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Recent decades have brought to light the staggering ubiquity of human activity upon Earth and the startling fragility of our planet and its life systems. This is so momentous that many scientists and scholars now argue that we have left the relative climactic stability of the Holocene and have entered a new geological epoch known as the Anthropocene. This emerging epoch may prompt us not only to reconsider our understanding of Earth systems, but also to reimagine ourselves and what it means to be human. How does the Earth's precarious state reveal our own? How does this vulnerable condition prompt new ways of thinking and being? The essays that are part of this collection consider how the transformative thinking demanded by our vulnerability inspires us to reconceive our place in the cosmos, alongside each other and, potentially, before God. Who are we "after" (the concept of) the Anthropocene? What forms of thought and structures of feeling might attend us in this state? How might we determine our values and to what do we orient our hopes? Faith, a conceptual apparatus for engaging the unseen, helps us weigh the implications of this massive, but in some ways, mysterious, force on the lives we lead; faith helps us visualize what it means to exist in this new and still emergent reality.

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After a life altering tragedy during her childhood, Mia Campbell is left with an incapacitating fear of crowds - especially angry ones. Now at eighteen, with her final months of high school before her, she only has one goal: To remain unseen. Jace Wallace is about to start living a rockstar's life. As lead guitarist for the newest internet sensation, Fighting Fate, he's rocking the stage - and a different girl - every weekend, and that's the way he prefers it. He only has one goal: To succeed. When unusual circumstances bring the two of them together, and one thing quickly leads to another, their one goal starts to blur to include another, forcing them both to make a decision. Sit back and take what Fate hands you, or fight for what you want.

Museum curator Summer Hawthorne considered the exquisite ice-blue ceramic bowl given to her by her beloved Japanese nanny a treasure of sentimental value—until somebody tried to kill her for it. The priceless relic is about to ignite a global power struggle that must be stopped at all costs. It's a desperate situation, and international operative Takashi O'Brien has received his directive: everybody is expendable. Everybody. Especially the woman who is getting dangerously under his skin as the lethal game crosses the Pacific to the remote and beautiful mountains of Japan, where the truth can be as seductive as it is deadly....

A stunning guide to growing, harvesting, and arranging gorgeous dahlia blooms from celebrated farmer-florist and New York Times bestselling author Erin Benzakein, founder of Floret Flower Farm. World-renowned flower farmer and floral designer Erin Benzakein reveals all the secrets to growing, cultivating, and arranging gorgeous dahlias. These coveted floral treasures come in a dazzling range of colors, sizes, and forms, with enough variety for virtually every garden space and personal preference, making them one of the most beloved flowers for arrangements. In these pages, readers will discover:

- Expert advice for planting, harvesting, and arranging garden-fresh dahlias
- A simple-to-follow overview of the dahlia classification system
- An A–Z guide with photos and descriptions of more than 350 varieties
- Step-by-step how-to's for designing show-stopping dahlia bouquets that elevate any occasion

Expert Author: Erin Benzakein's gorgeous flowers are celebrated throughout the world. Her book Floret Farm's A Year in Flowers was a New York Times bestseller and her first book, Floret Farm's Cut Flower Garden, won the American Horticultural Society Book Award. Filled with Wisdom: Overflowing with hundreds of lush photographs and invaluable advice, **DISCOVERING DAHLIAS** is an essential resource for gardeners and a must-have for anyone who loves flowers, including flower lovers, avid and novice gardeners, floral

designers, florists, small farmers, stylists, and designers.

Gemma Summers is unlucky in love. She's known it since third grade, when her first crush blew a spitball into her hair, and a decade-long string of bad dates, boring sex, and abysmal morning-afters has done nothing to improve her prospects. When a random radio contest lands her courtside tickets to the hottest playoff game of the season, Gemma thinks her luck may finally be on the upswing — at least, until the dreaded jumbotron kiss-cam lands on her and her date, who's too busy ignoring her to notice... Thankfully, the sexy stranger sitting next to her is more than willing to step in. One kiss. Two strangers. No strings attached. Or... so she thinks. Turns out, kissing Chase Croft — Boston's most eligible bachelor — may be enough to convince even a girl who's given up on love to let down her guard one last time... NOT YOU IT'S ME is a full-length, comedic contemporary romance about a girl who doesn't believe in love... and the man who changes her mind. It is the first installment of the internationally bestselling BOSTON LOVE STORY series and can be read as a complete standalone. Due to sexy-times and strong language, it is intended for readers 17 and up.

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Jeanie Cesarini-Taming Kate When Kathryn Roman inherits a

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legal brothel, she refuses to trade her high-powered career in Manhattan for a life in the wild, wild west. Little does this city girl know that the town of Love, Nevada wants her to be their new madam so they've charged Trey Holliday, one very dominant cowboy, with Taming Kate. MaryJanice Davidson-Jared's Wolf Jared Rocke will do anything avenge his sister's death, even believe in werewolves. What he doesn't believe is that he's attracted to Moira Wolfbauer, the she-wolf sworn to protect her pack. In Jared's Wolf, two enemies must join forces to stop a killer while learning that love defies all boundaries--even those between species. Alice Gaines-My Champion, My Love My Champion, My Love tells the tale of Celeste Broder, a woman committed for a sexy appetite that is tolerated in the men, but not the women of her time. She desperately needs a champion, and finds one in mayor Robert Albright. Liz Maverick- Kiss or Kill In this post apocalyptic world, Camille Kazinsky's military career rides on her ability to make a choice--whether the robo called Meat should live or die. Meat's future depends on proving he's human enough to live, man enough . . . Should Camille Kiss or Kill this man/machine that makes her feel like a woman? 2014 Locus Awards Finalist, Nonfiction Category In this hip, accessible primer to the music, literature, and art of Afrofuturism, author Ytasha Womack introduces readers to the burgeoning community of artists creating Afrofuturist works, the innovators from the past, and the wide range of subjects they explore. From the sci-fi literature of Samuel Delany, Octavia Butler, and N. K. Jemisin to the musical cosmos of Sun Ra, George Clinton, and the Black Eyed Peas' will.i.am, to the visual and multimedia artists inspired by African Dogon myths and Egyptian deities, the book's topics range from the "alien" experience of blacks in America to the "wake up" cry that peppers sci-fi literature, sermons, and activism. With a twofold aim to entertain and enlighten,

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Afrofuturists strive to break down racial, ethnic, and social limitations to empower and free individuals to be themselves. A modern classic for this generation is being relaunched with an all-new, beautifully illustrated edition that follows Heather as she goes to playgroup and feels badly at first because she has two mothers and no father, but then she learns that there are lots of different kinds of families and the most important thing is that all the people love each other.

This book presents a history of the epic from the classical age to the present day. It deals not just with the well-know epics of antiquity and the Renaissance, but also pursues developments in more recent literature and film. It offers an exploration of the changes that have taken place in the genre from Homer to Hollywood.

The narrator and main character, Barty Josselin, attempts suicide after he loses his sight in one eye, prompting the appearance of Martia, the Martian, with whom he now shares his body. Du Maurier also introduces the concept of automatic writing in this novel: while Josselin sleeps, Martia writes and Josselin becomes a world-famous writer.

Amy Benson has lived her whole life portraying the perfect daughter her parents expect her to be. With a high profile attorney father and an upper end realtor mother, image means everything, and Amy has worked hard to not disappoint. Although painfully aware of her parent's unhealthy obsession with social standing, she still believes, underneath it all, they love her more. But when her high standing boyfriend suddenly dumps her for not 'giving it up', and her parents start demanding she do whatever it takes to get him back, she begins to think otherwise...Daniel Stephenson is a United States

Marine, and as far as he's concerned, he has his life all mapped out. With an unexpected amount of free time suddenly up his sleeve, the plan is simple. Spend a long overdue summer with his mother and twin brother before deploying overseas. What he hasn't planned for is the douchebag his brother seems to have become of late, or the girl said douchebag just dumped. Love is the last thing either Amy or Daniel expect to find over the long summer, but after the difficulties they've both faced over the years, it's an unexpected bonus they're happy to accept. Until Fate decides to interrupt... They both know love isn't always supposed to be perfect and easy, but between parental disapproval, brotherly contempt, career commitments, and the country's continuing fight against terrorism, how do you decide if you should keep on fighting or just give in to fate?

Since 1990, when the phrase "education for all" was first coined at the World Bank conference in Jomtien, Thailand, a battle has raged over its meaning and its impact on education in Africa. In this thought-provoking new volume, Dr. Brock-Utne argues that "education for all" really means "Western primary schooling for some, and none for others." Her incisive analysis demonstrates how this construct robs Africans of their indigenous knowledge and language, starves higher education in Africa, and thereby perpetuates Western dominion. In Dr. Brock-Utne's words, "A quadrangle building has been

erected in a village of round huts."

Some days, all you need is a message from a stranger. Ruby Santos knew exactly what she was getting herself into when she signed up to write a soldier overseas. The guidelines were simple: one letter or email a week for the length of his or her deployment. Care packages were optional. Been there, done that. She thought she knew what to expect. What she didn't count on was falling in love with the guy.

Well-known art historians from Europe and the Americas discuss the influence of conceptualism on art since the 1970s. *Art After Conceptual Art* tracks the various legacies of conceptualist practice over the past three decades. This collection of essays by art historians from Europe and the Americas introduces and develops the idea that conceptual art generated several different, and even contradictory, forms of art practice. Some of these contested commonplace assumptions of what art is; others served to buttress those assumptions. The bulk of the volume features newly written and highly innovative essays challenging standard interpretations of the legacy of conceptualism and discussing the influence of conceptualism's varied practices on art since the 1970s. The essays explore topics as diverse as the interrelationships between conceptualism and institutional critique, neoexpressionist painting and conceptualist

paradigms, conceptual art's often-ignored complicity with design and commodity culture, the specific forms of identity politics taken up by the reception of conceptual art, and conceptualism's North/South and East/West dynamics. A few texts that continue to be crucial for critical debates within the fields of conceptual and postconceptual art practice, history, and theory have been reprinted in order to convey the vibrant and ongoing discussion on the status of art after conceptual art. Taken together, the essays will inspire an exploration of the relationship between postconceptualist practices and the beginnings of contemporary art. Distributed for the Generali Foundation, Vienna.

"In this absolutely powerful and innovative book, Priscilla Parkhurst Ferguson illuminates the complex links between the Revolution of 1789, the different revolutions that took place in 19th-century Paris, and two aesthetic forms characteristic of the cultural discourses of modernity: panoramic journalism and the realist and historical novels authored by Balzac, Flaubert, Hugo, Zola, and Valles. A work of cultural history with stimulating implications, *Paris as Revolution* is well-structured, carefully argued and problematized, and compelling in its scholarship."--Catherine Nesci, author of *La Femme mode d'emploi* "A fascinating and richly suggestive essay on the cultural geography of nineteenth-century Paris. It is imaginatively conceived, broad in

its reach, boldly interdisciplinary. Ferguson's success in combining literary criticism, historical interpretation and sociological analysis to reconstruct the shifting meanings given to the experiences of urbanization and revolution is most impressive."--Jonathan Beecher, author of *Charles Fourier: The Visionary and His World*

"You might think that dancing doesn't have a lot to do with social research, and doing social research is probably why you picked this book up in the first place. But trust me. Salsa dancing is a practice as well as a metaphor for a kind of research that will make your life easier and better." Savvy, witty, and sensible, this unique book is both a handbook for defining and completing a research project, and an astute introduction to the neglected history and changeable philosophy of modern social science. In this volume, Kristin Luker guides novice researchers in: knowing the difference between an area of interest and a research topic; defining the relevant parts of a potentially infinite research literature; mastering sampling, operationalization, and generalization; understanding which research methods best answer your questions; beating writer's block. Most important, she shows how friendships, non-academic interests, and even salsa dancing can make for a better researcher. "You know about setting the kitchen timer and writing for only an hour, or only 15 minutes if you are feeling

particularly anxious. I wrote a fairly large part of this book feeling exactly like that. If I can write an entire book 15 minutes at a time, so can you.”

"Periods equal people." Each of us is intimately tied to menstrual cycles, fertility, pregnancy, motherhood, abortion, and indeed all things uterine. The Womb is our first home. It should not be treated as an inconvenience, a political battleground, or a source of anything other than sacred life. I hated my period! It was painful and horrible and nothing the doctors did seemed to help. I wondered if I was the only one? I'd seen Oprah Winfrey do a show on learning to love her period and the resulting changes in her body and it got me to thinking. So I started roaming around asking women about their menstrual cycles and was blown away by our collective experiences. This book is a culmination of the stories that make up those collective experiences and the empowering themes nestled within them. It is my hope that it will empower women, educate men and encourage all of us to participate in critical conversations about our experiences, practices, products and preferences.

The notebooks of A. D. Hope are a portrait of the contradictory essence of the poet's intellect and character. Shot through with threads of self-awareness and revelation, Hope imbued his notebooks with irony and humour, forming them as a celebration of the joy and terror of human existence. Stripped of intimate revelation, the entries give witness to Hope's view that art is a superior force in the creation of new being and values, and a guide for the conduct of our lives. Seeking to find pathways through the maze of an intellectual life,

this is a profound and timely contribution to Australia's literary scholarship. Ann McCulloch's analysis of this thematic selection of Hope's notebooks reveals him to be relentless in his experimentation with ideas. Revealing the originality of his thinking and the astonishing range of his reading and interests, this edition is a testament to the intellect of one of Australia's towering literary figures. *The Antinomies of Realism* is a history of the nineteenth-century realist novel and its legacy told without a glimmer of nostalgia for artistic achievements that the movement of history makes it impossible to recreate. The works of Zola, Tolstoy, Pérez Galdós, and George Eliot are in the most profound sense inimitable, yet continue to dominate the novel form to this day. Novels to emerge since struggle to reconcile the social conditions of their own creation with the history of this mode of writing: the so-called modernist novel is one attempted solution to this conflict, as is the ever-more impoverished variety of commercial narratives – what today's book reviewers dub “serious novels,” which are an attempt at the impossible endeavor to roll back the past. Fredric Jameson examines the most influential theories of artistic and literary realism, approaching the subject himself in terms of the social and historical preconditions for realism's emergence. The realist novel combined an attention to the body and its states of feeling with a focus on the quest for individual realization within the confines of history. In contemporary writing, other forms of representation – for which the term “postmodern” is too glib – have become visible: for example, in the historical fiction of Hilary Mantel or the stylistic plurality of David

Mitchell's novels. Contemporary fiction is shown to be conducting startling experiments in the representation of new realities of a global social totality, modern technological warfare, and historical developments that, although they saturate every corner of our lives, only become apparent on rare occasions and by way of the strangest formal and artistic devices. In a coda, Jameson explains how "realistic" narratives survived the end of classical realism. In effect, he provides an argument for the serious study of popular fiction and mass culture that transcends lazy journalism and the easy platitudes of recent cultural studies.

In the early decades of the twentieth century, engagement with science was commonly used as an emblem of modernity. This phenomenon is now attracting increasing attention in different historical specialties. *Being Modern* builds on this recent scholarly interest to explore engagement with science across culture from the end of the nineteenth century to approximately 1940. Addressing the breadth of cultural forms in Britain and the western world from the architecture of Le Corbusier to working class British science fiction, *Being Modern* paints a rich picture. Seventeen distinguished contributors from a range of fields including the cultural study of science and technology, art and architecture, English culture and literature examine the issues involved. The book will be a valuable resource for students, and a spur to scholars to further examination of culture as an interconnected web of which science is a critical part, and to supersede such tired formulations as 'Science and culture'.

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Intent on destroying the man who had wrung millions of dollars from her dying mother, Rachel Connery sets out to turn the tables on the notoriously manipulative, charismatic Luke Bardell, a man who relishes a challenge. Original.

From the moment Quinn Montgomery sat behind her first snare and cymbal set, she was destined for fame and glory. As Hush Note's infamous female drummer, she sets the rhythm for the band's chart-topping hits. When people tap their feet to their music, it's to her pulse.

Quinn is content to live in a world away from her family and the cage of her youth. Her only regret is leaving Graham Hayes behind without a goodbye. No matter how many sold-out stadiums she plays, no matter how many crowds sing her songs, his voice haunts her when the music stops. When a family tragedy forces her to return home to Montana, she plans to leave the second she's paid her respects. But seeing Graham again turns her life upside down. As a boy, he wasn't able to make her stay. As a man, he might be her future. If they can mend their rifts and find solace in the refrains. ***** "A

tale of dreams chased and loves lost, of wounds healed and loves found, Perry proves in spades that she can spin any story into gold." – Natasha is a Book Junkie

"The feels, those tender, squeeze your heart, make you ache alllll over FEELS. Goshhhhhh! I LIVED them. I could not get enough of Quinn and Graham! And I haven't rooted for a couple this hard in a long time!

Undoubtedly one of Devney Perry's best books! FIVE STARS for me!" – Angie's Dreamy Reads "Rifts and Refrains by Devney Perry captured my heart. I adored

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this small town, second chance romance with a hero who is just perfect and a heroine struggling to find herself despite her fame and fortune. Love, love, loved it!" -

Carly Phillips, New York Times Bestselling Author

"Second-chances are my jam, and Devney Perry absolutely NAILED IT in Riffs and Refrains. I was so swept up in Quinn and Graham. Their chemistry was this angsty, swoony perfection that had my stomach knotted in blissful anticipation until the very end. An unforgettable must-read!" - A.L. Jackson, New York Times Bestselling Author

"My favorite rock star series ever! Character driven and each book transcended its trope." – Shh

Mom's Reading ***** For fans of: Nora Roberts, Kristen Ashley, Sarina Bowen, Vi Keeland, Susan Stoker, Tessa Bailey, Helena Hunting, Elle Kennedy, Toni Aleo, Kristen Callihan, LJ Shen, Mona Kasten, Corinne Michaels, Jana Aston, Karina Halle, Jay Crownover, Anna Todd, Geneva Lee, Audrey Carlan, Piper Rayne, Suzanne Brockmann, Helen Hoang, Christina Lauren, Kristan Higgins, Sally Thorne, Penelope Sky, Penelope Ward, Debbie Macomber, Maisey Yates, Sarah Mayberry, Lauren Blakely, Susan Mallery, Penny Reid, Julia Kent, Kelly Jamieson, Melanie Harlow, Kendall Ryan, Kennedy Ryan, Helen Hardt, Meghan March, Meli Raine, Sylvia Day, Chelle Bliss, Brenda Rothert, Natasha Madison, Kylie Scott, Sloane Kennedy, Penelope Sky, K.A. Linde, Nana Malone, Jami Davenport, Jaci Burton, Penelope Sky, Helen Hardt, E.L. James, Anna Todd, Chelle Bliss, Kendall Ryan, Kennedy Fox, Julia Kent, Meli Raine, Kristen Callihan, Meghan Quinn, Rebecca Yarros, Catherine Cowles, Carrie Ann Ryan, JD Robb, Jill

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She's got game everywhere but the bedroom. Enter the player who knows exactly how to grade her curves . . . After a very public breakup and a viral post that declares him the villain, power forward Cal Foreman is taking a timeout from women and relationships to focus on hockey. When Chicago Rebels captain and old friend, Vadim Petrov, "volunteers" him to help train Vadim's sister Mia, Cal figures he can do a favor for a pal and get ready for the season with his new team. But the imperious Russian would slice a skate blade through Cal's internal organs if he knew what lessons Mia really wants. Yeah, not that kind of stickhandling. Hockey phenom and Olympics hopeful Mia Wallace needs help seducing the man of her dreams. That man is most definitely not Cal Foreman: notorious playboy, thorn in her side, and her brother's bestie. But surely a guy with his reputed skill set has a few tips on how she can nail her target-which makes him the perfect foreplayer. Cal knows Mia sees him as merely the warm-up act in her grand plan to win another man, but as they spend more time together, he wonders if that's enough. If they could be more. And if he could convince her he's worthy of the starting line-up . . . in her heart?

Kaeli Williams is hiding a secret. It isn't one she wants to keep, but with a stepfather as well respected as hers, she isn't sure anyone would listen to her even if she did tell. No one would believe what went on behind the closed doors at home. Not even her best friend. It's a

secret that kills her to keep, especially because it protects him. But she doesn't have a choice. She has to keep it. To protect her. Noah Murphy is hiding a secret. It's his job. But after eighteen months of working undercover as a drug pushing thug, he's ready for a change. With everything on the line and the end finally in sight, he just needs to keep focused, stay on his guard, and try not to get killed. But Fate, it seems, is not so fond of secrets. When blackmail forces Kaeli right into the middle of Noah's dangerous world of hard core drug dealers, rapists and murderers, secrets quickly become ticking time bombs, trust becomes a necessity, and protective instincts become primal. Sometimes, Fate just needs to be told no.

At the end of World War I, the German artist Kurt Schwitters dramatically broke with dominant artistic traditions by adopting collage as the primary medium for his literary and visual production. In *The Collages of Kurt Schwitters: Tradition and Innovation*, Dorothea Dietrich demonstrates how collages function for the artist.

Characterising Schwitters's work as the product of the deep social and political crises of the Weimar Republic, Dietrich challenges the prevalent outlook that twentieth-century art can be reduced to a revolutionary struggle of avant-garde artists against an entrenched artistic tradition. *The Collages of Kurt Schwitters* argues for a more nuanced view, in which revolutionary art forms are exposed as containing much that is traditional and, indeed, reactionary.

Here, in the first comprehensive survey of her work by an American museum, authors Peter Boswell, Maria

Makela, and Carolyn Lanchner survey the full scope of Hoch's half-century of experimentation in photomontage - from her politically charged early works and intimate psychological portraits of the Weimar era to her later forays into surrealism and abstraction.

Paul Klee was endowed with a rich and many-sided personality that was continually spilling over into forms of expression other than his painting and that made him one of the most extraordinary phenomena of modern European art. These abilities have left their record in the four intimate diaries in which he faithfully recorded the events of his inner and outer life from his nineteenth to his fortieth year. Here, together with recollections of his childhood in Bern, his relations with his family and such friends as Kandinsky, Marc, Macke, and many others, his observations on nature and people, his trips to Italy and Tunisia, and his military service, the reader will find Klee's crucial experience with literature and music, as well as many of his essential ideas about his own artistic technique and the creative process.

Eleven souls, suicide victims resulting from various issues including: bullying, unwanted teen pregnancy, drug addiction, and sexual abuse awoken from a cocoon-like state, to find themselves on a mysterious realm named Destaris. An Oshlu (spirit guide), named Maree, has been appointed to assist the fallen souls, who are universally intertwined through life experience. The teens must complete their self-interrupted spiritual journey in order to free themselves from the limbo-like realm and move on to the next. Oblivious to their soul's true desire, they are put through a series of tests that will ultimately

deliver them, one by one, through a porthole to their final destination, Heaven or Hell. The group, quite content being free of their earth burdens, soon realize that they cannot escape their biggest nightmare: the inability to escape themselves. They race against time to complete their testing for spiritual growth, for the longer they remain on Destaris, the more they must cope with the return of their former earth burdens. On Destaris, these past hardships re-emerge with a cruel psychedelic twist, as the realm holds unknown bizarre powers beyond those of a simple Earth. Many resist cooperating, for fear of being claimed by the Devil, and become deeper entrenched within their limbo state. This frustrates Maree, as she needs to free every trapped soul in Destaris before she is freed herself. She loses patience when several become uncooperative, tempting her to force the teens out through any porthole she can.

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