

The Prada Plan 3 Green Eyed Monster 2013 Ashley Antoinette

The third and most explosive installment of the groundbreaking True to the Game trilogy will take you on a marathon race through the mean streets of Philly. Starting off where the second installment's dramatic cliffhanger left us, True III will finally reveal Gena's mysterious stalker and savior, as well as introduce a new killer so vicious, so cunning, so ruthless, he'll have you looking over your shoulder with each turn of the page. The crooked cops are searching for the money, Gena's family members are now the target for Gena who's hiding from everything and everyone, as the race is on for Gena's survival. Will she manage to keep the money, can she get out of town and make a new life for herself, and will her family survive the maniacal killer that is hell bent on tracking her down? Will Gena stay, True to the Game?

From the award-winning, bestselling author of The Circle comes an exciting new follow-up. When the world's largest search engine/social media company, the Circle, merges with the planet's dominant ecommerce site, it creates the richest and most dangerous—and, oddly enough, most beloved—monopoly ever known: the Every. Delaney Wells is an unlikely new hire at the Every. A former forest ranger and unwavering tech skeptic, she charms her way into an entry-level job with one goal in mind: to take down the company from within. With her compatriot, the not-at-all-ambitious Wes Makazian, they look for the Every's weaknesses, hoping to free humanity from all-encompassing surveillance and the emoji-driven infantilization of the species. But does anyone want what Delaney is fighting to save? Does humanity truly want to be free? Studded with unforgettable characters, outrageous outfits, and lacerating set-pieces, this companion to The Circle blends absurdity and terror, satire and suspense, while keeping the reader in apprehensive excitement about the fate of the company—and the human animal.

Love should burn slowly, but with Ezra "Ethic" Okafor it is always fleeting. After an accidental killing affects Alani, the woman he loves, she thinks he's a monster. Separated by tragedy, the pair endure a loss like nothing they have ever felt and their connection is impossible to repair. Ethic is reduced to misery and raising his children alone once again. With Morgan in the throes of a passionate love affair and Bella in need of guidance that he can't provide, Ethic is in turmoil. He's failing as a man and the fingerprint he is leaving on the world is a bloody one. In this second installment of this epic love story, Ashley Antoinette taps into the soul of her readers as she explores the limits of love and forgiveness. Is anything truly unforgivable? Or is Ethic the one man who can love a woman back from the edge of madness. Ashley Antoinette is one of the most prolific and successful writers of her generation. The feminine half of the popular duo (Ashley and JaQuavis) she has co-written over forty novels. She is most widely regarded for her racy, New York Times Best Selling series, The Prada Plan. To stay updated on all things Ashley follow her on social media. Instagram: @AshleyAntoinette Facebook: facebook.com/authorashleyantoinette Twitter: @Novelista

In Penny Candy and Other Stories, Trisha Batchelor exploits the strengths of a literary form rarely published today--the short story. The title story captures the longing of a child affected by her father's absence. In "More Than Lovely" two families though divided along class lines are bonded by a long-hidden secret. "Righteous" explores the familial entanglements that can exist within small towns and how seemingly irreparable mistakes can be made right. In "Millie's Song," a young woman emerges intact from a life of recklessness through an unexpected divine alliance. "Paul and Silas" shows how tragedy can force us to face our past. "Jealousy" depicts the connection between siblings in a family fractured by their transient fathers. In "The Station" reality is questioned through the mysterious journey of a group of strangers. With insight and sensitivity, Batchelor addresses in these seven stories the themes of redemption, matters of the heart, and how the vulnerable extend love within complex family systems.

True to the Game III

Butterfly

Murderville

Ethic 2

The Cartel Deluxe Edition

While Liberty lies on her deathbed, A'shai recalls their violent past together, which includes a Mexican drug cartel, child brothels, and the Los Angeles underworld.

The story of Pecola Breedlove profiles an eleven-year-old African-American girl growing up in an America that values blue-eyed blondes and the tragedy that results from her longing to be accepted.

In the little city of Flint, MI, the good die young and the people left standing are the grimmest of characters. With reign over the city's drug trade, Benjamin Atkins made sure that his precious daughter, Raven, was secluded from the grit that the city had to offer. But when Raven's young heart gets claimed by Mizan, a stick-up kid in search of a come-up, there's nothing Benjamin can do about losing her to the streets. She chooses love over loyalty and runs off with Mizan, but her new role as wifey soon proves to be more than she can handle. Puppy love always feels right, but things turn stale, and she soon finds that everyone she loves has disappeared. All she has is Mizan, but when hugs and kisses turn to bloody lips and black eyes, she realizes that Mizan is not who she thought he was. Raven becomes desperate for a way out, but this time, Daddy can't save her. Every time she finds the courage to leave, fear convinces her to stay. Like a moth to a flame, Raven is drawn to Mizan, even though she knows he'll be the death of her. When the hood life she chose becomes unbearable and the only way out is in a coffin, what will she do?

The inimitable Wahida Clark delivers the latest installment of her best-selling high-octane urban drama series Payback, filled with the glamour, sex and danger that fans of the series can't get enough of and that new readers will rush to. Picking up where the suspenseful ending of Payback With Ya Life left off, we're plunged back into the hip hop drama, where the men are hot and dangerous, the women know their shoes from their Choos, and will stop at nothing to get what they want. In a game of power and intrigue where the stakes are high and

the rewards are dazzling, the losers are gonna discover – there ' s always a price to pay.

Books 1-3

The Every

Diary of a Street Diva

Forever a Hustler's Wife

The Prada Plan 3:

Moth to a Flame

The Red Bottom Bandits may be the world's most fashion-forward gang of masked outlaws. They're the talk of D.C. for their daring robberies and fly gear. And their latest caper is penned by Ashley Antoinette (of Ashley & JaQuavis) at her sultry, streetwise best. When the innocent, naïve Gucci recognizes ringleader Sunny Raegan during a holdup, that's her "in" with the Bandits. Knowing she's got a lot more beauty than brains, Gucci sees the gang as her meal ticket. More likely, they'll be her ticket to the morgue! The Bandits may be lawless, but they play by a few simple rules: Get in and get out. . .shoot first and ask questions later. . .never leave without the money. . .and innocent people don't get hurt. But it's only a matter of time before all these rules get broken—and that's when Gucci gets caught! If there's one thing a girl needs, it's a little help from her friends. But her "friends" have skipped town without giving her a second thought. And Sunny is distracted by her new baby and her violent ex-lover. So Gucci's on her own. She's on trial for her life, and she must decide whether to snitch on the girls—or take the fall all by herself. Whichever she chooses, it may be her death sentence.

Leah has been trying for years to get rid of her competition, and all her crazy scheming has finally paid off—or so she thinks. Now that YaYa is out of the picture, she's ready to step into her shoes and have the life she always dreamed of. The scars that she earned in the fire almost seem worth it if they mean she'll finally be able to have all the money, the family, and most importantly, to have Indie's love to herself. There's only one problem. Disaya Morgan isn't dead. She survived the fire too, and she's healing under the watchful eye of one very powerful woman who's ready to help put YaYa on top. With her newfound connections, YaYa could have Leah taken out with the snap of her fingers—but that's not good enough for her. The only way YaYa can battle the demons that are still haunting her is to finish Leah off herself. YaYa is out for blood. There can only be one winner, and these two are on a collision course that could send one of them straight to hell. Ashley Antoinette is back and better than ever with the third installment of The Prada Plan series. A case of mistaken identity left readers reeling at the end of part 2, but part 3 is a heart-pounding saga that will leave you breathless.

Accepted into a New York organization known as The Elite, money-hungry Disaya Morgan enters into a world of sex and lies from where she cannot escape. Original.

In this explosive addition to the New York Times bestselling series, Ashley Antoinette brings you pain, pleasure, love, hate, as YaYa struggles to hold it all together before life blows up in her face, in The Prada Plan 5. Disaya finally has it all. The man she fought for is hers at last. Her name is Mrs. Indie Perkins and their daughter is safe. Leah is gone. Life is supposed to be good. So why isn't she satisfied? Why does life suddenly seem so bitter? YaYa's Prada Plan had worked but with the riches comes pain. She and Indie have grown apart, and with Parker now a permanent fixture in their lives, Indie is pressured to juggle it all. But YaYa's patience is running thin. Indie is loving her wrong. Her life isn't what she wants. Her Prada Plan has changed...and now, it's time to pursue a plan B in order to get what she really wants...

Rhineland v. Rhineland and the Law of the Multiracial Family

Luxe Two: A LaLa Land Addiction

According to Our Hearts

A Novel

Murder Mamas

Guilty Gucci

Ashley Antoinette (of Ashley & JaQuavis fame) steps out on her own once again with the next installment of her scandalously sexy Prada Plan series! Infamous bad girl lost Indie to YaYa, but that doesn't mean she's out of the game. You can't cross a woman like Leah and not expect there to be consequences—and that's just what Indie gets when Leah captures and kidnaps the couple's baby girl, Skylar. This is no ordinary game of cat and mouse. Everyone knows that Leah is nuts and there are no limits to her revenge. Now YaYa's world is falling apart as she and Indie desperately search for their daughter, praying she's still alive. YaYa thought her street days were behind her, but when demons have surfaced, she'll need a new plan to come out on top. But when all truths turn out to be lies, it's almost too much to take. Will Leah really kill baby Skylar? Can YaYa reign over Houston without falling victim to the game? And as long as Leah lives, is there any hope of Indie and YaYa and Skylar living happily ever after? All these questions are answered in this heart-pounding sequel!

The port of Miami brings in millions of dollars' worth of cocaine every year, and the Cartel controls eighty percent of it. The Diamond family is a force to be reckoned with, but loose when they lose their leader. The most ruthless gangster Miami has ever seen, Carter Diamond, leaves behind a wife, twin sons, a daughter, and a secret. The second son is Carter Jones. When young Carter learns of his father's death, he comes to town and is introduced to the legacy of the Cartel. Miamor is a woman who uses her beauty to get revenge. She is the leader of The Murder Mamas. When her crew is hired to take down the Cartel, they get caught slipping, and Miamor loses her sister in the process. To get revenge. Unknowingly, she meets the son of Carter Diamond, and he immediately catches her heart. She is sleeping with the enemy, and when she finds out, she is determined to get revenge. Thus begins the saga of the Cartel, the New York Times bestselling series by street lit superstars Ashley & Jaquavis. Every book in the series is full of their trickery, deceit, and plot twists that will leave you shocked. Now fans can relive the story of the Diamond family in this deluxe edition, with books one through three all under one cover. In the final installment of the Murderville series, the characters learn that sometimes you have to give up pride and glory if you are ever going to survive life on the streets.

printing.

Every Hustler's reign ends in one of two ways. . .prison or death. Refusing to let the prediction become a reality, Julius "Jules" Carter creates new rules to an old game of the most notorious drug operations Harlem has ever seen. Jules thought the game was his biggest challenge that is until he meets Tish. Young and Ambitious she is Harlem's allure, but her love for Jules has her rooted. She gets tangled in his web of lies and deceit. When she finds out about his past demons and connects them with that there's a thin line between love and hate. You can't turn a bad girl good, but once a good girl turns bad she's gone forever. Julius finds out the hard way that eventually comes to light. Ashley and JaQuavis narrate a fast paced, suspenseful tale of one of Harlem's biggest drug lords, his rise to power, and the woman behind him.

The Prada Plan 4

Face-off

A novel

Green-Eyed Monster

Promise Broken

Butterfly 3

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When his wife, Remy, is locked up unexpectedly, Cease, a young hustler from Flint, Michigan, stumbles upon her diary, which exposes her deepest and darkest secrets, and discovers a new side to this woman he thought he knew. Reprint.

The feud between YaYa and Leah has ruined the lives of everyone around them. In The Prada Plan 4, the animosity is alive, and resentments run deeper than ever. Indie has watched YaYa's past destroy the woman he once knew, and his patience has run thin. After being left at the altar, he is heartbroken and confused. His quests to save YaYa from herself have failed, and he finally decides that it's time to let the love of his life go. Her thirst for blood is unquenchable, and like a black hole she sucks the life out of everything around her. If he doesn't cut his ties, he knows that YaYa will cripple him and destroy their family in the process. Then he receives a phone call stating that YaYa is in trouble, and his entire world crumbles at his feet. Who lives and who dies? Will YaYa's addiction to Leah stop her from living her happily ever after? Will the infamous bad girl Leah ever receive her karma? The final book of the Prada Plan series will leave readers breathless as they flip the pages trying to race to the finish. Ashley Antoinette is back and better than ever with this sexy street tale.

A small-town girl fresh out of an Ivy League college lands a job at a prestigious fashion magazine, but wonders if the glamorous perks are worth working for the editor from hell.

The Stone World

First of a Trilogy

Tale of the Murda Mamas

Ethic 3

Around the Way Girls 3: Double Trouble

Gingerbread

"One of the biggest names in Urban-fiction, Ashley Antoinette, is back ... An intense start to this new series with characters that are real and genuine. It's a story about love, trying to put the past behind and moving on with your life" - Red Carpet Crash on Butterfly Morgan Atkins is used to losing, but losing Messiah Williams was the most tragic of them all. Surely, after Messiah, no other man could compare. Settling with Sebastian Fredrick didn't seem like such an impossible task. He treated her well enough, he accepted her children, and he offered her entrance into a well-connected world. There was only one problem: he wanted to change her into someone else. The rules that went along with his lifestyle suffocated her and when Morgan reconnected with Messiah's crew, she no longer wanted to play by Bash's rules. When she falls in love with Messiah's best friend, Ahmeek Harris, she knows she's headed for trouble. His presence heals her in a way that no man has ever been able to do before. Their love affair is electric. Morgan is uncertain about many things but one thing she's sure of is that she can't let this feeling go. She goes out on a limb and risks it all just to be with Meek, but when Messiah reveals that he's still alive, the battle for one girl's heart just may lead to the demise of them all. She can only be queen to one man. Which one has the true key to her heart? Can Messiah make up for his mistakes or is it too late to save what they once had? Is Ahmeek a rebound or does he offer her something more? Does Bash even stand a chance? This second installment of the Butterfly series will leave you breathless.

In this book, we have hand-picked the most sophisticated, unanticipated, absorbing (if not at times crackpot!), original and musing book reviews of "The Prada Plan 3: Green Eyed Monster." Don't say we didn't warn you: these reviews are known to shock with their unconventionality or intimacy. Some may be

startled by their biting sincerity; others may be spellbound by their unbridled flights of fantasy. Don't buy this book if: 1. You don't have nerves of steel. 2. You expect to get pregnant in the next five minutes. 3. You've heard it all.

TAZ IS BACK! What happens to an organized criminal enterprise when the weakest link finally breaks? Changes must be made for future growth, but nobody can see the forest for the trees. The Network, known for their calculated power moves, attempts to align themselves with new international business colleagues. With a leader like Taz, the possibilities seem endless, but not everyone adjusts well to change. Over the years, respect has been lost and decisions challenged. As secrets are unveiled, blood will be shed and lives will be lost. Will betrayal stand in the way of prosperity? Clifford "Spud" Johnson delivers with this highly anticipated addition to the Gangsta Twist Series that will keep you on your toes!

He traces the intellectual roots of the movement and shows how journalism can be made vital again by rethinking exactly what journalists are for."--Jacket.

The Bluest Eye

A Critique of an American Genre

The Prada Plan

Green Eyed Monster

The Prada Plan 5

Dirty Money

"One of the biggest names in urban-fiction." - Red Carpet Crash on Butterfly The hardest thing Morgan Atkins has ever done is let go of love. After losing Messiah, she never thought she'd find someone who understood her again. Until she reunited with Ahmeek Harris and their friendship quickly transformed into something deeper, but there was one problem... she was engaged to a man she didn't love and he's holding a deadly secret over her head. If that wasn't enough, her long lost love Messiah returned to claim her as his own. Three men plus one woman equals inevitable heartbreak. Morgan wants to follow her heart and take the risk of a lifetime, but she risks destroying her family in the process. Will Morgan enter a loveless marriage? Or will Messiah and Ahmeek fix their brotherhood and work together to save the woman they both love?

Anari is the epitome of a good-girl-turned-bad after her world is brutally destroyed. Consumed with her desire for revenge, she and her best friend Monica enter a life of drugs, fast money and betrayal - adopting the lifestyle that pushed them into the game in the first place. Hiding their true identities they quickly rise to the top of New Jersey's dope game. Using everyone who crosses their paths, nothing - not betrayal or addiction - will stop them from dispensing their street justice.

The street-smart, sassy, and sexy girls from around the way can overcome almost anything, but when the unexpected happens, they discover that life isn't done teaching them valuable lessons. Original.

From the son of acclaimed author James Agee, a haunting novel depicting an American boy's childhood in Mexico, ensconced in a world comprised of communist European exiles, local union activists, street children, and avant-garde artists like Frida Kahlo. Joel Agee's hallucinatory first novel begins in a house with a large garden in an unnamed Mexican town in the late 1940s, where six-and-a-half-year-old Peter reads, dreams, and plays with his friends. He is a nascent explorer, artist, philosopher, mystic, and scientist. His world is still new, not yet papered over with received knowledge. And the actual world around him is a unique one in history: a community of leftist emigrés who have found refuge in Mexico from the Nazi and fascist regimes of Europe, rubbing shoulders with Mexican labor activists and leftists such as Frida Kahlo. But the emigrés long for home — including Peter's step-father, who wants to return to his native Germany. Going back to Europe may not be safe for any of them yet, however, which gives rise to anguished arguments among Peter's parents's and their tight group of friends. And slowly, Peter begins to comprehend that his world may be turned upside down — that he might be forced to take leave of everyone he knows: his best friend, Arón; his father's friend Sándor, who talks about revolution and performs magic tricks; and Zita, the family's live-in-maid, who has taught him the consoling mysteries of prayer . . . Steeped in the magic and myths of childhood — yet haunted by a harsh adult world bedeviled by instability and political turmoil — Joel Agee's *The Stone World* is an unforgettable portrait of a family that will inevitably invite comparison with another classic family story, that of his father James Agee's *A Death in the Family*.

Gangsta Twist 3

Payback Ain't Enough

Electoral Realignment

Luxe

What are Journalists For?

Butterfly 2

DIV This landmark book looks at what it means to be a multiracial couple in the United States today. According to *Our Hearts* begins with a look back at a 1925 case in which a two-month marriage ends with a man suing his wife for misrepresentation of her race, and shows how our society has yet to come to terms with interracial marriage. Angela Onwuachi-Willig examines the issue by drawing from a variety of sources, including her own experiences. She argues that housing law, family law, and employment law fail, in important ways, to protect multiracial couples. In a society in which marriage is used to give, withhold, and take away status—in the workplace and elsewhere—she says interracial couples are at a disadvantage, which is only exacerbated by current law. /div

Will Miley let her inner diva take control, or remember that it's what's inside that counts?

Butterfly is the first novel in an all new series by New York Times bestselling author Ashley Antoinette! "Run away from the boy that gives you butterflies, he's going to break your heart." Morgan Atkins had been told that phrase ever since she was a little girl and still she allowed herself to fall for the boy that made her heart flutter. After losing her first love, Morgan is terrified to love again. She's settled for a comfortable life with a respectable man. She has everything. She's living in the lap of luxury and although she's comfortable, she's bored out of her mind. When a ghost from her past blows into town, she finds herself entangled in an illicit affair. It's wrong, but she can't fight the butterflies he gives her and honestly, she doesn't want to. She can't hide the natural attraction she feels and soon, she's so deep involved that she can no longer tell where the boundary between right and wrong lies. Her heart is telling her one thing, but her head is saying another. Morgan Atkins has always been a spoiled girl and she tries to have it all, but when she's forced to choose between a good man and a bad boy, someone will end up hurt. Someone just may end up dead. Morgan Atkins has been through more tragedy than one girl can bear. Will she weather this storm? Or will the ultimate heartbreak ruin her for good?

The high priestess of the hood, Nikki Turner, is back with the novel fans have been feenin' for: the sequel to her #1 bestselling novel, A Hustler's Wife. Des, Virginia's slickest gangsta, is about to become a dad when he is charged with the murder of his own attorney. But with Yarni, his gorgeous wife (and a brilliant lawyer), now calling the shots, Des isn't going back to the slammer without a fierce fight. Even with the heat on, Des manages to take his game to the next level and finds a new hustle, one that will allow him to possess the three things all major players desire: money, power, and respect. He becomes a preacher. Reluctantly, Yarni stands by her man as he trades in his triple beam scale for a Bible and a Bentley and makes his Church of the Good Life Ministry a welcoming place for all sinners to step up to the altar. But when Des's nephew is killed in the high-stakes heroin trade and Des learns that someone close to him okayed the hit, the dyed-in-the-wool gangsta sets aside the Bible for the gospel of the streets—even if it means risking the one person who's always had his back.

The Prada Plan 3

Penny Candy and Other Stories

The Cartel 2

The Most Intimate Revelations about the Prada Plan 3

The Prada Plan 2

Murderville 3

A brand new series from New York Times bestselling author Ashley Antoinette

Diamonds are forever . . . or are they? The Cartel runs Miami, and loyalty to their organization runs deep, but when someone breaks the rules, things may be beyond repair. A snitch in the crew has dismantled the notorious Cartel, and now disloyalty threatens to tear the family apart. Young Carter is in the fight for his life, as he faces drug kingpin charges due to the treachery of his best friend, Ace. Kidnapping, murder, deception, and seduction fill this highly anticipated sequel. Will Zyir find out that Breeze is still alive? Will Mecca be exposed as his brother's killer? Is Miamor dead or alive? Ashley and JaQuavis are back with The Cartel 2. Their twisted tale of deceit will have you on the edge of your seat, trying to figure out what happens next.

Robyn and Aries are "The Murder Mamas," contract killers taking no prisoners in Los Angeles. It doesn't take them long to link up with Hollywood's biggest drug kingpin, who hires them to take out a snitch and a judge. But the plans backfire and they only complete half the job. Robyn gets caught and put on Death Row, and Aries goes on the run. She winds up in the Islands, where she takes up a new life as a mother and wife, and tries to forget who she once was. But unfinished business has a way of coming back to haunt you; and when it's the killing kind, there's a huge price to pay. Now Aries has to put it all on the line as she sets out to finish what the Murder Mamas started, leaving her family and her sanity and her soul behind. . .

In Luxe Two: A LaLa Land Addiction by New York Times bestselling author Ashley Antoinette, there is only one thing more powerful than anything...the love of the high... Bleu is addicted...addicted to the luxe life and it has led her down a road of self-destruction. She knows what it feels like to be turned out by the game. With a crack cocaine addiction that she can't seem to escape, she is desperate for a savior. Her problem is she has two great loves that want to come to her rescue. When her best friend, Noah comes searching for her she is faced with a dilemma. Will she let him save her? Or will she stick with the kingpin, Iman, who has loved her since their first encounter? Or will both men lose her to a love she can't get rid of...one that abuses her...and one that will be the death of her...

Supreme Clientele

Love & War

The Black Dahlia

The Devil Wears Prada

"Exhilarating...A wildly imagined, head-spinning, deeply intelligent novel." - The New York Times Book Review "[W]ildly inventive...[Helen Oyeyemi's] prose is not without its playful bite." -Vogue The

prize-winning, bestselling author of *Boy Snow Bird*, *What Is Not Yours Is Not Yours*, and *Peaces* returns with a bewitching and imaginative novel. Influenced by the mysterious place gingerbread holds in classic children's stories, beloved novelist Helen Oyeyemi invites readers into a delightful tale of a surprising family legacy, in which the inheritance is a recipe. Perdita Lee may appear to be your average British schoolgirl; Harriet Lee may seem just a working mother trying to penetrate the school social hierarchy; but there are signs that they might not be as normal as they think they are. For one thing, they share a gold-painted, seventh-floor walk-up apartment with some surprisingly verbal vegetation. And then there's the gingerbread they make. Londoners may find themselves able to take or leave it, but it's very popular in Druhástrana, the far-away (or, according to many sources, non-existent) land of Harriet Lee's early youth. The world's truest lover of the Lee family gingerbread, however, is Harriet's charismatic childhood friend Gretel Kercheval—a figure who seems to have had a hand in everything (good or bad) that has happened to Harriet since they met. Decades later, when teenaged Perdita sets out to find her mother's long-lost friend, it prompts a new telling of Harriet's story. As the book follows the Lees through encounters with jealousy, ambition, family grudges, work, wealth, and real estate, gingerbread seems to be the one thing that reliably holds a constant value. Endlessly surprising and satisfying, written with Helen Oyeyemi's inimitable style and imagination, it is a true feast for the reader.

Beware of the company you keep. K'wan's urban fiction coming-of-age novel, *Promise Broken*, is set in the gritty streets of Newark, New Jersey. The story follows seventeen-year-old Promise Mohammed as she attempts to uphold friendships and new relationships—even if they lead to her demise. After Promise's mother dies in a tragic car accident, it leaves a void in Promise's life that she is yearning to fill. This titular novel finds Promise spiraling into a life of crime and drug affiliation by the company she chooses to keep. Also coping with abandonment and a lifelong broken commitment from her biological father, Promise ultimately has two goals: to graduate from high school and to be loved. But can she find the love that she seeks from her aunt Dell, two best friends, Mouse and Keys, or drug-dealer Asher—the man who captivates her—despite the fact that each relationship will lead to life-altering events? Only time will tell.

The study of electoral realignments is one of the most influential and intellectually stimulating enterprises undertaken by American political scientists. Realignment theory has been seen as a science able to predict changes, and generations of students, journalists, pundits, and political scientists have been trained to be on the lookout for “signs” of new electoral realignments. Now a major political scientist argues that the essential claims of realignment theory are wrong—that American elections, parties, and policymaking are not (and never were) reconfigured according to the realignment calendar. David Mayhew examines fifteen key empirical claims of realignment theory in detail and shows us why each in turn does not hold up under scrutiny. It is time, he insists, to open the field to new ideas. We might, for example, adopt a more nominalistic, skeptical way of thinking about American elections that highlights contingency, short-term election strategies, and valence issues. Or we might examine such broad topics as bellicosity in early American history, or racial questions in much of our electoral history. But we must move on from an old orthodoxy and failed model of illumination.