

## Horse Lovers 2017 Engagement

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### Engaged to Her Ravensdale Enemy

*The Weiser Book of Occult Detectives* Judika Illes 2017-01-01 "This is is a compilation of vintage occult detective stories"--

**Human-Animal Relationships in Equestrian Sport and Leisure** Katherine Dashper 2016-10-04 Riding, training and caring for horses are visceral experiences that require the immersion of both body and mind. This book provides an in-depth understanding of human-horse relationships and interactions as embodied in equestrian sport and leisure. As a closely focused ethnographic study of the horse world, it explores the key themes of partnership and collaboration in human-horse communication, the formation of individual and collective identities performed through involvement in the horse world, and human-horse interaction as an embodied way of being. This book argues that encounters between humans and horses can reveal the ways that human society has been and continues to be structured through intersection with nonhuman others. Equestrian sport and leisure provides an apt context for considering how such concepts of interspecies communication and collaboration are negotiated, managed,(mis)understood and performed, resulting in a uniquely embodied way of knowing and being in the world. Human-Animal Relationships in Equestrian Sport and Leisure is fascinating reading for anyone interested in equestrianism, human-animal studies, theories of embodiment, the sociology of sport, or sport and social theory.

*Engaged to Her Ravensdale Enemy* Melanie Milburne 2016-04-01 In bed with her nemesis... When Jasmine Connolly's third engagement is broken off, she decides to make her man jealous by enlisting the help of her enemy, playboy Jake Ravensdale! Jasmine may never have forgiven him for his rejection years ago, but the heartless lothario is the perfect candidate for her plan. As tensions build, the line between love and hate increasingly blurs, teetering on the brink of explosion! Jasmine might be wearing Jake's ring, but she can't let go of the hurt he once caused her. Because if she does, what's to stop her from falling prey to the Ravensdale playboy's charms...? *The Age of the Horse* Susanna Forrest 2017-05-02 A “superb” account of the enduring connection between humans and horses—“Full of the sort of details that get edited out of more traditional histories” (The Economist). Fifty-six million years ago, the earliest equid walked the earth—and beginning with the first-known horse-keepers of the Copper Age, the horse has played an integral part in human history. It has sustained us as a source of food, an industrial and agricultural machine, a comrade in arms, a symbol of wealth, power, and the wild. Combining fascinating anthropological detail and incisive personal anecdote, equestrian expert Susanna Forrest draws from an immense range of archival documents as well as literature and art to illustrate how our evolution has coincided with that of horses. In paintings and poems (such as Byron’s famous “Mazeppa”), in theater and classical music (including works by Liszt and Tchaikovsky), representations of the horse have changed over centuries, portraying the crucial impact that we’ve had on each other. Forrest combines this history with her own experience in the field, and travels the world to offer a comprehensive look at the horse in our lives today: from Mongolia where she observes the endangered takhi, to a show-horse performance at the Palace of Versailles; from a polo club in Beijing to Arlington, Virginia, where veterans with PTSD are rehabilitated through interaction with horses. “For the horse-addicted, a book can get no better than this . . . original, cerebral and from the heart.” —The Times (London)

*Horse Sense for People* Monty Roberts 2002-05-28 From the author of the #1 bestseller The Man Who Listens to Horses, a book for all of us seeking to strengthen our human relationships “Monty Roberts will make you marvel.”—The New York Times Book Review In The Man Who Listens to Horses, Monty Roberts revealed the depth of communication possible between human and horse. Touching the hearts of more than four million readers worldwide, that memoir—which spent more than a year at the top of The New York Times bestseller list—described his discovery of the “language” of horses and the dramatic effectiveness of removing violence from their training. Now, the world’s most famous horse gentler demonstrates how his revolutionary Join-Up technique can be used not just for horses, but as a model for how to strengthen human relationships. With vivid, often deeply moving anecdotes, Roberts shows how the lessons learned from the thousands of horses he has known can provide effective guidelines for improving the quality of our communication with one another—from learning to “read” each other effectively, to creative fear-free environments, and, most importantly, teaching belief in the power of gentleness and trust.

**The Perfect Pony** Michelle Bates 2012-07-01 You mean...you've bought this pony? Alex's sister Kate cannot believe what he's done. Alex thought he was solving lots of problems buying a pony at the local auction. So he's in for a shock when he realizes he's now the owner of Puzzle, a filthy, thin and abused pony. But worse is to come, for Puzzle is in such a state, she may have to be put down.

**A Horse Walks Into a Bar** David Grossman 2018-01-16 Dov Greenstein, a comedian a bit past his prime, is doing a night of stand-up in a dive in a small Israeli city. In the audience are some whom Dov knew as a boy, an awkward, scrawny kid who walked on his hands to confound the neighborhood bullies. Gradually Dov's pitter becomes a kind of memoir: we meet his mother, a Holocaust survivor in need of constant monitoring, and his punishing father, a striver who had little understanding of his creative son; Dov recalls his week at a military camp for youth; and shares a story of loss and survival.

Terms of Engagement Kylie Brant 2017-03-13 Revisit a classic tale of romantic suspense by award-winning author Kylie Bryant... Everything about her was a lie Her role in defusing a hostage crisis had blown her cover, and “Lindsay Bradford” knew she had to flee again. But there was one obstacle. Jack Langley. Except her desire for one man Whoever she really was, Jack knew that Lindsay couldn’t run forever. And she couldn’t fight a vengeful killer all alone. Wherever she went, the SWAT cop would be there to protect her. Nothing would stop him—not even the desire that blindsided them, making them vulnerable to a bullet that now had both their names on it. Originally published in 2009

**The 48 Laws Of Power** Robert Greene 2010-09-03 THE MILLION COPY INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER Drawn from 3,000 years of the history of power, this is the definitive guide to help readers achieve for themselves what Queen Elizabeth I, Henry Kissinger, Louis XIV and Machiavelli learnt the hard way. Law 1: Never outshine the master Law 2: Never put too much trust in friends; learn how to use enemies Law 3: Conceal your intentions Law 4: Always say less than necessary. The text is bold and elegant, laid out in black and red throughout and replete with fables and unique word sculptures. The 48 laws are illustrated through the tactics, triumphs and failures of great figures from the past who have wielded - or been victimised by - power. \_\_\_\_\_(From the Playboy interview with Jay-Z, April 2003) PLAYBOY: Rap careers are usually over fast: one or two hits, then styles change and a new guy comes along. Why have you endured while other rappers haven't? JAY-Z: I would say that it's from still being able to relate to people. It's natural to lose yourself when you have success, to start surrounding yourself with fake people. In The 48 Laws of Power, it says the worst thing you can do is build a fortress around yourself. I still got the people who grew up with me, my cousin and my childhood friends. This guy right here (gestures to the studio manager), he's my friend, and he told me that one of my records, Volume Three, was wack. People set higher standards for me, and I love it.

*Screen Stories* Carl R. Plantinga

*The Big Book of Lesbian Horse Stories* Alisa Surkis 2002 Written in the style of the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s pulp fiction novels, a rollicking collection of novellas, including Miss Barnard's Unit in which a country bumpkin finds love with a classy debutante, captures the passion that erupts between women who love women—and the horses they ride. Original. 15,000 first printing.

*Nana by Emile Zola (Book Analysis)* Bright Summaries 2017-05-24 Unlock the more straightforward side of Nana with this concise and insightful summary and analysis! This engaging summary presents an analysis of Nana by Émile Zola, which follows the social rise and fall of the titular character thanks to her relationships with a series of powerful men. The depraved actions of the main character are set against the backdrop of the Second French Empire under Napoleon III, which has been weakened by corruption and decadence and now stands on the brink of collapse. Nana was criticised when it was first published because of its coarse language and immoral characters, but was championed by influential writers such as Flaubert and Maupassant and met with lasting popular success. The novel forms part of Les Rougon-Macquart, an ambitious cycle of 20 novels which tells the story of one extended family under the Second Empire. Émile Zola was the leading figure of the literary school of naturalism, as well as an influential social thinker, and is now regarded as one of France's greatest novelists. Find out everything you need to know about Nana in a fraction of the time! This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you:
• A complete plot summary
• Character studies
• Key themes and symbols
• Questions for further reflection
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**HORSE LOVERS 2021 ENGAGEMENT** BROWNTROUT 2020-10-10

*War and Peace* Leo Tolstoy 2017-09-13 Hailed as one of the greatest novels of all time, Tolstoy’s epic unfolds during the Napoleonic invasion of Russia and encompasses episodes of romance and historical scope as well as insightful social observation.

*Cowboy Dressage* Jessica Black 2017-12-01 The equestrian pursuit known as Cowboy Dressage melds the best of Western riding traditions and classical dressage in the pursuit of a harmonious relationship with a horse. Intended to be accessible to all, Cowboy Dressage is open to all breeds and all levels of riders; there isn’t a set frame for overall look, head carriage, or action. Lifelong horsewoman Jessica Black traces the evolution of Cowboy Dressage back to its roots, sharing the story of Eitan and Debbie Beth-Halachmy and their phenomenal Morgan horses that have served as the movement’s ambassadors. Black then expertly weaves Eitan Beth-Halachmy’s experience and expertise into an engaging and articulate explanation of the philosophy of Cowboy Dressage; defines the expectations of the rider; describes what a participant needs in terms of equipment; and explores how the most important element—the horse—should be prepared. A wonderful and thorough section on groundwork, as well as specific training advice for achieving engagement, regulating the gaits, smoothing transitions, and balancing bend and straightness, get the reader started with a solid foundation. Specific descriptions of the Cowboy Dressage tests are provided, with additional tools for those interested in competition, including rules, divisions, and how to execute and judge tests.

**Meow** Anouska Jones 2015-03-15 Cats have a way of walking into our lives and making themselves right at home. No cat lover can imagine life without a feline presence -- even if it is only as fleeting as the occasional conversation with a neighbourhood stray. Meow: A book of happiness for cat lovers is a compendium of delightful quotes that capture the essence of this fascination. Some are by famous people (Mark Twain, Jean Cocteau, Ernest Hemingway), others not; some are philosophical, others lighthearted – all are memorable. Accompanied by beautiful photography, and presented in a high-quality gift format, this is a collection of quotes to treasure. *Naked Liberty* Carolyn Resnick 2005 NAKED LIBERTY is a captivating memoir of Carolyn Resnick’s detailed account of how she gained a magnetic connection with horses. Carolyn reveals her struggle to be accepted into a herd of wild horses, beginning at the bottom of the pecking order, working to gain higher rank and ultimately riding on the back of a lead mare from a bonded trust. This book goes beyond “horse whispering” and will inspire readers to seek a higher level of communication with their horses. “I learned that dominant horses must fight for their position and lead horses do not. From these waterhole rituals I discovered the secret society of wild horses, and that the spirit of the bond has its own language,” says Carolyn.

*Woof* Anouska Jones 2016-10-01 Dogs have a way of making our lives feel complete. They’re there for us through good times and bad, with their wholehearted engagement in life a lesson to us all on living in the moment. Woof: A book of happiness for dog lovers is a compendium of delightful quotes that capture the essence of our affection for these wonderful animals. Some are by famous people (Aldous Huxley, Mark Twain, Charles M. Schulz, Milan Kundera, G.K. Chesterton), others not; some are philosophical, others light-hearted — all are memorable. Accompanied by beautiful photography, and presented in a high-quality gift format, this is a collection of quotes to treasure.

**Supercars 2022** 2021-08-31 Speed, power, and head-turning looks—there’s no mistaking a supercar! In this 16-month wall calendar, G. F. Williams’ superb photography captures the greatest high-performance offerings. From classics like the Jaguar XJ220 and Ferrari 250 to today’s stunning Bugatti, Pagani, and McLaren hypercars, Supercars 2022 features top makes and models from around the world. This 12”x12” wall calendar includes a convenient page that shows the months of September, October, November, and December 2021, followed by individual pages for the months of 2022. Supercars 2022 belongs on the wall of any fan of these super high-performance machines.

*The Art of Liberty Training for Horses* Jonathan Field 2020-01-20 Horse trainer Jonathan Field has made a name for himself with his unique ability to give people simple, understandable, doable steps that lead to working with the horse “at liberty” in a safe and progressive manner. True engagement with a horse at liberty isn’t just about removing tack and stepping outside the arena—it’s about connection, trust, and communication through movement. Enrich your relationship with your horse, improve your “feel,” and teach your horse to respond to the subtlest of cues; no matter your discipline, whether you compete or ride for pleasure, liberty training can change the way you interact with horses forever.

**The Horse-Lover’s Encyclopedia, 2nd Edition** Jessie Haas 2017-03-21 Here is a completely revised, full-color second edition of the established go-to source for equestrian information. This comprehensive A-to-Z guide covers “everything horse” and bridges gaps in the equestrian universe between English and Western styles. More than 1,700 entries explain wide-ranging topics such as breeds, tack, facilities, equine care and management, health and safety issues, riding styles and disciplines, shows, and much more. Whether you’re a rodeo hand, thoroughbred racer, seasoned professional, or armchair admirer, you’ll get everything you need from noted equestrian author Jessie Haas’ clear and thorough descriptions.

**An Enchantment of Ravens** Margaret Rogerson 2017-09-26 An instant New York Times bestseller! An Indie Next Top 10 Pick A Parents’ Choice Silver Honor Winner “A funny, action-packed, and sweet romance.” —School Library Journal (starred review) “A phenomenal read.” —RT Book Reviews A skilled painter must stand up to the ancient power of the faerie courts—even as she falls in love with a faerie prince—in this gorgeous bestseller that can’t an ideal pick for fans of Holly Black, Maggie Stiefvater, and Laini Taylor” (Publishers Weekly, starred review). Isobel is an artistic prodigy with a dangerous set of clients: the sinister fair folk, immortal creatures who cannot bake bread or put a pen to paper without crumbling to dust. They crave human Craft with a terrible thirst, and Isobel’s paintings are highly prized. But when she receives her first royal patron—Rook, the autumn prince—she makes a terrible mistake. She paints mortal sorrow in his eyes—a weakness that could cost him his life. Furious, Rook spirits her away to his kingdom to stand trial for her crime. But something is seriously wrong in his world, and they are attacked from every side. With Isobel and Rook depending on each other for survival, their alliance blossoms into trust, then love—and that love violates the fair folks’ ruthless laws. Now both of their lives are forfeit, unless Isobel can use her skill as an artist to fight the fairy courts. Because secretly, her Craft represents a threat the fair folk have never faced in all the millennia of their unchanging lives: for the first time, her portraits have the power to make them feel.

**The Psychosocial Implications of Disney Movies** Lauren Dundes 2019-07-11 In this volume of 15 articles, contributors from a wide range of disciplines present their analyses of Disney movies and Disney music, which are

mainstays of popular culture. The power of the Disney brand has heightened the need for academics to question whether Disney’s films and music function as a tool of the Western elite that shapes the views of those less empowered. Given its global reach, how the Walt Disney Company handles the role of race, gender, and sexuality in social structural inequality merits serious reflection according to a number of the articles in the volume. On the other hand, other authors argue that Disney productions can help individuals cope with difficult situations or embrace progressive thinking. The different approaches to the assessment of Disney films as cultural artifacts also vary according to the theoretical perspectives guiding the interpretation of both overt and latent symbolic meaning in the movies. The authors of the 15 articles encourage readers to engage with the material, showcasing a variety of views about the good, the bad, and the best way forward.

**Harlequin Historical November 2017 - Box Set 1 of 2** Diane Gaston 2017-11-01 Do you dream of wicked rakes, gorgeous Highlanders, muscled Viking warriors and rugged Wild West cowboys? Harlequin® Historical brings you three new full-length titles in one collection! REGENCY CHRISTMAS WISHES by Carla Kelly, Christine Merrill and Janice Preston (Regency) Dare to dally with a captain, a rake and a gentleman in these three Regency novellas of Christmas wishes come true, all in one festive volume! A PREGNANT COURTESAN FOR THE RAKE The Society of Wicked Gentlemen by Diane Gaston (Regency) Oliver Gregory discovers the woman he shared one passionate night with works at the gentlemen’s club he partly owns—and she’s pregnant! To legitimize his child, Oliver will ensure Cecilia returns to his bed...as his wife! LORD HUNTER’S CINDERELLA HEIRESS Wild Lords and Innocent Ladies by Lara Temple (Regency) Unhappily betrothed to each other, Lord Hunter agrees to help Nell convince another man she’s a worthy bride. But their lessons in flirtation inspire desire that has Hunter longing to keep Nell for himself... Look for Harlequin® Historical’s November 2017 Box set 2 of 2, filled with even more timeless love stories!

*Brandym*, third edition David Taylor 2017-08-24 the brandymy is a refreshingly simple, practical guide to boosting your brand and business performance. This new and updated edition 'reboots' the whole brand vision to action process to be fit for purpose in today's digital age, illustrated with inside stories from Snapchat, Airbnb, Netflix, Burberry, Dove, Apple, accenture, Lego and many others. The programme of 11 'Workouts' is packed with practical tools and tips to raise your game in key areas includinginsight, brand purpose and positioning, innovation and internal engagement. Complementary online resources include over 1,250 case studies with detailed data and videos.

*Strategies that Work* Stephanie Harvey 2007-01-01 Describes strategies teachers can use to promote reading comprehension in students from kindergarten through eighth grade; and includes examples of student work, illustrations, and other reference tools.

*The Perfect Horse* Elizabeth Letts 2016 “Traces the lesser-known efforts of Hitler to build a master race of the finest purebred horses and the heroic achievements of American soldiers to rescue imperiled stolen equines from a hidden Czechoslovakian farm during a 1945 battle between Third Reich and Allied forces,”-Novelist.

*Harlequin Desire June 2017 - Box Set 2 of 2* Maureen Child 2017-06-01 Do you love stories with sexy, romantic heroes who have it all—wealth, status, and incredibly good looks? Harlequin® Desire brings you all this and more with these three new full-length titles in one collection! A TEXAS-SIZED SECRET Texas Cattleman’s Club: Blackmail by Maureen Child When Naomi finds herself pregnant and facing scandal, her best friend steps up. He claims the baby as his and offers to marry her, in name only. But his solution leads to a new problem—she might be falling for him! CLAIMED BY THE RANCHER The Rancher’s Heirs by Jules Bennett Nolan Elliott let her go once, when a shared loss tore them apart, but now Pepper has returned, pregnant with another man’s baby. Will a marriage of convenience to protect her child lead to a second chance at love? UNBRIDLED BILLIONAIRE by Dani Wade Plain Jane Presley has always hidden in the background—until she’s forced into a business deal with dark, sexy billionaire Kane Harrington. Now she’s coming out of her shell, and Kane intends to conquer a lot more than the corporate competition... Look for Harlequin® Desire’s June 2017 Box Set 1 of 2, filled with even more scandalous stories and powerful heroes! Join HarlequinMyRewards.com to earn FREE books and more. Earn points for all your Harlequin purchases from wherever you shop.

*Delphi Complete Works of John Kendrick Bangs (Illustrated)* John Kendrick Bangs 2017-07-17 The late nineteenth century American humorist John Kendrick Bangs was an inventive satirical writer, who inspired the genre of Bangsian fantasy. Famous works like ‘A House-Boat on the Styx’ employed a fantastical premise, involving the use of famous literary or historical individuals and their interactions in the Afterlife. In the popular magazines ‘Puck’ and ‘Life’, Bangs created numerous hilarious characters, including Jimmieboy, the Idiot, Alice in Blunderland, the Unwiseman and a popular Raffles spin-off series — all revealing his important contribution to the development of humorist literature. For the first time in publishing history, this comprehensive eBook presents Bangs’ complete fictional works, with numerous illustrations, rare texts, informative introductions and the usual Delphi bonus material. (Version 1)\* Beautifully illustrated with images relating to Bangs’ life and works \* Concise introductions to the novels and other texts \* All 14 novels, with individual contents tables \* Features rare novels appearing for the first time in digital publishing, including Bangs’ almost lost first novel, ‘Roger Camerden’ \* The complete Idiot and Jimmieboy series \* Images of how the books were first published, giving you eReader a taste of the original texts \* Excellent formatting of the texts \* All of the famous works are fully illustrated with the original artwork, with thousands of images \* Rare magazine stories available in no other collection, including ‘The Paradise Club’ series \* Includes Bangs’ rare non-fiction work ‘Uncle Sam, Trustee’, digitised here for the first time \* Scholarly ordering of texts into chronological order and genresPlease visit www.delphiclassics.com to browse through our range of exciting titlesCONTENTS:The Novels Roger Camerden (1887) Toppleton’s Client (1893) Mr. Bonaparte of Corsica (1895) A Rebellious Heroine (1896) Emblemland (1901) Mollie and the Unwiseman (1902) Olympian Nights (1902) The Andiron Tales (1906) Alice in Blunderland (1907) The Whole Family: A Novel by Twelve Authors (1908) The Autobiography of Methuseleh (1909) Mollie and the Unwiseman Abroad (1910) Jack and the Checkbook (1911) From Pillar to Post (1916)The Jimmieboy Series Tiddledywink Tales (1891) The Tiddledywink’s Poetry Book (1892) In Camp with a Tin Soldier (1892) Half Hours with Jimmieboy (1893) The Mantel-Piece Minstrels, and Other Stories (1896) Bikey the Skycycle and Other Tales of Jimmieboy (1902) Uncollected Jimmieboy TalesThe Raffles Series Mrs. Raffles (1905) R. Holmes & Co. (1906)The Idiot Series Coffee and Repartee (1893) The Idiot (1895) The Idiot at Home (1900) The Inventions of the Idiot (1904) The Genial Idiot (1908) Half-Hours with the Idiot (1917)Associated Shades Series A House-Boat on the Styx (1895) The Pursuit of the House-Boat (1897) The Enchanted Type-Writer (1899) Mr. Munchausen (1901)Other Short Fiction The Lorgnette (1886) New Waggings of Old Tales by Two Wags (1888) Three Weeks in Politics (1894) The Water Ghost, and Others (1894) The Paradise Club (1895) Paste Jewels (1897) Ghosts I Have Met and Some Others (1898) Peeps at Peoples (1899) The Dreamers: A Club (1899) The Booming of Acre Hill and Other Reminiscences of Urban and Suburban Life (1900) Over the Plum-Pudding (1901) Potted Fiction (1908) A Little Book of Christmas (1912)The Plays The Bicyclers, and Three Other Farces (1896)The Poetry Cobwebs from a Library Corner (1899)The Non-Fiction Uncle Sam, Trustee (1902)Please visit www.delphiclassics.com to browse through our range of exciting titles or to purchase this eBook as a Parts Edition of individual eBooks

**Spirit** Anouska Jones 2019-03-12 Horses are the epitome of grace, power, and freedom. They also have an ability to touch our souls and connect with our hearts in a way that few other animals can. From a little girl’s first pony to a garled cowboy’s last quarter horse, they can offer us some of our deepest friendships and inspire us to be the best version of ourselves. Spirit: A book of happiness for horse lovers is a compendium of enduring quotes that capture the essence of our affection for these magnificent animals. Some are by famous people (Winston Churchill, Nathaniel Hawthorne, William Faulkner, Dale Carnegie, Ralph Waldo Emerson), others not; some are philosophical, others light-hearted - all are memorable. This best-selling collection of memorable quotes and beautiful photography is now available in paperback.

**The Magnificent Book of Horses** Weldon Owen 2021-06-08 This beautifully illustrated series will have you captivated. Stunning illustrations, intriguing facts, and a large format make an engaging reference to revisit time and again. From stocky Shetland ponies and gentle Welsh cobs to energetic Arabian horses and muscular destriers, dozens of horse breeds are depicted in beautiful full-color illustrations. Accompanied by a selection of intriguing facts about each horse, this is a wonderful reference young equestrians will revisit time and again.

*How to Think Like a Horse* Cherry Hill 2011-06-30 In this fascinating best seller, Cherry Hill explores the way horses think and how it affects their behavior. Explaining why certain smells and sounds appeal to your horse’s sensibility and what sets off his sudden movements, Hill stresses how recognizing the thought processes behind your horse’s actions can help you communicate effectively and develop a trusting relationship based on mutual respect.

**Beautiful Disaster Signed Limited Edition** Jamie McGuire 2012-11-27 Travis Maddox, Eastern University’s playboy, makes a bet with good girl Abby that if he loses, he will remain abstinent for a month, but if he wins, Abby must live in his apartment for the same amount of time.

*The Horses Know* Lynn Mann 2019-08-09 A novel for horse lovers who know that there is more to horses than meets the eye.

*Exception to the Rule: The Surprising Science of Character-Based Culture, Engagement, and Performance* Peter J. Rea 2017-09-15 The antidote to navigating turbulent times isn’t more rules. It is timeless virtue that creates sustainable value. Thoughtful leaders are keenly aware of the enormous challenge they face to drive high performance in a world that continues to ratchet up pressure and uncertainty. Some leaders respond by getting tough and establishing strict rules. They get people in line, but they don’t inspire excellence. Wise leaders, on the other hand, help their people practice character to navigate their way through the turbulence—without lowering performance expectations. As a result, their people are more reliable under pressure. Exception to the Rule links ancient wisdom with contemporary science on high performance, teamwork, and engagement. Building an organizational culture based on classical virtues—of trust, compassion, courage, justice, wisdom, temperance and hope—is both strategically smart and a better way to live. Exception to the Rule walks you through the steps of helping everyone in your organization focus on character defined by virtue. The word virtue means excellence, which is why each one is essential to help people perform at a high level despite uncertainty and pressure. Under character-based leadership, teams work better together, creativity flourishes and engagement increases. The most powerful idea of Exception to the Rule is this: character defined by virtue is not based on birthright; it can be learned and practiced. Everyone can develop habits to become better than they were. While character cannot be legislated, character can be cultivated. As virtue proves its value, the culture you have can evolve into the culture you need.

*The Soldier, the Gaoiler, the Spy and her Lover* Simon Parke 2017-02-16 January 30th 1649. England is not a country that wishes to execute its divinely-appointed king. Yet Charles 1 finds himself shivering on a scaffold in Whitehall, with the axe man by his side . . . In this brilliantly atmospheric novel, Simon Parke explores one of the most gripping tales in English history. He weaves together the four coinciding stories of Charles, including his extraordinary year-long imprisonment on the Isle of Wight . . . Robert Hammond, the poor man who found himself the king’s gaoler . . . Charles’ remarkable mistress (written out of the records), the super-spy Jane Whorwood . . and of course, the brilliant and depressed Oliver Cromwell, who is working through his own demons of religion, politics, love and death.

*A Daring Arrangement* Joanna Shupe 2017-10-31 Set in New York City’s Gilded Age, Joanna Shupe’s first book in her Four Hundred series features an English beauty with a wicked scheme to win the man she loves—and the American scoundrel who ruins her best laid plans... Lady Honora Parker must get engaged as soon as possible, and only a particular type of man will do. Nora seeks a mate so abhorrent, so completely unacceptable, that her father will reject the match—leaving her free to marry the artist she loves. Who then is the most appalling man in Manhattan? The wealthy, devilishly handsome financier, Julius Hatcher, of course.... Julius is intrigued by Nora’s ruse and decides to play along. But to Nora’s horror, Julius transforms himself into the perfect fiancé, charming the very people she hoped he would offend. It seems Julius has a secret plan all his own—one that will solve a dark mystery from his past, and perhaps turn him into the kind of man Nora could truly love.

**Man Hands** Sarina Bowen 2017-12-11 Now a USA Today bestselling series! BRYNN At thirty-four, I’m reeling from a divorce. I don’t want to party or try to move on. I just want to stay home and post a new recipe on my blog: Brynn’s Dips and Balls. But my friends aren’t having it. Get out there again, they say. It will be fun, they say. I’m still taking a hard pass. Free designer cocktails, they say. And that’s a game-changer. Too bad my ex shows up with his new arm candy. That’s when I lose my mind. But when my besties dare me to leap on the first single man I see, they don’t expect me to actually go through with it. TOM All I need right now is some peace and quiet while my home renovation TV show is on hiatus. But when a curvy woman in a red wrap dress charges me like she’s a gymnast about to mount my high bar, all I can do is brace myself and catch her. What follows is the hottest experience of my adult life. I want a repeat, but my flying Cinderella disappears immediately afterward. She doesn’t leave a glass slipper, either—just a pair of panties with chocolate bunnies printed on them. But I will find her. Snappy, hot and hilarious. New York Times bestselling author Julia Kent My face literally hurts from smiling. About That Story It’s FUNNY!! I mean, really funny. My whole body shook, trying to suppress my laughter made me snort and I accidentally doinked myself on the head with my kindle. Stacy is Sassy ABSOLUTELY HILARIOUS. I need more from Sarina Bowen and Tanya Eby already! Booklovers for Life This is such an amazing story! I laughed, I cried, and devoured the pages. Kitty’s Book Spot This collaboration ROCKED!!!! Book Twins Reviews This writing duo, Bowen and Eby, are kindred spirits. Together they created a sexy, funny and uplifting story. FMA Book Reviews Two lost souls just wanting someone to love them for who they were. Talk about heart squeezing. Celebrity Readers For fans of: Melanie Harlow, Corinne Michaels, Meghan March, Lex Martin, Lauren Blakely, Julia Kent, Elle Kennedy, Tijan, CD Reiss, Kendall Ryan, Yl Keeland, Penelope Ward, Jana Aston, K Bromberg, Katy Evans, Jessica Hawkins, Kristen Proby, Penny Reid, Helena Hunting, Sally Thorne, Kristan Ashley, Helen Hoang, Kylie Scott, Christina Lauren, Jana Aston, Sawyer Bennett, Lexi Ryan, Karina Halle, Skye Warren, Kennedy Ryan, Jodi Ellen Mapas, Zoe York, LJ Shen, Kristan Higgins, Jill Shalvis, Colleen Hoover, Sara New, Toni Aleo, Catherine Gayle, Jani Davenport, Cambria Herbert, Tammara Webber, Colleen Hoover, Emma Chase, Alice Clayton, Sabrina Bowen. Keywords: reality TV star, celebrity romance, one night stand, marriage of convenience, faux marriage, romantic comedy, alpha male, alpha hero, bad boy, home renovation, divorced heroine, plus size heroine, curvy heroine, romcom, comedy, plus size, curvy, Michigan, accidentally famous, fake marriage, fake boyfriend, one night stand.

*The Rain That Hammered Like Loving Rats* R. S. Arrow Blackay 2016-11-08 The Rain that Hammered like Loving Rats A Short Story by Untitled writer Josh Johnson had always loved dirty Dallas with its rich, rabblensnatching rivers. It was a place where he felt sparkly. He was a stingy, articulate, wine drinker with grubby arms and fragile legs. His friends saw him as a magnificent, misty muppet. Once, he had even jumped into a river and saved a snotacular baby bird. That’s the sort of man he was.

*Out Stealing Horses* Per Petterson 2012-07-03 We were going out stealing horses. That was what he said, standing at the door to the cabin where I was spending the summer with my father. I was fifteen. It was 1948 and oneof the first days of July. Trond’s friend Jon often appeared at his doorstep with an adventure in mind for the two of them. But this morning was different. What began as a joy ride on “borrowed” horses ends with Jon falling into a strange trance of grief. Trond soon learns what befell Jon earlier that day—an incident that marks the beginning of a series of vital losses for both boys. Set in the easternmost region of Norway, Out Stealing Horses by Per Petterson begins with an ending. Sixty-seven-year-old Trond has settled into a rustic cabin in an isolated area to live the rest of his life with a quiet deliberation. A meeting with his only neighbor, however, forces him to reflect on that fateful summer.