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Haunted by serious problems in her recent past, thirteen-year-old Cassie makes a fresh start at a Seattle school but is drawn by dangerous new friends into a world of sex, drugs, and violence, while her parents remain oblivious.

Kristy starts a softball team with her young charges, and while their name is fearsome--"Kristy's Krushers"--they turn out to be klutzes and will need a little luck to win.

Pinocchio, The Tale of a Puppet follows the

adventures of a talking wooden puppet whose nose grew longer whenever he told a lie and who wanted more than anything else to become a real boy. As carpenter Master Antonio begins to carve a block of pinewood into a leg for his table the log shouts out, "Don't strike me too hard!" Frightened by the talking log, Master Cherry does not know what to do until his neighbor Geppetto drops by looking for a piece of wood to build a marionette. Antonio gives the block to Geppetto. And thus begins the life of Pinocchio, the puppet that turns into a boy. Pinocchio, The Tale of a Puppet is a novel for children by Carlo Collodi is

about the mischievous adventures of Pinocchio, an animated marionette, and his poor father and woodcarver Geppetto. It is considered a classic of children's literature and has spawned many derivative works of art. But this is not the story we've seen in film but the original version full of harrowing adventures faced by Pinnocchio. It includes 40 illustrations.

A journalist's twenty-year fascination with the Manson murders leads to shocking new revelations about the FBI's involvement in this riveting reassessment of an infamous case in American history.

Over two grim nights in Los Angeles, the young followers of Charles Manson murdered seven people, including the actress Sharon Tate, then eight months pregnant. With no mercy and seemingly no motive, the Manson Family followed their leader's every order -- their crimes lit a flame of paranoia across the nation, spelling the end of the sixties. Manson became one of history's most infamous criminals, his name forever attached to an era when charlatans mixed with prodigies, free love was as possible as brainwashing, and utopia -- or dystopia -- was just an acid trip away. Twenty years ago, when journalist Tom O'Neill was

reporting a magazine piece about the murders, he worried there was nothing new to say. Then he unearthed shocking evidence of a cover-up behind the "official" story, including police carelessness, legal misconduct, and potential surveillance by intelligence agents. When a tense interview with Vincent Bugliosi -- prosecutor of the Manson Family and author of Helter Skelter -- turned a friendly source into a nemesis, O'Neill knew he was onto something. But every discovery brought more questions: Who were Manson's real friends in Hollywood, and how far would they go to hide their ties? Why didn't law

enforcement, including Manson's own parole officer, act on their many chances to stop him? And how did Manson -- an illiterate ex-con -- turn a group of peaceful hippies into remorseless killers? O'Neill's quest for the truth led him from reclusive celebrities to seasoned spies, from San Francisco's summer of love to the shadowy sites of the CIA's mind-control experiments, on a trail rife with shady cover-ups and suspicious coincidences. The product of two decades of reporting, hundreds of new interviews, and dozens of never-before-seen documents from the LAPD, the FBI, and the CIA, Chaos mounts an argument that could

be, according to Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney Steven Kay, strong enough to overturn the verdicts on the Manson murders. This is a book that overturns our understanding of a pivotal time in American history.

Chaos

Red Hill

Never Too Far

A Beautiful Funeral: A Novel (Maddox Brothers Book 5)

Preparing for the Psychological Consequences of Terrorism

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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 Maddox Brothers Series is sexy, addictive, and full of surprises -- just like the Maddox boys." -- Kami Garcia, #1 New York Times, USA Today, and international bestselling coauthor of the Beautiful Creatures novels & author of The Lovely Reckless The second of four novels chronicling the exciting, romantic, and sometimes volatile road to love for the

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Maddox brothers. The loves and loss of Thomas Maddox, the eldest Maddox brother, is told from the point-of-view of Liis Lindy, a no-nonsense agent of the FBI.

The New York Times bestselling novel that continues the passionate story of Rush and Blaire from *Fallen Too Far*. Our relationship had been short. Intense and brief. I wondered what it would have felt like to curl up in Rush's arms anytime I wanted. To know I was safe and that he loved me. We'd never had that chance. Just when Blaire allowed herself to fall for her stepbrother, Rush, he revealed a life-altering secret so

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devastating that she couldn't forgive him. Unable to face him again, Blaire leaves the promise of true love behind in Rosemary Beach and returns to the comforts of her small town in Alabama, wanting nothing more than to put the summer behind her. But unexpected news complicates Blaire's plans, and she's forced to trust the one man she shouldn't. Trapped between Rush's fierce desire to win her back and her own sense of self-preservation, Blaire doesn't know if she's doing the right thing...or if she's making the biggest mistake of her life.

A Contours of the Heart Novel The New York

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Times Bestseller by Tammara Webber Rescued by a stranger. Haunted by a secret Sometimes, love isn't easy... He watched her, but never knew her. Until thanks to a chance encounter, he became her savior... The attraction between them was undeniable. Yet the past he'd worked so hard to overcome, and the future she'd put so much faith in, threatened to tear them apart. Only together could they fight the pain and guilt, face the truth—and find the unexpected power of love. A groundbreaking novel in the New Adult genre, Easy faces one girl's struggle to regain the trust she's lost, find the inner strength to fight back

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against an attacker, and accept the peace she finds in the arms of a secretive boy. A

college age, New Adult Romance

Jane Anonymous

Beautiful

How God Makes Miracles Out of Our Mistakes

Apolonia

An Incomplete Compendium of Mostly

Interesting Things

From the duo behind the massively successful and award-winning podcast *Stuff You Should Know* comes an unexpected look at things you thought you knew. Josh Clark and Chuck Bryant

started the podcast Stuff You Should Know back in 2008 because they were curious—curious about the world around them, curious about what they might have missed in their formal educations, and curious to dig deeper on stuff they thought they understood. As it turns out, they aren't the only curious ones. They've since amassed a rabid fan base, making Stuff You Should Know one of the most popular podcasts in the world. Armed with their inquisitive natures and a passion for sharing, they uncover the weird, fascinating, delightful, or unexpected

elements of a wide variety of topics. The pair have now taken their near-boundless "whys" and "hows" from your earbuds to the pages of a book for the first time—featuring a completely new array of subjects that they've long wondered about and wanted to explore. Each chapter is further embellished with snappy visual material to allow for rabbit-hole tangents and digressions—including charts, illustrations, sidebars, and footnotes. Follow along as the two dig into the underlying stories of everything from the origin of Murphy beds, to the history of

facial hair, to the psychology of being lost. Have you ever wondered about the world around you, and wished to see the magic in everyday things? Come get curious with Stuff You Should Know. With Josh and Chuck as your guide, there's something interesting about everything (...except maybe jackhammers). New York Times and USA Today bestseller! Fresh out of college, Ellison Edson has fallen through the cracks of rock bottom. While staying in her family's vacation home in Colorado, her behavior has finally gained the attention of her

parents—but not in the way she hoped. Cut off from the millions she's always taken for granted, and left alone to fend for herself, Ellie spirals further out of control, making a mistake she can't take back. Like his twin brother Taylor, Tyler Maddox is a member of the Alpine Hotshots, fighting wildland fires on the frontline. As arrogant as he is charming, Tyler's nomadic lifestyle makes it easy to contain his relationships to one night. When he meets Ellie at a local party during off-season, her extreme personality and dismissive attitude fascinates

him at first, but as his feelings deepen, Tyler realizes that the crippling inner demons of the woman he loves might be the strongest enemy any Maddox has ever faced. "Tyler Maddox will steal your heart -- and I promise you'll want to let him keep it." -- Kami Garcia, #1 New York Times, USA Today, and international bestselling coauthor of the Beautiful Creatures novels and author of The Lovely Reckless

When Kristy sees how much her little brothers and sister want to play on a softball team, she starts a rag-tag team of her own. Baby-Sitters

Club #20.

#1 New York Times Bestseller Jamie McGuire returns to self-publishing with this page-turning YA account of Erin Easter, one of three Erins in the small senior class of rural Blackwell High School who not only share a first name, but also their birthday. Easter, raised by a neglectful single mom, keeps to herself and admires Weston Gates from afar. The other Erins, Erin "Alder" Alderman and Erin "Sonny" Masterson are the darlings of the community: daughters of the two wealthiest families in town, best friends,

cheerleaders, and everything Easter isn't--and they never let her forget it. Alder has even claimed Weston since the 8th grade. Weston is a well-liked star athlete, and the son of two prominent attorneys. He struggles daily with the pressures of living up to his family name and secretly empathizes with Easter's feeling that she belongs somewhere else; in a different life. Not until he begins sneaking nights out with Easter does he gain the courage to buck expectations and acknowledge his feelings ... both for his future, and for her. A shocking

tragedy rocks the tiny town, and Easter's life is turned upside down in the best way possible. But when the truth is revealed and everything she thinks she wanted falls into her lap, life only becomes more complicated. Happenstance: A Novella Series (Part One) is an USA TODAY best seller!

Charles Manson, the CIA, and the Secret History of the Sixties

A Walking Disaster

A Beautiful Wedding

What Surviving Katrina and Cancer Taught Me

About Faith and Resilience

Beautiful Disaster Signed Limited Edition

The hit series is back, to charm and inspire another generation of baby-sitters! They're lean, they're mean, they're the pride of Stoneybrook. Who are they? They're Kristy's Krushers! When Kristy sees how much her little brothers and sisters want to play on a softball team, she organizes a ragtag team of her own. They may not be champions, with Jackie Rodowsky, walking disaster, on the team, but at least they have team spirit! Now Bart's Bashers have

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challenged the Krushers to a game. The Bashers really are lean and mean . . . but the worst part of it all is that Kristy has a giant crush on the Basher's coach. The best friends you'll ever have--with classic BSC covers and a letter from Ann M. Martin!

The Oklahoma City bombing, intentional crashing of airliners on September 11, 2001, and anthrax attacks in the fall of 2001 have made Americans acutely aware of the impacts of terrorism. These events and continued threats of terrorism have raised questions about the impact

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on the psychological health of the nation and how well the public health infrastructure is able to meet the psychological needs that will likely result. Preparing for the Psychological Consequences of Terrorism highlights some of the critical issues in responding to the psychological needs that result from terrorism and provides possible options for intervention. The committee offers an example for a public health strategy that may serve as a base from which plans to prevent and respond to the psychological consequences of a variety of

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terrorism events can be formulated. The report includes recommendations for the training and education of service providers, ensuring appropriate guidelines for the protection of service providers, and developing public health surveillance for preevent, event, and postevent factors related to psychological consequences. A once-popular young man helping to support his family after a tragic accident falls irrevocably in love with a fiercely independent and driven college student who wants to avoid romantic entanglements. By the best-selling author of

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Beautiful Disaster. Original.

For almost two years now, Kiera's boyfriend, Denny, has been everything she's ever wanted: loving, tender, and endlessly devoted to her. When they head off to a new city to start their lives together, Denny at his dream job and Kiera at a top-notch university, everything seems perfect. Then an unforeseen obligation forces the happy couple apart. Feeling lonely, confused, and in need of comfort, Kiera turns to an unexpected source - a local rock star named Kellan Kyle. At first, he's purely a friend that she

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can lean on, but as her loneliness grows, so does their relationship. And then one night everything changes . . . and one thing's for sure - nothing will ever be the same.

Pinocchio, the Tale of a Puppet

Beautiful Redemption: A Novel

Kristy and the Walking Disaster

Happenstance: A Novella Series (Part One)

The Coincidence of Callie & Kayden

How much is too much to love? Travis Maddox learned two things from his mother before she died: Love hard. Fight harder. Finally, the

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highly anticipated follow-up to the New York Times bestseller Beautiful Disaster. Can you love someone too much? Travis Maddox learned two things from his mother before she died: Love hard. Fight harder. In Walking Disaster, the life of Travis is full of fast women, underground gambling, and violence. But just when he thinks he is invincible, Abby Abernathy brings him to his knees. Every story has two sides. In Beautiful Disaster, Abby had her say. Now it's time to see the story through Travis's eyes.

One woman must decide whether she can trust a complete stranger to protect her and unborn

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child from the threats of her past in this "touching modern romance" from the author of the #1 New York Times bestseller Beautiful Disaster (Library Journal). Named one of the "Best Romance Books of 2018" by Bookbub! As Darby Dixon sits in a tiny Texas church bathroom on her wedding day holding a positive pregnancy test, she realizes that marrying her fiance would be the worst decision of her life. She's never been very good at standing up for herself, but she'll sure as hell stand up for her baby. With very little cash and a ton of courage, she flees town to take a new name and start a new life.

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As a Marine, Scott "Trex" Trexler worked in the most treacherous, corrupt, war-torn places on earth. With his new top-secret security job, he finally has a chance to return to the one place he's felt at peace: Colorado Springs, Colorado. The moment Trex checks in at the hotel where she's working, Darby knows he's dangerous. He may want her to think he's another hotshot firefighter, along with all the others battling the nearby mountain blaze, but something doesn't add up. No way will she get involved with another man she can't fully trust - and Trex clearly isn't telling her everything. As Darby's ex

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gets closer and closer to finding her, both she and Trex will soon find out that what you don't know really can hurt you. "This love story is raw, brilliant, and gives women hope in the impossible. Nothing is more precious than that." --Audrey Carlan, #1 New York Times bestselling author "Jamie McGuire writes with no holds barred ... real and addictive." --USA Today "Heartfelt emotions, serious social concerns and exceptional character development result in a touching modern romance with inspirational overtones; a sure winner." --Library Journal
"They killed me, but I survived." Three years

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after Rory Riordan foiled her own murder, she still trusts no one. Not Dr. Z, the eccentric college professor who has taken her under his wing, not Benji, the endearing, attractive classmate who insists on following her around, and certainly not Cy, the beautifully dark and mysterious boy who sits on the first row in Dr. Z's Astrobiology class and asks far too many questions. When Rory witnesses Cy being abducted by soldiers in the middle of the night, she finds herself submersed in a world that holds even more secrets than she could imagine--even darker secrets than her own. From #1 New York Times Bestseller Jamie

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McGuire, experience the perfect combination of her bestselling books Providence & Beautiful Disaster. This New Adult Sci-Fi Romance is an action-packed, whiplash-inducing roller coaster ride. Page after page, this unpredictable, dark and sexy nail biter will keep readers guessing until the very end!

Hope Carpenter opens up about her personal struggles that nearly destroyed her family, her church, and her ministry, but then God did something miraculous—out of her brokenness, He made something beautiful. As co-pastor of one of the nation's largest

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megachurches, Hope Carpenter had perfected the roles of supportive wife, good mother, devoted worship leader, and dutiful homemaker. But inside, she was secretly ashamed, sad, and afraid. She didn't know who she was, and she didn't know how to ask for help without bringing down the whole façade. A series of bad choices led to multiple affairs; her husband kicked her out and announced from the pulpit of their church that their marriage was over. Hope was sure her life was done. But in her lowest moments, something beautiful happened. God met her there, and, with a lot of hard work, time,

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and mountains of therapy, she started to understand the pain that had caused her to act out. She and her family faced their brokenness together, and in powerful acts of forgiveness only God could have arranged, they all found real breakthrough and healing. Ron and Hope rebuilt their marriage and their family, and their ministry thrives today. In *The Most Beautiful Disaster*, Hope helps readers understand the lasting impact of childhood trauma and gives readers practical steps to uncovering the root of pain in their own lives. She shows how small decisions can lead to big changes, and helps readers find

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healing and wholeness in Scripture and prayer. Ultimately, readers will be led to hope, reconciliation, and true freedom.

Easy

Stuff You Should Know

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My Beautiful Disaster

Walking Disaster A Novel Simon and Schuster
Derek Amato's reflections in *My Beautiful Disaster* provide rare insight into what people with extraordinary gifts see, think, feel and do; pose questions about the potential to tap into previously undetected

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abilities and spotlight the 'silent epidemic' of head trauma. His experiences also make vivid some the challenges faced by those living with autism and other neurological disorders and hint at the possibility we all have more in common than we think. Readers enchanted by autistic savant, Daniel Tammet's eloquent *Born On A Blue Day*, will welcome another multi-layered, first person account of what is to live with a remarkable condition. Uniquely, having spent his life as a neurotypical Amato's tale relates the before and after of 'the gift'; his voice at times resonating with incredulity at what has

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happened and what the eventual cost may be. Travis ist hart im Nehmen. Aufgewachsen in einer Familie von Männern, weiß er sich durchzuschlagen. Er ist bekannt als Weiberheld und Kämpfer. Alle Jungs möchten an seiner Stelle sein, alle Mädchen an seiner Seite. Doch Abby ist anders. Sie schenkt ihm keine Bewunderung und schmachtet ihn nicht aus ihren großen, grauen Augen an. Sie wirkt unschuldig und zerbrechlich, aber Travis spürt, dass sie ein dunkles Geheimnis verbirgt. Er ist fasziniert von ihr, und er macht sich daran, das zu tun, was er seiner Mutter versprochen hat: Er kämpft für seine

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Liebe. Unaufhaltsam.

Losing has never been easy for a Maddox, but death always wins. Eleven years to the day after eloping with Abby in Vegas, Special Agent Travis Maddox delivers his own brand of vigilante justice to mob boss Benny Carlisi. Vegas's oldest and most violent crime family is now preparing for vengeance, and the entire Maddox family is a target. The secret Thomas and Travis have kept for a decade will be revealed to the rest of the family, and for the first time the Maddoxes will be at odds. While none of them are strangers to loss, the family has grown, and the risk is

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higher than ever. With brothers against brothers and wives taking sides, each member will make a choice—let the fear tear them apart, or make them stronger.

Breakable

Sins of the Innocent: A Novella

A Beautiful Disaster Novella

Beautiful Sacrifice: A Novel

The Baby-Sitters Club #20: Kristy and the Walking Disaster

Set in the same time-frame as Beautiful Disaster, now we hear the story from Travis' point of view. Travis lost his mother at a very young age, but before she died she taught him two important rules... Love hard. Fight harder. Growing

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up in a family of men who like to gamble and fight, Travis Maddox is a tough guy. Known for his bad reputation with women, and feared for his incredible fighting skills, all the boys want to be him, and the girls simply want him... Abby Abernathy is the first girl to treat him the way he feels he should be treated, with dislike and disinterest. It is her lack of interest that sparks his determination to win her round. Will the invincible Travis 'Mad Dog' Maddox be defeated by a girl? A New York Times and USA TODAY bestseller about a good girl dangerously drawn to the ultimate bad boy. The new Abby Abernathy is a good girl. She doesn't drink or swear, and she has the appropriate number of cardigans in her wardrobe. Abby believes she has enough distance from the darkness of her past, but when she arrives at college with her

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best friend, her path to a new beginning is quickly challenged by Eastern University's Walking One-Night Stand. Travis Maddox, lean, cut, and covered in tattoos, is exactly what Abby wants—and needs—to avoid. He spends his nights winning money in a floating fight ring, and his days as the ultimate college campus charmer. Intrigued by Abby's resistance to his appeal, Travis tricks her into his daily life with a simple bet. If he loses, he must remain abstinent for a month. If Abby loses, she must live in Travis's apartment for the same amount of time. Either way, Travis has no idea that he has met his match.

From the bestselling author of The Secret of Ella and Micha comes a mesmerizing novel of fate, friendship, and the healing power of love . . . THE COINCIDENCE OF CALLIE &

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KAYDEN For Kayden, suffering in silence was the only way to survive. If he was lucky, he could keep his head down, do as he was told, and make it through the day. But one night it seemed like his luck-and his life-might finally end . . . until an angel named Callie appeared just in time to rescue him. Callie has never believed in luck. Not since her twelfth birthday when everything was taken from her. After the worst was over, she locked up her feelings and vowed never to tell anyone what happened. Now, six years later, she continues to struggle with the painful secret that threatens to consume her. When fate lands Kayden and Callie at the same college, Kayden is determined to get to know the beautiful girl who changed his destiny. Quiet and reserved, Callie still fears letting anyone else into her world. But Kayden is certain that

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Callie has come back into his life for a reason. And the more he tries to be a part of her life, the more he realizes that, this time, it's Callie who needs to be saved . . .

In the horror show of gods and monsters, Eden Ryel was the star. Conceived of her mother, a Merovingian--a direct descendant of Christ--and her father, the half-human son of a fallen angel, Eden's very existence had prompted The Great War. Prophesied to be the Keeper of the Balance, she struggles to realize her purpose. Levi, the overconfident and charming half-human son of Lucifer takes nothing seriously. Not even when he finally meets the young woman who is destined to end his existence. A common bond is formed under the pressures they face from both sides, but their respective religious texts predict opposite outcomes. Either

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way, they must choose: war, death, or love.

A Rosemary Beach Novel

From Here to You

Beautiful Oblivion

To Do Something Beautiful

Beautiful Disaster, Walking Disaster, and A Beautiful Wedding

He's my boss. World famous. Walking heartthrob. He says he wants nothing to do with me. So, why is he undressing me with his eyes? I'm Drake Blackthorn's personal assistant. The Drake Blackthorn. The 'King of Country'. It's been years since his late wife and daughter passed away. He's been a train wreck since. He thinks I

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was hired to babysit him - he's right. All I need to do is keep him from killing himself for one tour. The problem: I'm completely and utterly infatuated with him. And my growing baby bump doesn't make things any better. After a life of moving from town to town, Natalie believes she and her parents have found their dream home where they can finally settle down. But her hopes are shattered by a tragic accident that changes her life so dramatically she believes she will never be happy again. Starting over in a new high school and a new life, 16-year-old Natalie must find the courage to let her guard down and take a chance on love when the

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handsome and charming Blackmore cousins befriend her. Can she love them both? Dark secrets drive her to the arms of the one she is destined for. Learn more at <http://kmclarkbooks.blogspot.com>

"You know that Abby Abernathy unexpectedly became Mrs. Maddox. But what do you really know? Why did Abby pop the question? What secrets were shared before the ceremony? Where did they spend their wedding night? Who else knew about it . . . and didn't tell? Everything about Abby and Travis's elopement was top-secret . . . until now. Fans of "Beautiful Disaster" and "Walking Disaster" will get all of their questions

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answered in this whirlwind tale of the wedding day (and night)..."--Provided by publisher.

With his insightful and wide-ranging theory of recognition, Axel Honneth has decisively reshaped the Frankfurt School tradition of critical social theory.

Combining insights from philosophy, sociology, psychology, history, political economy, and cultural critique, Honneth's work proposes nothing less than an account of the moral infrastructure of human sociality and its relation to the perils and promise of contemporary social life. This book provides an accessible overview of Honneth's main contributions

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across a variety of fields, assessing the strengths and weaknesses of his thought. Christopher Zurn clearly explains Honneth's multi-faceted theory of recognition and its relation to diverse topics: individual identity, morality, activist movements, progress, social pathologies, capitalism, justice, freedom, and critique. In so doing, he places Honneth's theory in a broad intellectual context, encompassing classic social theorists such as Kant, Hegel, Marx, Freud, Dewey, Adorno and Habermas, as well as contemporary trends in social theory and political philosophy. Treating the full range of Honneth's corpus, including his major new work on

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social freedom and democratic ethical life, this book is the most up-to-date guide available. Axel Honneth will be invaluable to students and scholars working across the humanities and social sciences, as well as anyone seeking a clear guide to the work of one of the most influential theorists writing today.

A Bad Boy Baby Romance
Beautiful Disaster

Beautiful Burn

A Public Health Strategy

When the world ends, can love survive? For Scarlet,

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raising her two daughters alone makes fighting for tomorrow an everyday battle. Nathan has a wife, but can't remember what it's like to be in love; only his young daughter Zoe makes coming home worthwhile.

Miranda's biggest concern is whether her new VW Bug is big enough to carry her sister and their boyfriends on a weekend escape from college finals. When reports of a widespread, deadly "outbreak" begin to surface, these ordinary people face extraordinary circumstances and suddenly their fates are intertwined. Recognizing they can't outrun the danger, Scarlet, Nathan, and Miranda desperately seek shelter at the same secluded ranch, Red Hill. Emotions run high while old and new

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relationships are tested in the face of a terrifying enemy—an enemy who no longer remembers what it's like to be human. Set against the backdrop of a brilliantly realized apocalyptic world, love somehow finds a way to survive. But what happens when the one you'd die for becomes the one who could destroy you? Red Hill grabs you from page one and doesn't let go until its stunning conclusion. This is number 1 New York Times bestselling author Jamie McGuire at her unforgettable best.

Bestselling author Laurie Faria Stolarz 's thrilling novel Jane Anonymous is a revelatory confessional of a seventeen-year-old girl 's fight to escape a kidnapper—and her struggles to connect with loved ones

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and a life that no longer exists. Seven months. That ' s how long I was kept captive. Locked in a room with a bed, refrigerator, and adjoining bathroom, I was instructed to eat, bathe, and behave. I received meals, laundered clothes, and toiletries through a cat door, never knowing if it was day or night. The last time I saw the face of my abductor was when he dragged me fighting from the trunk of his car. And when I finally escaped, I prayed I ' d never see him again. Now that I ' m home, my parents and friends want everything to be like it was before I left. But they don ' t understand that dining out and shopping trips can ' t heal what ' s broken inside me. I barely leave my bedroom. Therapists are clueless

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and condescending. So I start my own form of therapy—but writing about my experience awakens uncomfortable memories, ones that should 've stayed buried. How far will I have to go to uncover the truth of what happened—and will it break me forever?

After tragedy shatters his world, forcing him to question everything he ever believed in, Landon Lucas Maxfield meets and falls in love with Jacqueline Wallace, but is unable to let go of the past to be the man she needs.

Original.

Is there a meaning to our suffering? Is hope realistic when tragedy befalls us? Is a return to normalcy possible after our life is uprooted by catastrophe? These are the

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questions that disaster psychologist Dr. Jamie Aten wrestled with when he was diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer. In this gripping memoir, Aten shares the life-affirming and faith-renewing insights that he discovered during his tumultuous struggle against the disease. Aten ' s journey began in 2005 when Hurricane Katrina struck his community. After witnessing the devastation wrought by the storm, he dedicated his career to investigating how people respond to and recover from all manner of disasters. He studied disaster zones around the globe and founded the Humanitarian Disaster Institute at Wheaton College. His expertise, however, was little comfort when a fateful visit with his

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oncologist revealed advanced and aggressive cancer. “ You ’ re in for your own personal disaster ” was his doctor ’ s prognosis. Thrust into a battle for his life, with cancer cells and chemotherapy ravaging his body, Aten found his professional interest taking on new meaning. His ordeal taught him firsthand how we can sustain ourselves when burdened with seemingly unbearable suffering. Some of his counterintuitive insights include: to find hope, be cautious of optimism; when you want help the least is when you need it most; and spiritual surrender, rather than a passive act, is instead an act of profound courage. This last point speaks to the element of grace in Dr. Aten ’ s story. As he struggled to

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understand the significance of his suffering, he found himself examining his Christian faith down to its bedrock and learned to experience the redeeming presence of God in his life. Dr. Aten has a natural exuberance that shines through his writing. Infused with his compassionate voice and humanitarian concern, *A Walking Disaster* is ultimately an inspirational story about the power of the human spirit to endure trauma with courage.

The Most Beautiful Disaster

Axel Honneth

A Novel

The Jamie McGuire Collection

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Roman

When Mia Wells's enigmatic, passionate and long-lost boyfriend resurfaces gravely injured, she keeps a bedside vigil and ponders the "what-ifs" of her life, past and present and discovers the power of enduring love. Original. Falyn Fairchild can walk away from anything. Already leaving behind her car, her education, and even her parents, the daughter of the next governor of Colorado is back in her hometown, broke and waiting tables for the Bucksaw Café. After every shift, Falyn adds to

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her shoebox of cash, hoping to one day save enough to buy her a plane ticket to the only place she can find forgiveness: Eakins, Illinois. The moment Taylor Maddox is seated in Falyn's section at the Bucksaw, she knows he's trouble. Taylor is charming, breaks promises, and gorgeous even when covered in filth—making him everything Falyn believes a hotshot firefighter to be. Falyn isn't interested in becoming another statistic, and for a Maddox boy, a disinterested girl is the ultimate challenge. Once Falyn learns where

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Taylor calls home, everything changes. In the end, Maddox persistence is met with Falyn's talent for leaving, and for the first time, Taylor may be the one to get burned.