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Bachelor Japanists - Christopher Reed 2016-11-15
Challenging clichés of Japanism as a feminine taste, Bachelor Japanists argues that Japanese aesthetics were central to contests over the meanings of masculinity in the West. Christopher Reed draws attention to the queerness of Japanist communities of writers, collectors, curators,

and artists in the tumultuous century between the 1860s and the 1960s. Reed combines extensive archival research; analysis of art, architecture, and literature; the insights of queer theory; and an appreciation of irony to explore the East-West encounter through three revealing artistic milieus: the Goncourt brothers and other japonistes of late-

nineteenth-century Paris; collectors and curators in turn-of-the-century Boston; and the mid-twentieth-century circles of artists associated with Seattle's Mark Tobey. The result is a groundbreaking integration of well-known and forgotten episodes and personalities that illuminates how Japanese aesthetics were used to challenge Western gender conventions. These disruptive effects are sustained in Reed's analysis, which undermines conventional scholarly investments in the heroism of avant-garde accomplishment and ideals of cultural authenticity.

Cad - Rick Marin 2004-02-18
The Los Angeles Times
bestseller, now in paperback --
tales of the notorious New York
dating scene, told from the
other side of the bed. Rick
Marin offers himself up for an
in-depth look at man's
superficial nature. At 28, a
brief, doomed first marriage
thrusts Marin back into
Bachelor Hell. A journalist as
eager to make it in Manhattan
as with its female population,

our emotionally myopic hero
can never seem to tell if the
woman in front of him is too
crazy or too sane, until she
gets too close. Falling out of
love as often as he falls in, he
vows more than once to clean
up his act, only to relapse into
another bender of beauties,
blow-offs, and bad behavior --
all in desperate pursuit of the
woman who can redeem him.
In this rollicking, frequently
insensitive and ultimately
poignant memoir, Marin proves
a master of the light touch
even in his darkest hours. It is
one man's story, but many men
will read it as their own. And
for any woman who has ever
wondered, "What was he
thinking" This is what he was
thinking.

Problem Plants of Ohio -
Megan E. Griffiths 2020-12-08
A guide to identification and
control of invasive plants
Problem Plants of Ohio is an
informative guide, providing
information on the
identification and control of
nonnative plant species
formally listed as invasive or
prohibited noxious weeds in

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Ohio. In addition, the book treats many additional species that are considered a nuisance in gardens, landscaping, or natural settings. The book includes more than 900 photographs of diagnostic features to aid in the identification of 148 plant species. The accompanying text details the origin of the species' introduction to North America, provides thorough and accessible botanical descriptions, explains the economic and environmental impacts of each species, and includes basic information on control measures. The authors also include suggestions for native alternatives to use in gardens in place of problematic horticultural species. The first book of this kind written specifically about the state, *Problem Plants of Ohio* presents new research on the change in nonnative species over time and discusses how climate change will further exacerbate the issue of invasive species. It includes current distribution maps for each plant species. A useful

resource for master gardeners, landscapers, farmers, academics, and natural areas managers, *Problem Plants of Ohio* will be of interest to nonspecialists as well.

Killing Monica - Candace Bushnell 2015-06-23

This is the book fans of Candace Bushnell have been waiting for. From the author of *Sex and the City*, *Lipstick Jungle*, and *The Carrie Diaries* comes an addictive story about fame, love, and foolishness that will keep readers enthralled to the very last enticing scene. Pandy "PJ" Wallis is a renowned writer whose novels about a young woman making her way in Manhattan have spawned a series of blockbuster films. After the success of the *Monica* books and movies, Pandy wants to attempt something different: a historical novel based on her ancestor Lady Wallis. But Pandy's publishers and audience only want her to keep cranking out more *Monica*-as does her greedy husband, Jonny, who's gone deeply in debt to finance his new

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restaurant in Las Vegas. When her marriage crumbles and the boathouse of her family home in Connecticut goes up in flames, Pandy suddenly realizes she has an opportunity to reinvent herself. But to do so, she will have to reconcile with her ex-best friend and former partner in crime, SondraBeth Schnowzer, who plays Monica on the big screen—and who may have her own reasons to derail Pandy's startling change of plan. In **KILLING MONICA**, Candace Bushnell spoofs and skewers her way through pop culture, celebrity worship, fame, and the meaning of identity. With her trademark humor and style, this is Bushnell's sharpest, funniest book to date

Sidney Sheldon's After the Darkness LP - Sidney Sheldon
2010-05-25

Following the success of the New York Times bestseller Sidney Sheldon's *Mistress of the Game*, this sweeping tale of love and betrayal, vengeance and redemption, will leave you racing to its shocking, triumphant end What happens

when a woman who has everything loses everything? And when a woman who has nothing realizes she has nothing to lose? Blessed with the face of an angel and the guileless, trusting nature of a child, Grace Brookstein is the prized wife of the king of Wall Street, Lenny Brookstein. A billionaire many times over, with estates around the world, a fleet of yachts, and a life that is the stuff of fantasies, the revered financial wizard made his fortune tending the nest eggs of ordinary people—the elderly, blue-collar workers, small charities, and working families struggling to make a better life for themselves and their children. The embodiment of America itself—ambitious, hardworking, generous, and warmhearted—Lenny is a fixture of the business pages and the society columns, where he and Grace are celebrated for their philanthropic contributions and their lavish annual fund-raising ball. Despite the stock market's terrifying collapse, the Brooksteins' glamorous

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lifestyle of Palm Beach polo tournaments and G5 jets remains untouched—until the day Lenny goes sailing from their Nantucket beach estate and never comes home. When his abandoned yacht is found far out at sea, Grace is devastated. Lenny was her world. She has no idea that his disappearance is just the beginning of a dark, terrifying nightmare of murder, lies, greed, and betrayal that will shatter her life and destroy everything she has ever known.

. . . Before she can begin to grieve, the shocking news breaks that the \$75 billion invested in Quorum, Lenny's hedge fund, is gone—and everyone believes that Grace has stolen the money. Overnight, the delicate beauty who was once the toast of moneyed society has become a reviled modern-day Marie Antoinette, alone and powerless to stop her infamous fall. Grace is certain someone is framing her, and she'll do whatever it takes to prove it, even if it means taking the law into her own hands.

Surrounded by enemies, with no one to turn to, Grace must learn to rely on herself—a bold, dangerous journey that will transform her in ways she never thought possible and lead her to a startling new life. Filled with the passion, glamour, twists, and driving suspense that made Sidney Sheldon a bestselling legend, Sidney Sheldon's *After the Darkness* is an entertaining thrill ride that continues the grand tradition set by the master himself.

Toxic Touch Box Set Books

#1-3 - Lexy Timms 2021-05-12

Stop setting yourself on fire to keep someone else warm. Book 1 - Noxious Brady and Levi have been together since high school, since before he became famous and started thinking only about himself. Which he should, his football career is everything right now. Brady understands and doesn't mind she's slowly slipping into the background. Except, when will it be fair to think about herself, or to want more? Where is the line between selflessness and self-sacrifice? Sometimes, she

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isn't sure she knows anymore. But if she has to think about a life without Levi, it feels wrong. They've always been there for each other. It's always been about the dream, the goal. Even if it ended up being his dream, his goal. Because if they're together, isn't it a team effort? Doesn't it become their dream, their goal, together? Or is she just fooling herself? Is it normal for people in a relationship to feel this alone?

Book 2 - Lethal Brady Simmons is struggling. A texted marriage proposal feels like a lame attempt to salvage their fraying relationship. When her boyfriend, Levi Duncan, makes strides at being better, Brady tries to convince herself that the rough patch is behind them and they can move forward. She forces herself to forget about the man that captured her attention in Vegas, James Gilmore. When she catches Levi cheating again, she realizes she has to make a change. Is it time she forges her own path?

Book 3 - Willful To escape fear you have to go through it, not around it. Brady

Simmons is doing well for herself after leaving her ex behind. Her gallery is successful and her paintings are selling, but she still longs for the one that got away, James Gilmore. An opportunity to work for a famous artist comes up, Brady decides to take the leap. She goes to England, finding herself close to where James lives. They meet again and sparks fly like they never have before. When Brady sees the trajectory to fame James is on, she pulls back. She doesn't know if she can love another famous man.

Toxic Touch Series Book 1 - Noxious Book 2 - Lethal Book 3 - Willful Book 4 - Tainted Book 5 - Craved

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The Carrie Diaries - Candace Bushnell 2010-04-27

The Carrie Diaries is the coming-of-age story of one of the most iconic characters of our generation. Before Sex and the City, Carrie Bradshaw was a small-town girl who knew she wanted more. She's ready for real life to start, but first she must navigate her senior year of high school. Up until now, Carrie and her friends have been inseparable. Then Sebastian Kydd comes into the picture, and a friend's betrayal makes her question everything. With an unforgettable cast of characters, The Carrie Diaries is the story of how a regular girl learns to think for herself and evolves into a sharp, insightful writer. Readers will

learn about her family background, how she found her writing voice, and the indelible impression her early friendships and relationships left on her. Through adventures both audacious and poignant, we'll see what brings Carrie to her beloved New York City, where her new life begins.

[Message from Nam](#) - Danielle Steel 2009-05-06

As a journalist, Paxton Andrews would experience Vietnam firsthand. We follow her from high school in Savannah to college in Berkeley and then to work in Saigon. For the soldiers she knew and met there, Viet Nam would change their lives in ways they could never have imagined. For the men in her life, Viet Nam would change their lives in ways they could not escape or deny. Peter Wilson, fresh from law school, was a new recruit who would confront his fate in Da Nang. Ralph Johnson, a seasoned AP correspondent, had been in Saigon since the beginning. He knew Vietnam and the war inside out. Bill

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Quinn, captain of the Cu Chi tunnel rats, was on his fourth tour of duty and it seemed nothing could touch him. Sergeant Tony Campobello had come to Vietnam from the streets of New York to vent a rage that had followed him all the way to Saigon. For seven years Paxton Andrews would write an acclaimed newspaper column from the front before finally returning to the States and then attending the Paris peace talks. But for her and the men who fought in Viet Nam, life would never be the same again.

7 Deadly Thoughts - Travis H Hall 2021-02-08

When life doesn't seem to want to go our way, it's easy to begin to feel discouraged. I'm not good enough; I'm not smart enough; I'm not gifted enough. Was I really meant for this? But how often do we look inward and truly analyze the way our own thinking has affected our trajectory? How might we free ourselves from these self-imposed limitations? What could a shift in mindset do for you? Seven Deadly Thoughts

seeks to answer these questions and more. Armed with practical insight and biblical evidence, author Travis Hall leads us through an exploration of all the ways that people's own minds-even more than their circumstances or lack of provision or opportunity-can be their greatest saboteurs. Inspired by the author's encounters with and observations of a number of talented, gifted, intelligent individuals who kept themselves from flourishing by wallowing in doubt, hidden fears, and believing lies about themselves, this book aims to provide hope and encouragement to anyone stuck in a rut of deadly thinking. Join in and discover how you can identify and eliminate the deadly thoughts that bar you from the fullness of your God-given potential. Travis serves as the Lead Pastor of Life Church International, a dynamic and diverse congregation in Metro Atlanta and holds his Bachelors of Science degree in Ministry with an emphasis in

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Leadership/Administration from Lee University and his Masters in Ministry with an emphasis on Spiritual Formation from Richmond Graduate University. He has 18 years of ministry experience, and is passionate about helping leaders start well and stay well, and helping people discover, develop, and protect their God given purpose. Travis engages weekly with a community of growing leaders on Instagram @pastortravishall and on his blog cultivatemypurpose.com. Travis resides in Atlanta with his wife Tina and their five children.

Preventing Bullying Through Science, Policy, and Practice - National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine 2016-09-14

Bullying has long been tolerated as a rite of passage among children and adolescents. There is an implication that individuals who are bullied must have "asked for" this type of treatment, or deserved it. Sometimes, even the child who is bullied begins to internalize

this idea. For many years, there has been a general acceptance and collective shrug when it comes to a child or adolescent with greater social capital or power pushing around a child perceived as subordinate. But bullying is not developmentally appropriate; it should not be considered a normal part of the typical social grouping that occurs throughout a child's life. Although bullying behavior endures through generations, the milieu is changing. Historically, bullying has occurred at school, the physical setting in which most of childhood is centered and the primary source for peer group formation. In recent years, however, the physical setting is not the only place bullying is occurring. Technology allows for an entirely new type of digital electronic aggression, cyberbullying, which takes place through chat rooms, instant messaging, social media, and other forms of digital electronic communication. Composition of peer groups, shifting

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demographics, changing societal norms, and modern technology are contextual factors that must be considered to understand and effectively react to bullying in the United States. Youth are embedded in multiple contexts and each of these contexts interacts with individual characteristics of youth in ways that either exacerbate or attenuate the association between these individual characteristics and bullying perpetration or victimization. Recognizing that bullying behavior is a major public health problem that demands the concerted and coordinated time and attention of parents, educators and school administrators, health care providers, policy makers, families, and others concerned with the care of children, this report evaluates the state of the science on biological and psychosocial consequences of peer victimization and the risk and protective factors that either increase or decrease peer victimization behavior and consequences.

Toxic Bachelors - Danielle

Steel 2009-02-25

Danielle Steel explores the perils of dating, relationships, and love in a novel that takes us into the intoxicating, infuriating world of three charming single men, also known as... Toxic Bachelors They were the best of friends and the most daunting of bachelors....Charlie Harrington, a handsome philanthropist, has such high expectations for his perfect bride that no mortal need apply....Adam Weiss, a forty-something celebrity lawyer, prefers his women very young, very voluptuous, and very short-term....And for Gray Hawk, a gifted artist with a knack for attracting troubled relationships, women are fine; it's just the idea of family he can't imagine (particularly the family of the woman he's dating). Now the three friends, spending their annual summer vacation cruising the Mediterranean aboard Charlie's majestic yacht, are about to have their bachelorhood rocked. By autumn all three will fall

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precipitously into relationships they never saw coming. Charlie begins dating a crusading social worker who couldn't be further from his ideal-until he makes a stunning discovery about her. Adam gets involved with his usual twenty-something bombshell-only this one has a remarkable mind of her own. And Gray, who has avoided both business and family like the plague, has managed to fall head over heels for a successful career woman- who just happens to be a mother as well. As another holiday on the yacht approaches, and with it a turning point in each man's life, the three bachelors are forced to face the things that scare them most: their phobias about relationships, the wounds of the past-and the kind of women who challenge their deepest terrors. What happens next will spark big changes for Charlie, Adam, and Gray-and might just put an end to their carousing days forever. For as the once-carefree trio is about to discover, love is the most unpredictable adventure

of all. Filled with all the joy, complexity, and unexpected surprises of life, Toxic Bachelors is Danielle Steel at her poignant and penetrating best.

Sex and the City - Candace Bushnell 2011-05-11

"Bushnell is a deft writer, possessing a sly sense of humor and sharp insight into human behavior." —People Sex and the City is a fantastic and sometimes terrifying foray into the hearts, minds, and mating habits of modern-day New Yorkers. Traveling in packs from lavish parties to high-end clubs, Bushnell's vividly candid characters live out the never-ending search for the perfect relationship. Bushnell's firsthand commentary on the behavior of the rich and famous is by turns witty and shocking, and always boldly true. In these pages you will meet "Carrie," the young writer looking for love in all the wrong places; "Samantha Jones," the successful proto-cougar who approaches sex just like a man; and "Mr. Big," the captain of industry who

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jumps from one bed to the next. Equal parts soap opera, gossip page, sociological study, and dating manual, *Sex and the City*, Candace Bushnell's former New York Observer column, has attracted a cult following and been adapted into two major motion pictures and one of the most popular TV series of our time. This is the groundbreaking work that both decoded and shaped a culture and a generation.

Sunset in St. Tropez -

Danielle Steel 2009-02-25

In her 55th bestselling novel, Danielle Steel explores the seasons of an extraordinary friendship, weaving the story of three couples, lifelong friends, for whom a month's holiday in St. Tropez becomes a summer of change, revelation, secrets, surprises, and new beginnings . . . As Diana Morrison laid the table for six at her elegant Central Park apartment, there was no warning of what was to come. Spending New Year's Eve together was a sacred tradition for Diana, her husband of thirty-two years, Eric, and their best friends,

Pascale and John Donnally and Anne and Robert Smith. The future looked rosy as the long-time friends sipped champagne and talked of renting a villa together in the South of France the following summer. But life had other plans . . . Just two weeks after New Year's, tragedy strikes the heart of their close circle, as Robert Smith suffers a sudden, unexpected loss. Without hesitation, Diana and Eric, Pascale and John rally to his side, united in their support, love, and shared grief. Convinced that a change of scenery is just what Robert needs, they urge him to join them on the Riviera in August. But as they soon discover, the ramshackle old mansion they rented in St. Tropez--sight unseen--is far different from the exquisite villa and sun-drenched gardens touted in the brochure. Cobwebs hang from the ceiling. Beds collapse beneath them. All while a would-be housekeeper in a leopard-skin bikini and six-inch heels sashays through the house with a trio of yapping

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poodles at her heels. But the biggest surprise of all is the woman Robert invites to the villa as his guest--a lovely, much-younger film actress with mile-long legs and a million-dollar smile. Diana and Pascale hate her on sight. But the men are dazzled. And amid the crumbling furniture and the glorious sunsets, the strained relationships and the acts of forgiveness, more surprises are in store for the villa's occupants. With the last days of summer fast approaching, each couple finds themselves changing in unexpected ways, as old wounds are healed, new love discovered, and miracles unfold...all beneath the dazzling sun of St. Tropez. By turns wise and moving, heartbreaking and wickedly funny, Danielle Steel's new novel is about forgiving without forgetting, about the sorrow that shadows our lives and the hope that saves us. And it is about once-in-a-lifetime friendships . . .the kind that heal, sustain, and change us forever.

Is There Still Sex in the

City? - Candace Bushnell
2019-08-06

Twenty years after her sharp, seminal first book *Sex and the City* reshaped the landscape of pop culture and dating with its fly on the wall look at the mating rituals of the Manhattan elite, the trailblazing Candace Bushnell delivers a new book on the wilds and lows of sex and dating after fifty. Set between the Upper East Side of Manhattan and a country enclave known as The Village, *Is There Still Sex in the City?* follows a cohort of female friends—Sassy, Kitty, Queenie, Tilda Tia, Marilyn, and Candace—as they navigate the ever-modernizing phenomena of midlife dating and relationships. There's "Cubbing," in which a sensible older woman suddenly becomes the love interest of a much younger man, the "Mona Lisa" Treatment—a vaginal restorative surgery often recommended to middle aged women, and what it's really like to go on Tinder dates as a fifty-something divorcee. From

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the high highs (My New Boyfriend or MNBs) to the low lows (Middle Age Madness, or MAM cycles), Bushnell illustrates with humor and acuity today's relationship landscape and the types that roam it. Drawing from her own experience, in *Is There Still Sex in the City?* Bushnell spins a smart, lively satirical story of love and life from all angles—marriage and children, divorce and bereavement, as well as the very real pressures on women to maintain their youth and have it all. This is an indispensable companion to one of the most revolutionary dating books of the twentieth century from one of our most important social commentators.

Of All People - Lily Baines
2020-12-08

Can mending a derelict hotel help mend two lonely hearts? Romeo Dante Lorenzo, owner of a set of cobalt blue eyes and a chiseled jawline, is one of New York's most eligible bachelors. Too bad he's not looking for love. Used to a different type of women-beautiful and vain-Romeo

doesn't think much of Siena Borrelli upon first meeting her while attending to family business in Italy. After divorcing her cheating husband, Siena started a new life in Rimini, Italy, a coastal town as unique and warm as its occupants, caring for an elderly woman who owns the old hotel she now calls home. When the woman's great-nephew, Romeo, visits to sell the place, Siena won't let it go without a fight. His physique can be distracting, but she's determined to not let it deceive her. Can they both look beyond the surface? Take a heart-warming trip to Rimini, Italy, to discover if love can be found in unexpected places with the unlikeliest of people. With relatable characters, steamy chemistry, and breathtaking locations, this sun-drenched contemporary romance novel will pull you into every heartfelt moment. □□□□"Lily Baines gives readers a holiday treat with another heartwarming romance, *Of All People*, her second book in the *Of All Hearts* series... Lily

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Baines is a wonderful romance writer who is able to whisk her readers away from everyday life, which at many times is exactly what we are looking for in a book. Her characters and the development of their relationships are captivating... When your normal life is hectic or stressful, Lily can be trusted for a delightfully entertaining romance with a happily-ever-after ending... As an added bonus, the Of All Hearts series is developing into a fascinating travel guide. Her locations are stunning and off the beaten path from the usual European sites many authors tend to use. Her writing incorporates the local customs and events into the story in such an enticing way that I keep adding them to my list of places I would like to visit someday." - The Lit Buzz

Pure Joy - Danielle Steel

2013-10-29

NEW YORK TIMES

BESTSELLER In this moving memoir, Danielle Steel tells the story of how she met a dog the size of a mouse with a personality that could light up an entire room. From Minnie's

arrival at home in San Francisco to clothes-shopping jaunts in Paris, her adventures provide the perfect backdrop for a heartfelt look at the magic that dogs bring to our lives, and how they become part of the family, making indelible memories. We meet Steel's childhood pug, James; and Elmer, the basset hound who was steadfastly at her side in her struggling days as a young writer; Sweet Pea—unveiled in a Tiffany box for a dog-loving husband—and all those lucky dogs who shared a household of nine children, other canines, and one potbellied pig. As she reflects on the beloved pets who have brought joy, and sometimes chaos, to her home through the years, Steel also shares her thoughts on the trials and tribulations of bringing a new dog into a household, the challenges of housebreaking and compatibility, the losses we feel forever. Filled with colorful characters (human and otherwise), delightful photographs, practical wisdom drawn from long experience,

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and brimming with warmth and insight on every page, *Pure Joy* is a love letter to this special relationship—and one of the most charming books yet from the incomparable Danielle Steel. Praise for *Pure Joy* “The mega-selling [Danielle Steel] shares happy memories of her numerous dogs. . . . Steel brings readers into her life, recounting delightful moments with her many dogs, the dogs her children have owned, and her newest friend, Minnie, her tiny Chihuahua. . . . Plainly told with honesty and affection, these stories are an affirmation of the timeless connection between humans and their canine companions.”—Kirkus Reviews “Steel doesn’t just love to write blockbusters; she loves dogs. Here’s her valentine to all the dogs she’s raised (looking to be mostly of the small sort), with lots of black-and-white photos throughout. A heady commercial combo.”—Library Journal

High Stakes - Danielle Steel
2022-03-08

Success and happiness come at

a price . . . Jane, Francine, Hailey and Allie are successful agents at Fletcher & Benson, one of New York’s most prominent talent agencies. They love their jobs, but, like everyone, they each have complicated lives to juggle, including difficult relationships to manage, children to raise and bills to pay. For different reasons, they can do nothing to jeopardize their careers, and sometimes that means turning a blind eye. But everything changes when Dan Fletcher, one of the founders of the agency, behaves inappropriately with a young intern. She knows she must be brave, speak out and stand up for what is right, even if it could cost her the job of her dreams. As events in each woman’s life spiral out of control, they learn that family must come first and that you must fight for what you believe in to get the happiness you deserve.

A Santangelo Story - Jackie Collins 2010-12-17

Can't get enough of Bobby Santangelo? Check out this

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unbelievably sexy and scandalous bonus story by New York Times bestselling author Jackie Collins. This e-book original also includes a special sneak peek of the sensational New York Times bestselling novel *Poor Little Bitch Girl*. Only Jackie Collins can take you inside the glamorous lives of the rich and famous.

Bungalow 2 - Danielle Steel
2009-02-25

Danielle Steel takes us beyond the dazzle of Hollywood in her compelling new novel—the story of one woman’s journey from suburban mom to award-winning screenwriter...and all the joy, heartbreak, and challenges along the way. *Bungalow 2* The phone call came on a hot July day—a day like any other for Marin County mom and freelance writer Tanya Harris. But this call—from Tanya’s agent—was anything but ordinary, offering a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity: the chance to write a major Hollywood screenplay, a dream she had put aside long ago to devote her energies to her family. This

time, Tanya knows she cannot refuse, even though she’s torn about leaving her husband and their daughters. From the moment she steps into her lush bungalow at the fabled Beverly Hills Hotel, Tanya is thrust into an intoxicating new world where she feels reborn—energized by the creativity swirling around her—yet the pull of her family at home is strong. Suddenly she’s working alongside A-list actors and a Hollywood legend: Oscar-winning producer Douglas Wayne, a man who always gets what he wants—and who seems to have his sights set on her. Flying home between shoots, struggling to reconnect with a family that seems to need her less and less, Tanya watches helplessly as her old life is pulled out from under her in the most crushing of ways. As her two lives collide, as one award-winning film leads to another, Tanya begins to wonder if she can be a wife, a mother, and a writer at the same time. And just as she confronts the toughest choice she has faced,

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she is offered another dazzling opportunity—one that could recast her story in an amazing new direction, complete with an ending she never could have written herself. In *Bungalow 2*, Danielle Steel takes us into a world few ever see—a world of fame and fortune, celebrity and genius—daring to show us the real lives, real dreams, and real struggles hidden beneath the flash and glitter of Hollywood.

Impossible - Danielle Steel

2009-02-25

When a high-powered gallery owner collides with a wildly offbeat artist, it's the perfect recipe for disaster. But in her 63rd bestselling novel, Danielle Steel proves that when two hopelessly mismatched people share a love for art, a passion for each other, and a city like Paris, nothing is truly impossible...or is it? Everything Sasha does is within the boundaries of tradition. Liam is sockless in December. Sasha is widowed, a woman who knows she was lucky enough to be married to the most wonderful man in the world and thankful for every moment they had.

Liam is half in and half out of a marriage that only a “wacky” artist could manage, and that his own impossibly impulsive behavior has helped tear apart. But while Sasha has been methodically building her father's Parisian art gallery into an intercontinental success story, Liam has been growing into one of the most original and striking young painters of his time. So while the two are utterly unlike—and a nine-year age difference stares them squarely in the face—the miracle of art brings them crashing together. Now the question is, can Sasha guard her reputation while juggling a secret, somewhat scandalous relationship? And how can Liam, who lives for the moment, put up with a woman who insists on having things her own way, in her own style, and at her own time? For Sasha, it's a matter of keeping Liam hidden from her grown children and well-heeled clientele as she commutes between New York and Paris and two thriving galleries. For Liam, it's about creating chaos

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out of order, bringing out the wild streak that Sasha barely knows she has, of choosing pizza over foie gras, and making love when others are busy making money. That is, until a family tragedy suddenly alters Liam's life—and forces a choice and a sacrifice that neither one of them could have expected. But from the snow falling on the Tuileries to the joy of eating ice cream by candlelight, the artist and the art dealer have tasted perfection. And giving up now might just be the most impossible thing of all. With unerring insight into the hearts of men and women— and into the soul of the artist —Danielle Steel takes us into a world of glamour and genius, priceless art and dazzling creativity. From the luxurious galleries of Europe to the endless beaches of the Hamptons, ImPossible weaves an extraordinary tale of love and compromise, of taking chances and counting blessings. With brilliant color and breathtaking emotion, Danielle Steel has written her most compelling novel to date.

Diary of an Oxygen Thief - Anonymous 2016-05-23
Hurt people hurt people. Say there was a novel in which Holden Caulfield was an alcoholic and Lolita was a photographer's assistant and, somehow, they met in Bright Lights, Big City. He's blinded by love. She by ambition. *Diary of an Oxygen Thief* is an honest, hilarious, and heartrending novel, but above all, a very realistic account of what we do to each other and what we allow to have done to us.

Trading Up - Candace Bushnell 2013-12-12

When Janey Wilcox makes it big as a Victoria's Secret model, she finally gets the celebrity status she has always craved. Suddenly the car of her dreams is hers, and even better, so is that house in New York's exclusive Hamptons. No longer will she have to choose her boyfriends according to who has a house she can summer in. At the most exclusive of Hampton parties, Janey finds herself mingling with Hollywood celebrities and

the cream of New York society. But all this is secondary when she is charmed and captivated by a handsome, successful man, a man who quickly becomes her new beau. Janey, though, is not the type to live happily ever after, especially with her chequered past of far from good behaviour...

Summer's End - Danielle Steel 2009-06-03

Deanna was eighteen when she married a handsome Frenchman, attorney Marc-Edouard Duras. Now, at thirty-seven, she should be happy with Marc, her elegant home in San Francisco, and their teenage daughter, Pilar. But one summer changes it all when she realizes her failing marriage is a trap she must escape.

Ask a Manager - Alison Green 2018-05-01

From the creator of the popular website Ask a Manager and New York's work-advice columnist comes a witty, practical guide to 200 difficult professional conversations—featuring all-new advice! There's a reason

Alison Green has been called “the Dear Abby of the work world.” Ten years as a workplace-advice columnist have taught her that people avoid awkward conversations in the office because they simply don't know what to say. Thankfully, Green does—and in this incredibly helpful book, she tackles the tough discussions you may need to have during your career. You'll learn what to say when • coworkers push their work on you—then take credit for it • you accidentally trash-talk someone in an email then hit “reply all” • you're being micromanaged—or not being managed at all • you catch a colleague in a lie • your boss seems unhappy with your work • your cubemate's loud speakerphone is making you homicidal • you got drunk at the holiday party Praise for Ask a Manager “A must-read for anyone who works . . . [Alison Green's] advice boils down to the idea that you should be professional (even when others are not) and that communicating in a

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straightforward manner with candor and kindness will get you far, no matter where you work.”—Booklist (starred review) “The author’s friendly, warm, no-nonsense writing is a pleasure to read, and her advice can be widely applied to relationships in all areas of readers’ lives. Ideal for anyone new to the job market or new to management, or anyone hoping to improve their work experience.”—Library Journal (starred review) “I am a huge fan of Alison Green’s Ask a Manager column. This book is even better. It teaches us how to deal with many of the most vexing big and little problems in our workplaces—and to do so with grace, confidence, and a sense of humor.”—Robert Sutton, Stanford professor and author of *The No Asshole Rule* and *The Asshole Survival Guide* “Ask a Manager is the ultimate playbook for navigating the traditional workforce in a diplomatic but firm way.”—Erin Lowry, author of *Broke Millennial: Stop Scraping By and Get Your Financial Life Together*

The Bachelor Auction - Rachel Van Dyken 2016-10-04
Cinderella never had to deal with this crap. Jane isn't entirely sure that Cinderella got such a raw deal. Sure, she had a rough start, but didn't she eventually land a prince and a happily-ever-after? Meanwhile, Jane is busy waiting on her demanding, entitled sisters, running her cleaning business, and . . . yep, not a prince in sight. Until a party and a broken shoe incident leave Jane wondering if princes--or at least, a certain deliciously hunky billionaire -- maybe do exist. Except Brock Wellington isn't anyone's dream guy. Hell, a prince would never agree to be auctioned off in marriage to the highest bidder. Or act like an arrogant jerk--even if it was just a façade. Now, as Brock is waiting for the auction chopping block, he figures it's karmic retribution that he's tempted by a sexy, sassy woman he can't have. But while they can't have a fairy-tale ending, maybe they can indulge in a little bit of fantasy

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The Dallas Women's Guide to Gold-Digging with Pride -

Jennifer Ross 2008-12-24

"Here, in the land of conspicuous consumption, marriage isn't considered a lifelong commitment. It's the ultimate accessory." -from *The Dallas Women's Guide to Gold-Digging with Pride* Jennifer Barton's life has veered 180 degrees. A transplanted New Yorker now in a Lone Star state of mind, she's ditched her urban hipster look for the waxed, Botoxed, and blond glow of the Dallas women she now walks among and mingles with. Jenny's mission: to be in "tall cotton," which in Texan husband-hunting terms means sporting a major rock on your finger and seeing the prenup torn up before you walk down the aisle. But learning the local lingo is only the tip of the cactus for Jenny, who is used to picking men based on attraction and long-term compatibility, not net assets. No matter that in Dallas, a husband is "like a Hermès bag or a Chanel coat, a good

investment that will mature over time. If he no longer fits, you can trade up to a more luxurious model." To Aimee, Jenny's pretty-as-a-beauty queen roommate (and an expert gold-digger), marrying for material worth is gospel-she's already successfully managed her first divorce and is on the lookout for husband number two. Jenny has laughed off Aimee's ideas on flirting and courting ("Never directly engage a man you're interested in"), but after catching her boyfriend cheating and listening to her mother's constant laments over her lack of grandchildren, Jenny reconsiders Aimee's businesslike approach to marriage: plan, strategize, conquer. Under Aimee's guidance, Jenny finds herself grocery shopping in stilettos, attending skeet shoots and rattlesnake hunts, and traversing the ultimate husband-hunting ground—a Baptist wedding. But in between secretly decoding her targets' e-mail passwords and breaking into potential mates'

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houses to figure out what their interests are, Jenny wonders if love ever enters into the deal. Welcome to Dallas, where the higher the hair the closer to God. Grab the steer by the horns and sharpen your nails, J. C. Conklin's hilariously funny debut novel will have you going Texas wild!

Toxic Bachelors - Danielle Steel
2008-08-26

Danielle Steel explores the perils of dating, relationships, and love in a novel that takes us into the intoxicating, infuriating world of three charming single men, also known as... Toxic Bachelors. They were the best of friends and the most daunting of bachelors....Charlie Harrington, a handsome philanthropist, has such high expectations for his perfect bride that no mortal need apply....Adam Weiss, a forty-something celebrity lawyer, prefers his women very young, very voluptuous, and very short-term....And for Gray Hawk, a gifted artist with a knack for attracting troubled relationships, women are fine;

it's just the idea of family he can't imagine (particularly the family of the woman he's dating). Now the three friends, spending their annual summer vacation cruising the Mediterranean aboard Charlie's majestic yacht, are about to have their bachelorhood rocked. By autumn all three will fall precipitously into relationships they never saw coming. Charlie begins dating a crusading social worker who couldn't be further from his ideal-until he makes a stunning discovery about her. Adam gets involved with his usual twenty-something bombshell-only this one has a remarkable mind of her own. And Gray, who has avoided both business and family like the plague, has managed to fall head over heels for a successful career woman- who just happens to be a mother as well. As another holiday on the yacht approaches, and with it a turning point in each man's life, the three bachelors are forced to face the things that scare them most: their phobias

about relationships, the wounds of the past-and the kind of women who challenge their deepest terrors. What happens next will spark big changes for Charlie, Adam, and Gray-and might just put an end to their carousing days forever. For as the once-carefree trio is about to discover, love is the most unpredictable adventure of all. Filled with all the joy, complexity, and unexpected surprises of life, Toxic Bachelors is Danielle Steel at her poignant and penetrating best.

Culture of Fear Revisited -

Frank Furedi 2006-10-26

Fear has become an ever-expanding part of life in the West in the twenty-first century. We live in terror of disease, abuse, stranger danger, environmental devastation and terrorist onslaught. We are bombarded with reports of new concerns for our safety and that of our children, and urged to take greater precautions and seek more protection. But compared to the past, or to the developing world, people in

contemporary Western societies have much less familiarity with pain, suffering, debilitating disease and death. We actually enjoy an unprecedented level of personal safety. When confronted with events like the destruction of the World Trade Centre, fear for the future is inevitable. But what happened on September 11th 2001 was in many ways an old fashioned act of terror, representing the destructive side of the human passions. Frank Furedi argues that the greater danger in our culture is the tendency to fear achievements representing a more constructive side of humanity. We panic about GM food, about genetic research, about the health dangers of mobile phones. The facts often fail to support the scare stories about new or growing risks to our health and safety. Our obsession with theoretical risks is in danger of distracting society from dealing with the old-fashioned dangers that have always threatened our lives. In this new edition Furedi relates his own thinking on the

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sociology of fear to the thought of earlier thinkers such as Darwin and Freud and to the sociological tradition of Durkheim, C. Wright Mills, Anthony Giddens and others. *Sex and the Single Witch* - Theresa Alan 2005

Backfired love spells, shifty warlocks, and potions abound in this delightfully wicked trio of stories that includes Theresa Alan's *The Witch's Guide to Life*, in which an artist--and witch--finds her creativity slowly waning when she catches the eye of a sexy ice hockey coach who loves her work. Original.

Toxic Bachelors - Danielle Steel 2014-02-27

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The Loners - Lex Thomas
2012-07-01

It was just another ordinary day at McKinley High—until a massive explosion devastated the school. When loner David Thorpe tried to help his English teacher to safety, the teacher convulsed and died right in front of him. And that was just the beginning. A year later, McKinley has descended into chaos. All the students are infected with a virus that

makes them deadly to adults. The school is under military quarantine. The teachers are gone. Violent gangs have formed based on high school social cliques. Without a gang, you're as good as dead. And David has no gang. It's just him and his little brother, Will, against the whole school. In this frighteningly dark and captivating novel, Lex Thomas locks readers inside a school where kids don't fight to be popular, they fight to stay alive.

Miracle - Danielle Steel
2009-02-25

It is New Year's Eve when the storm of the century hits northern California. In a quiet neighborhood in San Francisco, amid the chaos of fallen trees and damaged homes, the lives of three strangers are about to collide. For Quinn Thompson, what happens in the storm's wake will bring down a barrier he has built around himself since his wife's death. For neighbor Maggie Dartman, it will spark friendship at a time when she needs it most. And for Jack Adams, a carpenter

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who will repair Quinn's and Maggie's homes, the storm brings an opportunity: to help two people and to be repaid with the greatest gift of all. As three lives come together and a unique friendship is forged, something extraordinary begins to happen...Maggie, still grieving a loss, slowly comes alive again—and Jack finally shares a painful secret he has hidden for years. But at the center of the friendship is Quinn. A man who has scaled heights of success in business, Quinn is now adrift, waiting as builders put the finishing touches on his newest passion, a 180-foot yacht he plans to sail around the world. Looking back at all he missed with his family while he built his empire, Quinn is consumed by guilt, focused only on escaping to the sea. But as his plans near completion, and his friendship with Maggie begins to change, Quinn faces a choice—between a safe haven and an adventure of the heart. The choice he makes will affect other lives as powerfully as his own. And it will take him on an

extraordinary journey—and into a second, terrifying storm, one that will bring him danger...or deliverance. Danielle Steel brings us miracles big and small—the kind we are blessed with and those we give to others. With a subtle hand and a flawless touch, she has written a novel that soars with hope, and makes us laugh, cry, and care.

Southern Lights - Danielle Steel 2009-10-20

Danielle Steel sweeps us from a Manhattan courtroom to the Deep South in her powerful new novel—at once a behind-closed-doors look into the heart of a family and a tale of crime and punishment. Eleven years have passed since Alexa Hamilton left the South behind, fleeing the pain of her ex-husband's betrayal and the cruelty of his prominent Charleston family. Now an assistant D.A. in Manhattan, Alexa has finally put her demons to rest, making a name for herself as a top prosecutor, handling the city's toughest cases while juggling her role as a devoted single mom to a

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teenage daughter. But everything changes when Alexa is handed her latest case: the trial of accused serial killer Luke Quentin. Sifting through mountains of forensic evidence, Alexa prepares for a high-stakes trial...until threatening letters throw her private life into turmoil. The letters are addressed to her beautiful seventeen-year-old daughter, Savannah, whom Alexa has been raising alone since her divorce. Alexa is certain that Quentin is behind the letters—and that they are too dangerous to ignore. Suddenly she must make the toughest choice of all—and send her daughter back to the very place she swore she would never return to: the place where her marriage ended in heartbreak...her ex-husband's world of southern tradition, memories of betrayal, and the antebellum charm of Charleston. Now, while Alexa's trial builds to a climax in New York, her daughter is settling into southern life, discovering a part of her family history and a father she barely knows--from

the ice-cold stepmother who stole him away to a fascinating ancestry and a half-sister and half-brothers she comes to love. As secrets are exposed and old wounds are healed, Alexa and Savannah, after a season in different worlds, will come together again—strengthened by the challenges they have faced, changed by the mysteries they have unraveled, and with Savannah now at home in the southern world her mother fled. In this masterfully told tale, Danielle Steel creates a stunning array of contrasts: from the gritty chaos of Manhattan's criminal court system to the seductive gentility of the South, from the rage of a hardened criminal to the tender bond between a mother and daughter—and a loving father who has welcomed Savannah home at last. A novel that will catch you off guard at every turn, *Southern Lights* is Danielle Steel at her electrifying best.

Death At Midnight - Donald A. Cabana 1998-05-07
A Season of Change

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Twice a Texas Bride - Linda Broday 2015-05-05

"Linda Broday's books always take me back to a west that feels true. Her love stories run deep with emotion. A delightful read." -Jodi Thomas, New York Times bestselling author of Promise Me Texas on Texas Mail Order Bride Callie leaned into him, borrowing his strength. "I'm so tired of being scared, Rand." "Running away won't change that. Trust me with your secrets. There's no reason to hold back any longer." She knew he was right. It was time to come clean. "Start with your name," he said. Left with emotional scars from his time in an orphanage, Rand Sinclair has vowed never to marry. But when he discovers Callie Quinn and a small orphan boy hiding on his ranch, he can't help but open his home to the desperate runaways. Callie has been betrayed by every man she's ever known. While she's grateful for Rand's incredible kindness, she knows it's only a matter of time before he shows his true colors. But she needs

this safe haven-maybe the outlaw on her trail won't find them here. Yet as Rand slowly uncovers her secret fears, they each come to realize that the only way to keep her safe is for Rand to risk everything to offer her the protection of his name...and his heart. Bachelors of Battle Creek: Texas Mail Order Bride Twice a Texas Bride Forever His Texas Bride **Uncivil City** - Amita Baviskar 2020-01-31

As cities become habitat for most of humanity, the question of their ecological capacity to sustain lives worth living becomes ever more critical. Yet, when we listen to debates about city planning and governance, and observe urban environmental campaigns on the ground, we notice that they have little to do with ecology or justice. To examine this contradiction, *Uncivil City: Ecology, Equity and the Commons in Delhi* looks at two decades of environmental politics in Delhi—across homes and workplaces, ordinary streets and extraordinary spectacles, and the river and

the Ridge. It argues that the terms of the discourse—what is an environmental issue, who is authorised to speak, and which modes of action count as legitimate—are partial, particularistic and perverse. ‘Bourgeois environmentalists’, who claim to speak in the public interest, for nature and society, have made the city what it is: unfair and unliveable. Only citizenship and civility will save the commons—air, water, space and trees—upon which cities depend for survival.

It's Not Okay - Andi Dorfman
2017-01-31

Andi Dorfman tells the unvarnished truth about why looking for love on television is no paradise. -- cover.

H.R.H. - Danielle Steel
2009-02-25

In a novel where ancient traditions conflict with reality and the pressures of modern life, a young European princess proves that simplicity, courage, and dignity win the day and forever alter her world. In blue jeans and a pullover, Princess Christianna is a young woman

of her times: born in Europe, educated in America, worried about the future of the world she lives in, responsible beyond her years. Christianna is the only daughter of the Reigning Prince of a European nation that takes its royalty seriously—and her father has ironclad plans for Christianna’s life, a burden that is almost unbearable. Now, after four years at Berkeley, life in her father’s palace cannot distract Christianna from what she sees outside the kingdom—the suffering of children, the ravages of terrorism and disease. Determined to make a difference in the world, she persuades His Royal Highness, her father, to let her volunteer for the Red Cross in East Africa. And for Christianna, a journey of discovery, change, and awakening begins. Under a searing East African sun, Christianna plunges into the dusty, bustling life of an international relief camp, finding a passion and a calling among the brave doctors and volunteers. Finally free from the scrutiny of her royal life,

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Christianna struggles to keep her identity a secret from her new friends and coworkers—even from Parker Williams, the young doctor from Doctors Without Borders who works alongside Christianna and shares her dedication to healing. But as violence approaches and invades the camp, and the pressures of her royal life beckon her home, Christianna’s struggle for freedom takes an extraordinary turn. By a simple twist of fate, in one shocking moment, Christianna’s life is changed forever—in ways she never could have foreseen. From the splendor of a prince’s palace to the chaos of war-torn nations, Danielle Steel takes us into fascinating new worlds. Filled with unforgettable images and a remarkable cast of characters, *H.R.H.* is a novel of the conflict between old and new worlds, responsibility versus freedom, and duty versus love.

The Bachelor Contract - Rachel Van Dyken 2017-11-28

A second-chance romance from the #1 New York Times

bestselling author of *The Bet*, *Matchmaker* and *Elite* series! She's everywhere. Ex-wife. Love of his life. The last person in the world he wanted to see...ever. And now that he's working beside her every day, he can't escape her. Her scent, glimpses of her smile, even the tension in the air that makes his body hum with the kind of need he'd only experienced with one person—all of it is driving him over the edge. Brant Wellington was certain of three things: Alcohol wasn't going to solve this. He really was losing his F-ing mind. And his gorgeous ex-wife was going to be the death of him.

Four Blondes - Candace Bushnell 2007-12-01

The New York Times bestseller that “chronicles the glittering lives of semicelebrities, social aspirants, and moneyed folk [with] withering precision” (The New York Times). From the author of *Sex and the City*, this collection of novellas tells the stories of four women facing up to the limitations of their rapidly approaching middle age in an era that

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worships youth. From the former it-girl heroine of “Nice N’Easy,” who each summer looks for a rich man who’ll provide her with a house in the Hamptons, to the narrator of “Single Process,” who goes to London on a hunt for love and a good magazine story, Candace Bushnell brings to life contemporary women in search of something more—when the

world is pushing for them to settle for less. Sexy, funny, and “mercilessly satirical” (Publishers Weekly), *Four Blondes* is a knowing look at what lurks beneath our obsessions with sex, celebrity, and social status. “Stiletto-sharp wit and dialogue...A compulsive read.”—OK Magazine