form of justice. But really, Rosalie has long been denying that, as she drifted away from her Bounty, she's been falling in love with Everett “Snapper” Kavanagh, a Chaos brother. Snay is the biker-boy-next door with the snowy blue eyes, quiet confidence and sweet disposition who was supposed to keep her safe...and fell down on that job. HAWKYN: A Demonic Novellaby Larissa Ione As a special class of earthbound guardian angel called Memitth, Hawkyn is charged with protecting those whose lives are woven into the fabric of the future. His success is legendary, so when he's given a serial killer to watch over, he sees no reason for that to change. But Hawkyn's own future is jeopardized after he breaks the rules and rescues a beautiful woman from the killer's clutches, setting off an explosive, demonic game of cat and mouse that pits brother against brother and that won't end until someone dies. RIDE DIRTY: A Raven Riders Novella by Laura Kaye Caine McKannon is all about rules. As the Raven Riders' Sergeant-at-Arms, he prizes loyalty to his brothers and protection of his club. As a man, he takes pleasure wherever he can get it but allows no one close—because distance is the only way to ensure people can't hurt you. And he's had enough pain for a lifetime. Kids and school are kindergarten teacher Emma Kerry's whole life, so she's stunned to realize she has an enemy—and even more surprised to find a protector in the intimidating man who saved her. Tall, dark, and tattooed, Caine is unlike any man Emma's ever known, and she's as uncertain of him as she is attracted. Every Dark Nights tale is breathtakingly sexy and magically romantic.

JAXON KADE I can't breathe... I don't want to. With every breath that fills my lungs, I feel the pain she's fighting and it's killing me slowly, reminding me of the day she got ripped away. I've gone thirteen years without her, and as if she was never gone, she walks back into my life, feisty as hell and set on running from me. I refuse to let that happen. She's my Lex. It doesn't matter if I have to destroy everything in my path that leads to her-I will. I've been in love with her since the age of nine. I lost her once, and you better d@mn well believe that I will walk through the fires of Hell before losing her again. She's broken... Ripped apart by the world. I'm making it my mission to piece her back together again and claim her as mine. Every part of her sexy body has been possessed by me. I know she sees she's not the only one who has changed with time. I'm rough, savage, and just as damaged as she is. But there's one thing I'm capable of-always have been-and that's being there for her. I promise to do everything in my power to show her, no matter what it takes or how much it hurts. ALEXANDRA ADAMS I never thought I'd lay eyes on Jax Kade again, and the moment I realized the rough, edgy man I allowed to take me home and have rough sex with me was him... my world came crashing down around me. I'm no good for him. Not for the sweet, protective Jax that took care of me back when no one else would. I'm damaged, unreparable... I need medicine to ease this reality-the pills, @caine, and liquor aren't even enough to numb the pain of my past. Years without Jax destroyed me-ruined me forever-and being back in his life will only ruin him the same. I could never do that to his beautiful Jax. I never meant to find him, and I sure as hell never meant to want him again as much as I did before we were ripped apart. It doesn't matter that I need to stay away from him. It doesn't matter that I fight to keep my distance. Jax refuses to let me go. He doesn't care how messed up I am. My biggest fear is destroying the only person I've ever been capable of loving, but he's not giving me any other choice...

For the Tactical Crime Division, no case is less cold. When Benning Reeves's twins are kidnapped, the frantic father knows who can help: the Tactical Crime Division and Ana Ramirez. Even though Ana once shattered Benning's heart, the special agent is the only one he can trust. But Ana is still tormented by the unresolved case that brought them together years before — a case somehow entangled with Benning's children. It's up to the TCD and Ana to discover why...before it's too late. Mills & Boon Intrigue — Seek Thrills. Solve crimes. Justice served.

My job is to save lives. But what if the one that needs saving is the one I was sent to take? At 33 years old, Phoenix Jones once had a stellar military career ahead of him. But when tragedy struck his family, he walked away from the path he'd chosen to be there for the one who needed him most. Except fate is a bitch and when she once again takes Phoenix's future in the cruelest of ways, he must find a new path. When a former army buddy introduces him to Roman Grisham, the man who made him a man, he finds out that there is a new family and nothing and no one is going to take that from him again. So when Roman asks him to shadow a young man who participated in a brutal crime against Roman's husband, Seth, when he was a child and appears to be targeting him again, Phoenix doesn't even hesitate for a second. Even knowing what he must do if the young man proves to have gone back to his old ways. Because family is everything... I can't come back from what I did. I'm not sure I even want to... An ugly childhood left Levi Deming with little to do but dream of a day when he'd be free of his tormentors so he could carve out a simple life for himself, preferably somewhere far away from the family who never let him forget he was less than human. But one terrible choice at the tender age of 16 changed everything... Wracked with guilt for the role he played during a home invasion gone horribly wrong, a now 24-year-old Levi is trying to piece together a life where he can maybe do a little bit of good, even knowing it won't make up for the lives he helped take and it definitely won't give back the future he stole from the young man whose agonized screams still haunt him night after night. If it were only about him, he'd walk into the nearest police station and happily tell them to lock him up and throw away the key. But it isn't just about him anymore... I expected to find a hardened criminal. What I found was something else entirely... With Ronan's orders to terminate young Levi if he so much as even jaywalks, Phoenix expects an easy job with one clear outcome. But when a violent encounter forces Phoenix to interact with Levi, he quickly realizes the case might not be as black and white as he thought. Instead of finding a criminal with no conscience, Phoenix discovers a young man battling impossible odds and near crippling guilt. When his feelings of disgust and anger begin to fade and turn into something else, the would-be hitman is forced to make a terrible decision between the family he needs and the young man more intent on seeking judgement than redemption.

Pretend You're Mine

A Promise of Fire

A Protectors Family Christmas

Sugar Daddies

A Novel



*Trauma surgeon Ronan Grisham lost everything the day the man he loved was stolen from him in a brutal attack. Driven by a thirst for vengeance, he turns his hatred into building an underground group that can do what he couldn't that fateful day...take the lives of the guilty to save the lives of the innocent. But years later, he's forced to break the one link to his past that he can't sever. Seven years after the loss of his parents in a violent home invasion that left him permanently scarred both inside and out, 21-year-old Seth Nichols is trying to put his life back together so he can take over the reins of his father's global shipping empire. But the last person he expects to come back into his life is the man he drove away with one innocent, stolen kiss. With one brush of his lips, Seth managed to do to Ronan what no other had since the day Ronan watched the light in his fiancé's eyes go out forever. He made him need again. But Ronan can't need anyone, least of all his dead fiancé's younger brother. Because even one touch from Seth could shatter Ronan's carefully constructed world and Ronan knows there's no coming back from that a second time. But when a series of escalating attacks against Seth forces Ronan back into his life, Seth knows it's his last chance to show Ronan he can be the man the broken surgeon needs. Only the Ronan who returns isn't the Ronan Seth fell in love with so long ago... Can Seth be Ronan's salvation or will he end up destroying them both?*

*Memphis At thirty-four years old, ex-DEA agent Memphis Wheeland has lived, loved and lost...everything. The ultimate betrayal by the man he gave everything to has left Memphis with no family, no career and a bone deep bitterness that refuses to release him from its icy grip. His work with an underground vigilante organization is the only light in his otherwise bleak existence. That and the occasional no-strings hookup with men whose only focus in that moment, and for as long as Memphis wants them, is him and only him. No clingy exes, no unrequited love, no relationship drama. Period. Because Memphis has one rule that he won't break for anyone or anything. He doesn't share. Ever. Now if only someone had told that to the young man who would come into his life in the most unexpected way... Brennan With his entire life ahead of him, graduate student Brennan Devereaux wasn't expecting it to change in the blink of an eye. But when a case of mistaken identity nearly costs Brennan his life, it isn't just his future that's about to change, but his past too. Because for years he's been in love with a young man who only sees him as a friend and nothing more. And while he was content to love Tristan Barretti from afar, he hadn't expected to be drawn to the mysterious stranger who saved his life and changed it with a simple promise. I'm not letting you go. They were words spoken in the heat of the moment as the darkness of death had threatened to claim him, but even as Brennan's love for Tristan refuses to wane, his need for the intriguing Memphis Wheeland continues to grow. But any relationship with Memphis means he has to let go of the one thing in his life he's always valued above everything else... Tristan At nineteen, Tristan Barretti should have had the world at his feet. His musical gifts have garnered him prestige as well as admission to the famed Juilliard School in New York and he has a family that most people would kill for. But the protective bubble his fathers have kept him in has burst and he's discovered that life outside his unconditionally loving family isn't as accepting of a kid born with HIV. A poor decision to find answers to questions better left unasked, along with the complications of living with his disease, have Tristan returning to Seattle and the solace of his family. And to the young man he's wanted from the time he was barely old enough to even understand what that meant. But with an uncertain future that leaves him nothing to offer the gorgeous and successful Brennan Devereaux, Tristan knows the best he can hope for is to keep building on the friendship they've shared for years and not get his hopes up that Brennan will be the one man who sees him and not his disease. Except all bets are off when danger follows him home... Choices Even though a physical relationship with Brennan was supposed to be just that, Memphis finds himself unable to refuse his young lover's request to help put a stop to the threat against Tristan. Even knowing full well that Brennan's heart lies with the man he claims is nothing more than a friend, Memphis accepts the challenge of ensuring Tristan's safety. But when the quiet music student stops being a "job" and starts being something much more, Memphis is torn between his growing feelings for both young men and the fear that he'll be facing an even greater betrayal that he'll never be able to come back from. Except none of that matters when the threat that Memphis never saw coming puts Brennan and Tristan in the crosshairs. And the cost of the vengeance he once craved suddenly comes at too high a price...*

*Kira Dawson has the power to burn vampires to a crisp. The problem is, she doesn't know it yet. The even bigger problem is, she's dating one. When Kira Dawson moves to South Carolina, she meets Luke, a blond goofball who quickly becomes her best friend, and Tristan, a mysterious bad boy who sends shivers down her spine. Kira knows they're keeping secrets, but when she discovers Tristan's lust for blood and her own dormant mystical powers, Kira is forced to fight for her life and make the heartbreaking decision between the familiar comfort of friendship and the fiery passion of love. From bestselling author Kaitlyn Davis comes a paranormal romance perfect for fans of Twilight, The Vampire Diaries, and Buffy The Vampire Slayer. Ignite is the first book in the Midnight Fire series and it is approximately 65,000 words. Keywords: Teen & Young Adult, Paranormal Romance, Romance, Paranormal, Vampires, Angels, Love, Action & Adventure, Magic, Fantasy, Free, Freebie, Free Book RAVE REVIEWS! "Best book I have ever read besides The Fault In Our Stars." -- Hope Cooper (Amazon Review) "This book was awesome! I love the idea!. The story is fun, exciting and full of drama!" -- Jen Stewart of Jen's Bookshelf "I was riveted throughout and was eager to see what would happen - there was drama, danger, action and romance that was wonderfully detailed and described." -- S. Condous "SC" of Obsession With Books "YES ITS DIFFERENT AND I THROUGHLY ENJOYED IT!! I'm a vampire lover, and enjoy any tale that is certainly unlike any other and that grabs and piques my interest. Ignite certainly did this." -- K.M. Whittaker "It's a unique and riveting tale that leaves you begging for more! (On that note - I am quite literally breathless in anticipation for Simmer to come out!)!" -- Maria Maldo (Amazon Review) "I walked into a sign while reading this book - I could not tear myself away until I finished it!" -- Uncle Jimmy (Amazon Review) "It's been a while since I have read a really good YA vampire book. They have become so cliché that I often avoid them. Imagine my surprise when I picked up Ignite and fell in love with it by page 17." -- Kristin of Better Read Than Dead*

*Enter a decadent sensual world where gorgeous alpha males are committed to fulfilling a woman's every desire... Olivier isn't sure what he's gotten himself into when he joins the Honey Club, only that a dark part of him hungers for the lifestyle offered by this exclusive club. Here, no boundary will be left untested...and one's deepest fantasies will become an exquisite reality. When Amélie invites Olivier to surrender, she gives the alpha submissive what he craves. Soon they both find themselves falling harder than they ever anticipated—but as their connection deepens, the truth about Olivier's past could destroy everything... Gripping and seductive, The Deep*

*The Harry*

*Dragon Claimed: A Dark Kings Novella*

*The Honey Series*

*The Deep End*

*Forsaken*

Ex Special Forces soldier Michael "Hawke" Hawkins has spent every day of the last ten years waiting for the moment he would get to watch the life fade from the eyes of the men who brutally murdered his wife, but when he finally gets the break he's been waiting for, the trail leads him to someone he wasn't expecting. After nearly two years of running, 24-year-old Tate Travers has become an expert at hiding...until the day a dangerous stranger shows up looking for vengeance managed to build for himself and his five-year-old son. Except the life Tate has been struggling to hold on to started unraveling long before Hawke showed up looking for the same men Tate has been running from...his own father and older brother. Retribution - it's all Hawke has wanted since the day he held his wife's hand as she took her last breath. And he won't give that up for anything or anyone...not even the tormented young man trying to give his little boy a better life. Because the men he's been searching for. And if it means forcing the young man to confront the past that nearly destroyed him, then so be it. Only the last thing Hawke expects to feel is something besides the hatred that has driven him. And he definitely never expected to feel it for a man. But when it comes down to choosing between the unwanted feelings Tate stirs in him and the revenge he's finally close enough to taste, will Hawke be able to give up the one thing that has kept him ever having?

Our loved ones are still with us even after they've passed to the other side. Psychic medium Sherrie Dillard shares dozens of amazing case studies that show how the power of love transcends the veil between this world and the next. You will also discover exercises and meditations for healing grief and continuing the soul journey you are on with your family and friends who have passed away. The guiding presence of spirit is always with you. This book shares breathtaking insights experienced on the other side and shows how that process uplifts and influences those who survived their death. It provides suggestions to help you move through the grieving process and guides you into a transformative soul-to-soul journey with your cherished family and friends.

Written over the course of three days and three nights, The Subterraneans was generated out of the same kind of ecstatic flash of inspiration that produced another one of Kerouac's early classics, On The Road. Centering around the tempestuous breakup of Leo Percepied and Mardou Fox—two denizens of the 1950s San Francisco underground—The Subterraneans is a tale of dark alleys and smoky rooms, of artists, visionaries, and adventurers existing outside mainstream America. At nearly forty years old, Cash Malloy has accepted that the lifestyle he and Sage, his partner both in life and on the job, live isn't normal but is what both men need to escape the darkness of their pasts. But he also knows that Sage's wounds run much deeper than his own and that there will come a day where what Cash can give Sage isn't enough anymore. And after meeting the young woman Sage has become enamored with, Cash knows that day is closer than ever. At twenty working for an underground vigilante group. To the men she works with, she's Daisy. To girl extraordinary, but in the silence of her apartment she's just awkward, quiet, weird Daisy whose computer is her best friend and whose only link to the outside world are the voices of the men she's trying really hard not to think of as family. But it's one voice on the other end of the phone in particular that calls to her like no other and eases just a little bit of the loneliness that has consumed her. In order to survive, Sage Brighton has had to learn how to be two different people. To most of the world, he's happy-go-lucky, flirty, easy-going Sage. But to the one man who knows him better than anyone else, and yet still doesn't really know who he is, Sage sees himself as nothing more than a fucked-up mess who takes more than he gives. Life without Cash isn't even a possibility for Sage, but he can't deny the pull young Daisy Washburne has had on him from the moment they met. In the deepest recesses of his mind does Sage allow for a world in which he can have both Cash and Daisy at the same time. Fortunately for Sage, the lines between fantasy and reality are miles apart - almost a thousand miles to be exact, since Daisy doesn't live anywhere near Cash and Sage's home in the Ozarks. But when a chance encounter between Daisy, Cash and Sage in a motel just outside Seattle changes everything, the demons from Sage's past threaten to derail the life he's built. In circumstances bring the trio back together, Cash sees an opportunity to give Sage what he needs, even if it costs Cash everything he's ever wanted. Only, he soon finds that Sage isn't the only one drawn to the quiet young woman who's good at being invisible. And he can't help but wonder if maybe the key to saving Sage isn't about Sage choosing who can give him a normal life. Because maybe normal isn't enough. Just like maybe one love isn't enough... for any of them.

Redemption

A Protectors Short Story

Communicate, Heal & Evolve with Your Loved One on the Other Side

Discovering Daisy

The Truth Within (Pelican Bay, Book 3)

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1920s American society—she has money, education, a killer golf handicap, and invitations to some of the most exclusive parties of the Jazz Age. She's also queer and Asian, a Vietnamese adoptee treated as an exotic attraction by her peers, while the most important doors remain closed to her. But the world is full of wonders: infernal pacts and dazzling illusions, lost ghosts and elemental mysteries. In all paper is fire, and Jordan can burn the cut paper heart out of a man. She just has to learn how. Nghi Vo's debut novel

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Love Bites

Chain of Iron

Sin & Surrender

Wild Hearts in Atlantis