

## A Billion Reasons Why

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*There are a billion reasons why you can't. Focus on the few reasons you can. The last thing I need is a personal assistant. I'm good at my job, and, no matter what my interfering Mom thinks, I don't need help with that. Yet, somehow, I've ended up with Lilah as my PA. And I like her. She's smart, she's funny, and she's making my life a hell of a lot easier. But one business trip together, and everything changes. I never wanted this woman in my life, but now she's here, and I can't imagine it without her. Now that feels dangerous... Assisting the Boss Series Book 1 – Billion Reasons Book 2 – Duke of Delegation Book 3 – Late Night Meetings Book 4 – Delegating Love Book 5 – Suitors & Admirers Municipalities are facing significant new costs and higher local taxes because of food- and water-related problems and challenges. The book offers some ideas, solutions, and challenges to municipal leaders that you simply can't miss."--Pub. desc.*

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Green Means Green

A Billion Reasons Why

What a Girl Needs

A Billion Reasons to Care

*One Billion Reasons to Reshape Our Communities*

OMB management watch list : \$65 billion reasons to ensure the federal government is effectively managing information technology investments: hearing before the Committee on Government Reform, House of Representatives, One Hundred Ninth Congress, first session, April 21, 2005.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • “Endlessly inventive. . . [a] hybrid of Alice in Wonderland, The Wizard of Oz, and The Phantom Tollbooth.”—Salon What is Un Lun Dun? It is London through the looking glass, an urban Wonderland of strange delights where all the lost and broken things of London end up . . . and some of its lost and broken people, too—including Brokkenbroll, boss of the broken umbrellas; Obaday Fing, a tailor whose head is an enormous pin-cushion, and an empty milk carton called Curdle. Un Lun Dun is a place where words are alive, a jungle lurks behind the door of an ordinary house, carnivorous giraffes stalk the streets, and a dark cloud dreams of burning the world. It is a city awiting its hero, whose coming was prophesied long ago, set down for all time in the pages of a talking book. When twelve-year-old Zanna and her friend Deeba find a secret entrance leading out of London and into this strange city, it seems that the ancient prophecy is coming true at last. But then things begin to go shockingly wrong. BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from China Mieville’s Embassytown. Praise for Un Lun Dun “Mieville fills his enthralling fantasy with enough plot twists and wordplay for an entire trilogy, and that is a good thing. A.”—Entertainment Weekly “For style and inventiveness, turn to Un Lun Dun, by China Miéville, who throws off more imaginative sparks per chapter than most authors can manufacture in a whole book. Mieville sits at the table with Lewis Carroll, and Deeba cavorts with another young explorer of topsy-turvy worlds.”—The Washington Post Book World “Delicious, twisty, ferocious fun . . . so crammed with inventions, delights, and unexpected turns that you will want to start reading it over again as soon as you’ve reached the end.”—Kelly Link, author of Magic for Beginners “[A] wondrous thrill ride . . . Like the best fantasy authors, [Miéville] fully realizes his imaginary city.” —The A.V. Club “Mieville’s compelling heroine and her fantastical journey through the labyrinth of a strange London forms that rare book that feels instantly like a classic and yet is thoroughly modern.”—Holly Black, bestselling author of The Spiderwick Chronicles

Katie McKenna leads a seemingly perfect life and plans to wed her soon-to-be fiancé, Dexter, but when Luc DeForges, Katie's bold, breathtaking ex-boyfriend who is now a millionaire, asks Kate to go home to New Orleans for her childhood friend's wedding as his date, Katie goes along and realizes there is a magnetism between them she cannot deny. Original. In the universally acclaimed and award-winning The Bottom Billion, Paul Collier reveals that fifty failed states—home to the poorest one billion people on Earth—pose the central challenge of the developing world in the twenty-first century. The book shines much-needed light on this group of small nations, largely unnoticed by the industrialized West, that are dropping further and further behind the majority of the world's people, often falling into an absolute decline in living standards. A struggle rages within each of these nations between reformers and corrupt leaders—and the corrupt are winning. Collier analyzes the causes of failure, pointing to a set of traps that ensnare these countries, including civil war, a dependence on the extraction and export of natural resources, and bad governance. Standard solutions do not work, he writes; aid is often ineffective, and globalization can actually make matters worse, driving development to more stable nations. What the bottom billion need, Collier argues, is a bold new plan supported by the Group of Eight industrialized nations. If failed states are ever to be helped, the G8 will have to adopt preferential trade policies, new laws against corruption, new international charters, and even conduct carefully calibrated military interventions. Collier has spent a lifetime working to end global poverty. In The Bottom Billion, he offers real hope for solving one of the great humanitarian crises facing the world today. “Set to become a classic. Crammed with statistical nuggets and common sense, his book should be compulsory reading.” --The Economist “If Sachs seems too saintly and Easterly too cynical, then Collier is the authentic old Africa hand: he knows the terrain and has a keen ear.... If you've ever found yourself on one side or the other of those arguments--and who hasn't?--then you simply must read this book.” --Niall Ferguson, The New York Times Book Review “Rich in both analysis and recommendations.... Read this book. You will learn much you do not know. It will also change the way you look at the tragedy of persistent poverty in a world of plenty.” --Financial Times

A Billion Consequences

Sun! One in a Billion

2.7 Billion Reasons why Jesus Didn't Come in 1988

India for a Billion Reasons

The Bottom Billion

A Funding Review of Contracted Long-Term Care in B.C. 2020

**Would you work for Christian Grey if he had a sense of humor? INTEROFFICE MEMO Dear Madeline: Be prepared to discuss the following at your performance review: HR guidelines about appropriate skirt length, heel height, perfume at the office, and laughing too much. At our recent work retreat, you failed the trust exercise. You did, however, excel at the ropes course. Note: you do not need to reimburse me for sharing my suite. Remember that your position under me depends on meeting hard, measurable goals. Put this on a sticky note: nine inches. PowerPoint presentation attached. I could list a billion reasons why I don't need an assistant to help me communicate effectively. After all, I didn't become this wealthy and powerful by saying "please." But there is one reason that I need you: I'm falling for you. Mr. Gage PS. We also need to revisit the rules for Casual Friday. A Billion Reasons is a hot, humorous, full-length, standalone contemporary romance about a demanding billionaire boss and his sassy, young secretary. Just a warning: this book will make you laugh out loud and then fan yourself, so keep that in mind when reading it on public transit. Please note: This book was previously published as No Excuses.**

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