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The Hunt Begins **Quinn Loftis** 2022-04-26 How much heartbreak can one person take? Perizada, high fae, ambassador, mate, and friend to those in the Romanian her way. Everything about the fae is in question: her loyalty, her love, even her very existence. Still, her friends refuse to give up hope. The Order's compound has the ground, reduced to ash, but can Perizada's attack even be considered a victory given the sacrifice made to achieve it? What of the innocents trapped within the walls? Were any of those lives spared? Even with all they have faced, the challenges, the loss and pain, Fane, Jacque, their pack, and allies remain steadfast in the face of evil. Past experiences give them hope that not all is as it seems. Perhaps there are hearts that still beat where others perished. And always with them is their friend Luna, an ever present help in trouble. She offers light when there is only darkness, love when the heart is broken, and forgiveness when transgressions overwhelm. The battle is far from over, but there is no victory without sacrifice. There is no light without darkness. There is no joy without sorrow. There are no miracles without faith. Claim My Baby **Quinn Loftis** 2018-02-28 You're going to be a daddy. Those were the last words I ever expected to hear. As one of the fabled Hamilton twins, I earned it as it is. Why wouldn't I? Check out my stats. Co-owner of Hamilton Realty, a multimillion dollar business. Doting uncle to my niece, Laurie, and my soon-to-be nephew, a sexy, single guy who doesn't do strings-ever. Then I went to Vegas with my sister-in-law's best friend, Sage. Choices were made. Alcoholic beverages were consumed. Lives were taken. Hers, not mine. Then Sage announced I'd knocked her up. And oh yeah, she doesn't expect me to take an active role, because she knows I can't handle it. My d*ck. Say what? She's so wrong, and I'm going to prove it to her. I'm going to claim my baby-and Sage. Author's note: This book is about the process of becoming a father. Oliver doesn't start out as a single father, but by the end of the book? Hoo boy. Author's note part deux: Claim My Baby is a standalone rom com with a romantic cliffhanger.

Prince of Wolves **Quinn Loftis** 2011-06-29 Jacque Pierce was an ordinary 17-year-old girl getting ready to start her senior year in high school in Coldspring, TX when a mysterious foreign exchange student from Romania moves in across the street. Jacque and her two best friends Sally and Jen don't realize the last two weeks of her life are going to get a lot more interesting. From the moment Jacque sets eyes on Fane, she feels an instant connection, a pull like a moth to a flame. Little does she know that the boy she is drawn too is actually a Canis Lupus, werewolf, and she just happens to be his mate, the other half of his soul. The problem is Fane is not the only wolf in the area. Fane and Jacque are getting to know each other, another wolf steps out to try and claim Jacque as his mate. Fane will now have to fight for the right to compete for something that is his right by birth but is being denied him by a crazed Alpha. Will the love Fane has for Jacque be enough to give him the strength to defeat his rival? Can Jacque accept she is Fane's mate and complete the bond between them?

Sacrifice of Love **Quinn Loftis** 2013 As one evil falls, another rises in its place. The powerful witch, Desdemona, has finally been killed by an alliance of wolf, elf, and vampire. Reyaz, brother to Cypher the warlock king, has vowed retribution for a life that was taken from him. Now Cypher must decide not only how to protect his newborn child, but also how to destroy the only family he has left. Meanwhile, Jen's pregnancy progresses and the fateful due date draws ever nearer. The thought of the child constantly threatens to overwhelm her. With each passing day, Decebel grows more distant, causing Jen to wonder what toll the impending loss of their child will take on him. Unbeknownst to Jen, in an act of desperation to protect his unborn child and mate, Decebel strikes a deadly bargain with the Great Luna—his life in place of his child. It is only one way for that to happen; the bond between he and Jen must be broken. As Jen and Decebel struggle through their darkness, another kind of darkness is born. Doubts and questions linger as he tries to cope with the emotions brought on in the aftermath of Desdemona's curse. He knows what happened wasn't his fault. He rid himself of the terrible images seared into his memory. Jacque is his light, the one who keeps the darkness at bay, yet he won't let her inside to do just that. He doesn't learn what it means to be a gypsy healer and Costin struggles to protect her as she runs full speed ahead to help her wolves, heedless of her own safety. She is struggling, each enduring their own trials. She's desperate to help them, but can she keep them safe? With all of these things hanging heavy over the heads of the Romanian packs, their attention is divided. The wolves do not even realize a threat has slowly infiltrated their midst. Will they recognize the threat in time to save themselves? Or will they precariously hang in the balance? Against this backdrop of darkness, choices will be made, fears will be confronted, and the ultimate sacrifice will be made. Will they be able to together to defeat the threats arrayed against them, both from within and without? Will love conquer all? Or will the beleaguered wolves finally succumb to the darkness?

The Burning Claw **Quinn Loftis** 2016-09-10 Jacque's mind wandered as she hovered somewhere between life and death. Her body longed to let go, to sink into the darkness, to the place where she didn't have to worry about rabid, child-snatching vampires and the carnage they'd caused to so many innocent families. But something kept her tethered to this world, something she couldn't quite remember hovered just on the edge of her consciousness, something vital. It wasn't Fane, he would be with her on the other side, she knew that. If she died, he died too and he wouldn't have it any other way. She could feel Peri's presence in her body. The fae was fighting, expending energy to keep her and Fane alive and the strain was taking its toll on the fae. But why? Why was the fae fighting as if her own life depended upon Jacque's survival? She started to remember someone else—someone that depended on her. A brand new life, precious and perfect...her son. Costin's best friend lay as if sleeping, clinging to her like a mere thread, held at the other end by the powerful fae. But the thread holding Costin to his own sanity was just as feeble. Sally, his world, his light, his brown-haired girl, the one that keeps the darkness at bay, was gone. Simply vanished. Costin didn't know how or where, and it was tearing him up inside. The young boy, Titus, his adopted son, was a thing that kept his wolf from taking over completely. Costin would be strong for the boy for as long as he could, but he wasn't sure how long he could keep the boy safe. Bethany, the brave young girl that had been rescued from the clutches of the vampire coven to which she'd served as food for the past seven years, was now his. She was his true mate, with absolutely no understanding of what that meant. Though the girl had proven to be resilient, she had no idea how to handle her the huge dog that had staked his claim on her. Drake was past the point of feral when he'd found her, and that kind of darkness doesn't let go without a fight. The strongest of the pack, raised with a full understanding of pack law and the power of the mate bond, would have had a tough time dealing with the wolf. Bethany, a dormant, who had been what she was, didn't stand a chance.

The Vagabonds **Jeff Guinn** 2020-11-17 A "fascinating slice of rarely considered American history" (Booklist)—the story of Henry Ford and Thomas Edison—whose sojourns introduced the road trip to our culture and made the automobile an essential part of modern life. In 1914 Henry Ford and naturalist John Burroughs visited Florida and Edison in Florida and toured the Everglades. The following year Ford, Edison, and tire maker Harvey Firestone joined together on a summer camping trip and decided to call themselves the Vagabonds. They would continue their summer road trips until 1925, when they announced that their fame made it too difficult for them to carry on. The Vagabonds traveled with an entourage of chefs, butlers, and others, this elite fraternity also had a serious purpose: to examine the conditions of America's road culture and the practicality of automobile travel. Cars were unreliable and the roads were even worse. But newspaper coverage of these trips was extensive, and as cars became more popular the summer trip by automobile soon became a desired element of American life. The Vagabonds is "a portrait of America's burgeoning love affair with the automobile" and it also sheds light on the important relationship between the older Edison and the younger Ford, who once worked for the famous inventor. The road trips made Ford's ubiquitous and magnified Ford's reputation, even as Edison's diminished. The automobile would transform the American landscape, the American economy, and the way of life and Guinn brings this seminal moment in history to vivid life.

Into the Faes **Quinn Loftis** 2019-01-29 With peace finally descending on the Romanian Grey Wolves, longtime fae ambassador to the wolves, Perizada, has been given her mission by the Great Luna. But Peri's desire for revenge against her sister, Lorelle, burns in her heart. Further complicating matters, the great white wolf, Lucian, has returned to the pack after centuries trapped in the Dark Forest, and it appears he is destined to be with Peri. Can she put aside her thoughts of vengeance long enough to help Lucian's love and complete her mission?

Burden **Lila Felix** 2014-05-01 In the depths of the Louisiana swamps, clans of bear shifters roam freely. Hawke Turnclaw, the Alpha over all of his kind, is drowned and left to him by the Alpha before him, his own father. When he goes on a rescue mission to save a rogue Black bear from the clutches of a Grizzly clan, he finds more than just a Black bear, he finds his mate. Echo has always been told she's an anomaly, a fluke. She's the only bear of her kind and that makes her a hindrance to her clan. She's wanted away, but they keep her tethered through guilt and a shock collar around her neck. And then someone shows up claiming he's her mate. Now belonging to a new pack,

be able to understand that she's so much more than just a burden?

Wolf of Stone Quinn Loftis 2014-10-31 Dalton Black, a Canis lupus full of guilt and anger, never expected to find his true mate. Perhaps already slipping into madness, he resigned himself to the fact that he would walk the earth without the other half of his soul. He was convinced that his sins were enough to keep the Great Luna from such a blessing. He knew it was probably better that way. His past was as dark as his name and after three centuries of running from it, the memories were fading from him. But all of those resignations evaporated when he saw her broken and bloodied body lying on that altar. Though the man didn't recognize her, the wolf did. In the end, blood and bloodshed he was able to save her from the evil that held her captive, but now he would need her to save him from himself. Jewel Stone was wholly unaware of the bloodlines of Gypsy Healers, mates to Canis lupus and protectors of the packs—much less that she carried that blood herself. But when a beautiful but deadly werewolf came to her home and ripped her from her realm, she knew her life would never be the same. Her mother, Gem, a fortune teller, had warned her that something was coming, and she was about to change dramatically, but like everyone else, Jewel had dismissed her as a crazy person. Jewel was the laughing stock of her school simply because she was different from her mother. And up until now, her life was one big disappointment after another. Instead of heeding her mother's warning, she hid in her books, burying herself behind both fact and fiction. She escaped into worlds created by others and filled her mind with facts of every kind in an effort to push away the hurtful words that came with. Despite all of her knowledge and all of her fantastical stories, she never dreamed her own future would be full of adventure, danger, passion and the possibility of unconditional love. As she lay unconscious after her first bloody encounter in the fae realm, her only chance of survival lay in the hands of a man scarred by his past, both emotionally and physically, and beyond the reach of any who had tried to help him. Can two broken people, who carry the other half of each other's souls, find a way between them and restore the innocence ripped from both their lives? Will they let the promise of healing love overcome the difference in age and experience, and find a way to their species and realms? Or will they give in to the fear and doubt that would keep them from one another for eternity?

The Viking's Captive Quinn Loftis 2018-11-27 Prophecy spoken. Alliances broken. Will duty come before love? The Viking's Captive is the exciting sequel to The Viking's Bride by USA Today Bestseller Quinn Loftis. Torben is faced with a terrible choice: rescue the woman he loves from the clutches of a madman, or save his people from a ruthless foreign invader. He longs to save Allete, especially since the clan's oracle has prophesized that she will become his queen and help unite the clans. But to save the princess means abandoning his clan, the choice would be unconscionable. Torben races across land and sea on a collision course with Magnus, Allete's kidnapper and former king. Their meeting will change the fate of Clan Hakon—either saving it from destruction or splintering it forever. Will Torben be able to rescue Allete before his actions ruin them all? Or will Cathal find the princesses first, enslaving them and using them for his own twisted purposes? Swords will clash and arrows will fly. Allete and Torben is finally decided. Novels in The Clan Hakon Series Include: The Viking's Chosen (February 12, 2018) The Viking's Captive (November 27, 2018) The Viking's Consort (Fall 2019)

Pediatric Palliative Care Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association 2015-08-31 Pediatric palliative care is a field of significant growth as health care systems recognize the benefits of palliative care in areas such as neonatal intensive care, pediatric ICU, and chronic pediatric illnesses. Pediatric Palliative Care, the fourth volume in the Pediatric Nursing Manuals series, highlights key issues related to the field. Chapters address pediatric hospice, symptom management, pediatric pain, the neonatal intensive care unit, transitioning goals of care between the emergency department and intensive care unit, and grief and bereavement in pediatric palliative care. The content is clinically focused volumes in the HPNA Palliative Nursing Manuals series is one resource for nurses preparing for specialty certification exams and provides a quick reference for daily practice. Plentiful tables and patient teaching points make these volumes useful resources for nurses.

The Warlock Queen Quinn Loftis 2021-05-25 She is and will be, until her time comes, the warlock queen. ~Cypher, the warlock king. Peace has come amid the storm by which that peace was earned was great—the lives of the Romanian pack alphas, and Cypher, king of the warlocks. Now, the Great Luna has declared a period of mourning, allowing her children a brief respite in their battle against the Order of the Burning Claw. A violation of the command means certain death. But peace doesn't exist. Lilly Pierce, the surviving widow of the warlock king, must now take his place as the leader of the warlock race. Unfortunately, she's in no condition to do it. Her life is shattered. Lilly has found love twice in her life, and both times, it's been ripped away. Now, the warlock clans are looking to their new queen for guidance, or worse, to falter. To keep her throne, Lilly will have to prove she's worthy of it, or risk losing more than just her title. The last thing the queen needs in her grief-stricken state is hallucinating... Murderer. Traitor. Outlaw. These are just a few of the words that describe Myanin, the disgraced djinn warrior. And for a time, those words didn't matter. As the djinn becomes more acquainted with the inner workings of the Order of the Burning Claw, she begins to understand how truly evil her fellow supernatural really is. The person she wants to be? Is that the life she wants to lead? Not long ago, Myanin would have done anything to get back at her former lover, Thadrick. But an encounter with her Creator has the djinn questioning everything, including whether she is beyond redemption. Two women, both suffering loss, both longing for misery, both faced with impossible choices. Is it possible the queen and the djinn could find salvation in one another?

Alpha Rising Quinn Loftis 2020-12-08 Supernatural war is on the horizon, and no one will escape unscathed. Enemy after enemy, foe after foe, has fallen before the might of the Romanian grey wolves and their allies among the supernatural races. But now the alliance doesn't fight a single supernatural threat. It's no longer just vampires, a lone deranged warlock, or a rogue pack that threatens their safety. Now, the wolves face a unified force of evil--the Order of the Burning Claw. The representative from every supernatural race to unleash a spell that will enslave humanity forever, and they've just recruited one of their most powerful members. They stop at nothing to gain power, including kidnapping the pack's children and its beleaguered healer. The Romanian pack would love nothing more than to bring the Great Luna down upon their foes. But how can they do that when their enemies hold captive the pack's greatest treasures. Before this is over, bonds will be tested, and all hell will break loose.

Dream of Me Quinn Loftis 2015-02-28 From the author who brought you the award-winning Grey Wolves and Elfin Series, now brings you a new series based on the legend, the Sandman. The truth of who and what he is lies between these pages and he is so much more than anyone could have ever imagined. "In the evening, upon their necks, till their heads begin to droop... Under each arm he carries an umbrella; one of them, with pictures on the inside, he spreads over the good children; they dream the most beautiful stories the whole night." ~Hans Christian Anderson Since the dawn of time, Brudair, otherwise known as the Sandman to the world, has lived out his purpose, faithfully performed his duties. He has never questioned his lot among the immortals, until now, until her. Sarah Serenity Tillman, a consummate dreamer inside and out, is a high school senior five months from her graduation. She has great plans, dreams of leaving the small town of her childhood behind her forever, and other plans, and it's the Sandman's job to make sure those plans are fulfilled. The tall muscular Sandman, known as Dair to his friends, dressed in black, wrapped in mystery more than a myth. And he has a job to do. His very existence makes him a creature of the night, because dreams, (yes the legends got that part right), were his purpose. His purpose was more than just weaving dreams for sleeping children. No, his dreams were made to influence, made to ensure that certain special individuals, those who would change the course of history, actually accepted their chosen destiny. Little does Serenity know that she is Dair's next assignment. And the dream that she has if she follows its influence, will change the course of, not only her life but possibly the whole of history as well. But she isn't the only one being influenced. The Sandman was weighing on the Sandman, lighting up the darkness that was his constant companion. Her light was warmth, it was life, and he didn't understand how he had lived previous millennia without it. The Sandman was indeed greater than anything humans had ever imagined, and his purpose was vital to the course of history. So when the weaver of dreams gets so distracted by a mere human that he ignores his own duties in the immortal realm? How can an immortal who was never meant to join a young woman in her destiny without irrevocably changing the lives of millions and potentially altering history in a way the Creator never intended? "Dream of Me, Princess," Dair whispered into her ear. "Then weave me a dream, Sandman," she said softly. "And we can dream together." As her eyes grew heavy, she heard Dair telling her to sleep, to open her mind to him and let him in. I'm all yours, she thought as sleep finally claimed her.

The End is Always Near: Apocalyptic Moments from the Bronze Age Collapse to Nuclear Armageddon 2019-10-29 THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
Cleansed By Water Quinn Loftis 2020-08-11 Nothing is stronger than the power of a soulbond, even the end of the world. Gabby Gellar is a fire elemental with a power that has been told so many times by her parents that she's worthless she no longer questions that truth. Pushed away by the only people she's ever loved, Gabby struggles to find her place. Friends, acquaintances, buddies, chums, and especially romantic relationships, are kept at arm's length, or further if she can help it. Gabby knows she could never be anyone's girlfriend, much less someone's soulbonded. So why does the thought of a certain water elemental have her out of bed well past midnight, packing up to try to deny the part of her that's silently calling to him, reaching for his magic, thirsting for it like a dying man in the desert. Dammit! To Liam Nash, life is more than something to laugh at and enjoy. An endless stream of amusements made even more amusing by the water magic he uses to manipulate the world around him. He'd actually have a soulbonded. He was content to be unattached, a flirt, a perpetual bachelor ... but that was before he met Gabby. Now, he was certain she was as sure as the sun would rise tomorrow. Unfortunately, the sun's rising is no longer a sure thing. With half of the royal elementals imprisoned in the underworld, the climate has been thrown into chaos. Temperatures are steadily dropping, volcanoes are spontaneously erupting, and earthquakes are becoming commonplace. If the elementals have any hope of rescuing the planet from the dark forces seeking to destroy it, the elemental academies will have to work together. That means a fire elemental and a reluctant fire-wielder are about to be thrown together and asked to save the world. Could the bond between Liam and Gabby be the very thing that saves the forces of light to victory?

Highland Shapeshifter Clover Autrey 2017-12-14 Flung forward into the 21st Century, Highland shapeshifter Col Limont needs to find the healer Charity Greves in

back home and save his family. However, the healer's sister, Lenore, is determined to do everything she can to keep Col from dragging her sister back to 13th C into his family's supernatural war. But when monsters and a strange yuppie trio also try to stop him, Lenore has to reconsider her options. But by helping Col, sister.

Dream So DarQuinn Loftis 2017-11-07 He was created to be a messenger and guider of dreams. He has traveled the earth for centuries upon centuries fulfilling Until her. Serenity crept into his existence as seamlessly as the dreams he wove and just as effortlessly, she stole his heart. Their future is still unclear, but Dai want to spend even another hour without her. Meanwhile Emma Whitmore, a brilliant young girl whose overcome so much at her tender young age was dropped but for what purpose neither is certain. Taken from the people she's grown to love and put in a home with a man who has no love to give, she fights to survive on until she can be returned to the adoptive family who has already claimed her. Three lives, unsure of what is to come, fighting the darkness that is closing in they are to have any future together, then evil cannot prevail. But at what cost to them?

Call Me CrazyQuinn Loftis 2013-07-23 "I'm looking out from inside the chaos. It must be a one-way mirror because no one seems to be able to see back inside looks on their faces, the judgment in their eyes, tells me everything I need to know. The most frustrating part about the whole messed up situation is that ever that they stare at in shock, I am just as shocked as they are. I know no more than they do of why I lose control. What they don't know is that I am more scared could ever be." - Tally BakerAfter a devastating turn of events, seventeen year old Tally Baker is admitted to Mercy Psychiatric Facility where she is diagnosed v Disorder. She has come to a place where she honestly believes that her life is over. Her mind tells her that she will never smile or laugh again, that she will never It is in this unlikely place that she meets two people, different in every way, yet both critical to helping her realize that she has so much more living to do. Candy, a sixty year old Mercy Psychiatric patient, is hell bent on driving everyone as crazy as she is. Candy shows Tally that, regardless of her diagnosis, the ability to pu life to the fullest is her choice and hers alone. In the midst of Tally's oftentimes humorous, sometimes heart-wrenching, escapades with Candy, a new patient is Mercy—a native American woman named Lolotea. Along with this new patient comes a daily visitor, her son, Trey Swift. At first glance, it is obvious to Tally that handsome and unbelievably caring. But what she learns through her second glance, and many thereafter, is that there is much more to Trey than he ever lets on daily visits that Trey and Tally build a friendship far deeper than either of them truly realize. With Trey, Tally feels for the first time since being admitted that so her as a person and not as a disease. Trey begins to make it clear that he wants more than friendship, but she knows that she can never give him more. How c won't even give him the truth? Tally doesn't tell Trey that she is a patient at Mercy, and she doesn't ever plan to. Her plans go up in flames when she finds out student at her school, the school where her brokenness was found out in the floor of the girl's bathroom in a pool of her own blood.

The Viking's ChoseQuinn Loftis 2018-02-12 The prophecy must be fulfilled. His orders are clear: launch a raid against England and bring home the spoils of war. prophecy is also clear: General Torben will take a foreign bride—one who is a seer and healer just like his mother. The eldest princess of England is said to be just beautiful, charming, and headstrong woman. But he's a Viking army general and she's an English princess—and one who is already promised to the king of Tara. collide in this epic historical fiction centered on an undeniable chemistry that smolders against the odds. Richly written and injected with moments of humor, th romantic tale will leave you breathless. Quinn Loftis is the author of twenty novels, including the USA Today Bestseller Fate and Fury. Books in the Clan Hakon S Viking's Chosen (February 2018) The Viking's Captive (Winter 2018) The Viking's Consort (Fall 2019)

Den Of SorrowQuinn Loftis 2016-03-25 The Romanian and Serbian Canis lupus rest in an uneasy peace. One of their own, Sally Miklos, the young and powerful aids Perizada in her quest to defeat Volcan, a long forgotten nightmare returned to our world. These two packs watch as their brothers across the world, wolve Ireland, and America, join their own forces in the battle against the evil dark fae. At the same time, the packs hope against hope that their presence might reveal between a pack member and one of the five recently discovered gypsy healers. While Jacque and Jen miss Sally, their longtime best friend, they have bided their their own domestic issues. Jacque and Fane are anticipating the birth of their first child and Jen and Decebel face the challenges of caring for an infant. Both gi awaiting Sally's return, and have Perizada's word that she will be back in time for the birth of Jacque's baby. Vasile and Alina, the Alpha pair of the Romanian pack enjoying this time of peace. But Vasile did not become the most powerful Alpha in centuries by being a fool. He has lived long enough to know that there is always on the horizon. As long as evil exists in this world, his race must step forward and stand in the gap, shielding those who cannot protect themselves. But the ba is bigger than he could have ever imagined. As Perizada has recently discovered, creatures of the night that have for so long remained hidden from the human r slithered from their underground lairs and begun preying on the young and innocent. The high fae has declared war, and she expects Vasile and his wolves to be out the attack. The Alpha is more than happy to oblige. But with his first grandchild on the way, and the gift of five vulnerable healers coming under the wolves understands that he must be very careful not to place any of them in harm's way. Such is the job of the Alpha, protector, and provider. He and those he leads n sentinels and warriors to safeguard those they love, and the humans who know nothing of the supernatural world. It will be their job to destroy the creatures expose them all. And if they fail, the world as they know it, both human and supernatural, will never be the same.

SnowboundBlake Crouch 2013-01-19 For Will Innis and his daughter, Devlin, the loss was catastrophic. Every day for the past five years, they wonder where she is—Will's wife, Devlin's mother—because Rachael Innis vanished one night during an electrical storm on a lonely desert highway, and suspected of her death, Will and fled. Now, Will and Devlin live under different names in another town, having carved out a new life for themselves as they struggle to maintain some semblance. When one night, a beautiful, hard-edged FBI agent appears on their doorstep, they fear the worst, but she hasn't come to arrest Will. "I know you're innocent," "because Rachael wasn't the first...or the last." Desperate for answers, Will and Devlin embark on a terrifying journey that spans four thousand miles from the c the wilds of Alaska, heading unawares into the heart of a nightmare, because the truth is infinitely worse than they ever imagined.

Directorate Steve Coll 2018-02-06 Winner of the 2018 National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction Longlisted for the 2018 National Book Award for Nonfiction and the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Ghost Wars, the epic and enthralling story of America's intelligence, military, and diplomatic efforts to defeat Al Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan and Pakistan since 9/11 Prior to 9/11, the United States had been carrying out small-scale covert operations in Afghanistan, ostensibly in cooperation with the Pakistani intelligence agency. In direct opposition, with I.S.I., the Pakistani intelligence agency. While the US was trying to quell extremists, a highly secretive and compartmentalized wing of I.S.I., "Directorate S," was covertly training, arming, and seeking to legitimize the Taliban, in order to enlarge Pakistan's sphere of influence. After 9/11, when fifty-nine U. S., deployed troops or provided aid to Afghanistan in an effort to flush out the Taliban and Al Qaeda, the U.S. was set on an invisible slow-motion collision course with Pakistan. Today we know that the war in Afghanistan would falter badly because of military hubris at the highest levels of the Pentagon, the drain on resources the Muslim world caused by the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, and corruption. But more than anything, as Coll makes painfully clear, the war in Afghanistan was doomed from the failure of the United States to apprehend the motivations and intentions of I.S.I.'s "Directorate S". This was a swirling and shadowy struggle of historic proportions that endured over a decade and across both the Bush and Obama administrations, involving multiple secret intelligence agencies, a litany of incongruous strategies and dozens of players, including some of the most prominent military and political figures. A sprawling American tragedy, the war was an open clash of arms but also a clash of ideas, secrets, and subterranean violence. Coll excavates this grand battle, which took place away from the gaze of the American public. With unsurpassed expertise, research, and attention to detail, he brings to life a narrative at once vast and intricate, local and global, propulsive and painstaking. This is the definitive explanation of how America came to be so badly ensnared in an elaborate, factional, and seemingly interminable conflict in South Asia. Nothing less than a forensic examination of the political forces that shape world history, Directorate S is a complete masterpiece of both investigative and narrative journalism.

Statistics for Linguists: An Introduction Using R Winter 2019-10-30 Statistics for Linguists: An Introduction Using R is the first statistics textbook on linear models for linguistics. The book covers simple uses of linear models through generalized models to more advanced approaches, maintaining its focus on conceptual issues and avoiding excessive mathematical details. It contains many applied examples using the R statistical programming environment. Written in an accessible tone and style, this book is a main resource for graduate and advanced undergraduate students of Linguistics statistics courses as well as those in other fields, including Psychology, Cognitive Science, and Data Science.

Sweet Oblivion (Sweet Series #1) Ardison 2012-12-30 Free! - Nariella has a hard life. Hated and beaten by her foster father, she finds solace in the one person who is always been there for her--Rydan, her overprotective best friend. His sheltering only gets worse once Nari collides--literally--with Mycah. A boy being chased by a boy who Nari is convinced is either the devil or an angel. But she was wrong. He's something completely different. Then there's Naminé. A servant who lives in the family, for herself, and for the dying kingdom she lives in. But there is hope, and she's the only one who can bring that hope home to save them all. Naminé will do anything to make that happen, even if it means betraying her king. People always want the truth until they have it. To be let in on secrets until they get burned by them. Nari, once she's kidnapped, tortured, and ultimately becomes intertwined in a secret world she never could've imagined existed, she knows there's no going back to her old life. And maybe she doesn't want to. If darkness is the absence of light, what results from the absence of truth? Nothing but Oblivion. This is book one in a series- Sweet Series #1) - FREEBIE Sweet Escape (Sweet Series #2) Sweet Requiem (Sweet Series #3) Sweet Redemption (Sweet Series #4 - Finale)

Blood RiteQuinn Loftis 2011-11-18 With the challenge complete and the corrupt Alpha of Coldspring defeated Fane is now free to complete the mate bond with Vasile. To perform the Blood Rites. Although the challenge is done, the effects are far-reaching. Once it is known that Vasile one of the strongest Alphas in the world is in

specifically Coldspring, TX, there is one Alpha who cannot overlook the significance of this. An Alpha who happens to share Jacque's DNA, but is this the one she... With her mom driving and her two best friends, Jen and Sally in tow, Jacque set off for her happily ever after. She will soon realize a plan has been put in motion her course and possibly tear her from Fane's grasp forever. It will take a wolf pack, her mother's love, her two best friend's unrelenting determination, her own the undying love of her mate to bring her home. The question remains, if she fights, if she endures, who will she be, what will be left once she is back in her ma... Wolves of Wrath Quinn Loftis 2017-09-27 Long ago, during the Great Purge, the witches that had grown too many in number and too powerful, were destroyed. The council saw that the balance of good and evil had been tipped too far in one direction and it had to be rectified. So they killed all of the witches, and their creation thought. But they were wrong. Volcan, the high fae, who had once been a member of their council, until he decided he wanted to be all powerful and created the pixie realm, hiding in the Dark Forest. Now he's back and hell bent on rebuilding his army of witches. Only this time he's set his eyes on the gypsy healers to be the he creates them. He already has two of the newly found healers, Jewel and Anna, with his blood running in their veins. And though he thinks he's got it all planned, Volcan hadn't calculated into his formula of healers + his blood = witches, was the healer's mates, Dalton and Gustavo. Both males are more than ready to sink the high fae who has taken their females. With the darkness closing in on all four of them, it is a toss up as to who will succumb to it first. Mean while, the he had stashed in the pixie realm are sitting ducks with the Veil between them and the human realm locked. The mates of those healers are holding onto their self as they try to figure out a way to get them out of the pixie realm. Perizada is once again fighting for those who are under her protection, while at the same time them herself. Considering the healers tend to do stupid heroic stuff and the wolves just do stupid stuff period, it's not certain who will destroy who. The only thing none of them was willing to surrender. Throw in a powerful, eccentric Djinn who has suddenly gotten bored and things are guaranteed to get messy. This is the story of the five gypsy healers, the fae who protects them and the wolves whose wrath will consume any who come between them.

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Just One Drop Quinn Loftis 2012-08-15 Jennifer Adams, best friend to Jacque Pierce and Sally Morgan, spicy, out spoken, a little crazy and human...or so she thought just found out that human DNA is not the only thing that resides in her veins, she happens to share that little pesky werewolf gene, although it isn't more than she and her friends are living in Romania with Fane's pack, she is also oh so conveniently stuck with the object of her affection, the fur ball Decebel. Drawn to something they don't understand Jen finds herself frustrated by the lack of mating signs between her and said fur ball. Not only is she dealing with that not so problem, she now has been informed that because of that little drop of werewolf blood in her she is now required to attend a multi-pack gathering for un-mates of gathering hasn't taken place in over a century but with a shortage of females among the werewolf population the males are getting worried they won't ever. Meanwhile, Decebel struggles with the emotions he is feeling towards Jen. He tries to keep his distance but there is just something about the mouthy blonde that back for more of her verbal abuse that he just can't seem to get enough of...go figure.

Trollarella Karen M. Stegman-Bourgeois 2007 This version of the Cinderella story features a troll living under a bridge who finds an invitation to a ball, where she Prince Charming.

Elfín Quinn Loftis 2012-12-23 Before tonight Cassie Tate's biggest concerns were whether she could pass Algebra and how she was going to keep Elora, her best dressing her in a skimpy fairy costume for Halloween. Her feet were firmly planted in suburban reality and she had no reason to believe her life would be anything typical teenager. That is until tonight, when Cassie saw something that no human was ever supposed to see; in the blink of an eye she was thrown into the world of Dark Elves. He comes from a realm where light and dark have fought for millennia. He is of a race known to humans only in myths and legends. The darkness that is a part of both who and what he is and it makes him the most gifted spy and assassin in the history of his time. His life is not his own; he lives in the service. He slays who he must, has mercy on no one, is relentless in his hunt, and never tires of seeing his prey fall. He is Triktapic, assassin, spy, most feared of the Dark the midst of his King's complicated plans to expand the Dark Elves' holdings into the mortal realm, for the first time, Trik finds his loyalties divided. For no Elf, Dark turn away from their Chosen. Unbeknownst to the mortal realm, the battle between Light and Dark is being brought to their doorstep. The only one who can keep darkness in his heart like a lover, and the one who can sway that heart must decide if she can look beyond his black past, beyond his evil nature and see the man. The questions must be asked, does love really cover a multitude of sins? Can true love actually conquer all or will his darkness consume those around him until is an assassin with the blood of the mortal realm on his hands?

Disability, Literature, Genre Ria Cheyne 2019-11-30 Examining the intersection of disability and genre in popular works of horror, crime, science fiction, fantasy, and published since the late 1960s, Disability, Literature, Genre is a major contribution to both cultural disability studies and genre fiction studies. Drawing on recent and emotion, the book explores how disability makes us feel, and how those feelings shape interpersonal and fictional encounters. Written in a clear and accessible Disability, Literature, Genre offers a timely reflection on the rapidly growing body of scholarship on disability representation, as well as an innovative new theoretical. By reconceptualising genre reading as an affective process, Ria Cheyne establishes genre fiction as a key site of investigation for disability studies. She argues that unique combination of affectivity and reflexivity makes it ideally suited to the production of reflexive representations of disability: representations which encourage reflect upon what they understand about disability, and potentially to rethink it. Examining the affective--and effective--power of disability representations in a popular genre fiction, this book will be essential reading for academics in disability studies, literary studies, popular culture studies, and the medical humanities.

Surrender Quinn Loftis 2015-09-15 "So I just might die a virgin after all. That's what sucks about the end of the world, you just don't plan for it and once it's upon late. It's been a few weeks since I've had time to actually write anything down, which sucks because more has happened in my life in the past three weeks than seventeen, (soon to be eighteen) years. So I'm going to give you a quick recap, because my diary is totally a living breathing thing and really cares...not. Basically run from Lorsan, the dark elf king, while also looking for the Book of the Elves, which he stole (butt head), while at the same time attempting to shut down the liquid drug the dark elves devised to enslave the human race. If you ask me their goals are a little lofty, but then nobody asked me, and therein lies their problem don't end there. On top of trying to get Rapture out of the human realm and taking out Lorsan, we also have to rescue Cassie's parents. Apparently there's a dark delusional and believes Cassie is his Chosen reincarnated. So naturally he thought kidnapping her parents would win her heart. Loser. What happen to love notes. Anyways, now you're caught up, roughly. The point is, life is about as jacked up as it can get at the moment. I would like to be able to give some Braveheart words that we totally got this, but honestly, I have no idea if we can pull this off." -Elora

Bound by Earth Quinn Loftis 2020-02-25 Tara Thompson cannot be injured. Since the night her parents died in a tragic accident, she hasn't felt pain of any kind, a papercut. And she has no idea why. Though her body healed quickly, her heart and soul took its time. Luckily, a loving foster mom and an unwanted best friend speed up the process. Despite Tara's best efforts, her new BFF, Shelly Smith, just wouldn't go away. By their senior year, the girls were thick as thieves and would become thieves if Shelly had anything to say about their future. Thankfully, fate intervenes in the form of a high school recruiter, Elias Creed, who works for a neurological testing company. Cue the dreamy music and soft lighting as he walks in slow motion toward her. Then Elias opens his mouth and Tara laments the fact she's ever been seriously attracted to...is a complete and utter butthead. Still, she can't seem to shake him, and she and Shelly are both intrigued by the company. Little do they know it's not a company at all. It's an academy for those gifted with elemental powers and she's already been enrolled. And Elias isn't Tara's only hottest guy in school--Tucker Adams--has been asking Tara out for the past three years and each time she's shot him down. Now, he's finally broken down her Elias and Tucker both warn Tara the other is dangerous, she doesn't know who to believe. When the truth is finally revealed, Tara finds out both men know more than she does, including what caused the accident that took her parents' lives.

Disavow Jamie Magee 2015-10-23 Rivulet is a spinoff series from the wildly popular Insight Series. Mason Wade had fought death, and to some degree he had a phoenix coursing through his veins made him feel like hell. Each of his new senses forced him to reach into a past he knew was better left alone, yet he was grudgingly desire to protect Indie, to be a lethal supernatural guardian. The discovery of a secret library within the Falcon Manor landed River Sabine, the very girl who first and left him in his darkest hour, front and center in his life. Mason and the others discovering how closely his past is connected to the paranormal war at hand on the surface of how deeply entwined those who lurk at the Falcon Manor are; a painful lesson Indie is forced to learn as she fights to rise to her role as the Queen protect the hearts of her own. An impossible decision must be made; no matter the choice lovers will divide. The only real question is whose sacrifice will be for good. Special note to the reader: The RIVULET series is part of the "Web of Hearts and Souls Universe," where several series combine into one large story. All series independently or as one.

Frostbite Heather Beck 2014-09-13 "Great beauty hides dark secrets..." Seventeen-year-old Anastasia Lockhart has never led an easy life, but when she starts serious trouble, she's sent to live with her grandparents in Cedar Falls. The small, picturesque town hasn't changed since she visited four years ago, with one exception presence of a handsome, mysterious boy named Frost. Despite warnings from her grandparents and friends to stay away from Frost, Anastasia can't deny their more time they spend together, the deeper in love they fall. Unfortunately, Frost has a secret that is beyond Anastasia's wildest imagination, and she soon finds of a supernatural legend that has haunted Cedar Falls for years. Can Anastasia and Frost's love really overcome anything, or are their fates much darker?

Forgotten Silence Quinn A. Loftis 2017-12-15 Filthy. Disgusting. Unworthy trash. The same thoughts keep swirling in Sally's mind. She's broken and no one can fix

friends, try as they might, and not her beautiful mate. She'd thought when Costin had rescued her from Jericho's clutches, broken the spell the rogue werewolf left the cur lying in bloody pieces on the floor of an Ocean Side bar, that one day she might find some peace. Perhaps, with time, she could forget the horrible t Perhaps she could forget how she had betrayed her one true mate. Now, several weeks later, the memories and the nightmares have only grown stronger. Unbe though the magical bracelet that erased her memories was destroyed, the magical device deposited something sinister within the girl's mind. Now, in a last ditch sort of healing, Sally is being shipped off to her hometown--Coldspring, TX. Little does she know that surprises are awaiting her there that will shake the found ever known. Will these new revelations be the key to eradicating the darkness that has taken root in the healer? Or will the secrets that are uncovered be too bear?

Accidental Witness (Morelli FamilySally) Mariano 2017-03-27 Vince Morelli. The closest I ever wanted to get to him was several rows away in English class. We'd spoken, but of course I heard the stories about his family. I know they're dangerous. I know he's dangerous. Vince never had a reason to notice me, anyway-unt witnessed his first mob hit. His family doesn't believe in leaving witnesses alive, but Vince seems different. He knows the best thing he can do for me is stay av keeps drawing us together. Despite knowing the risks of getting mixed up with him, I can't resist. Only problem is, Vince is a package deal-you don't get him wit up in his family's dark games. Now entangled with a notorious Chicago crime family, will my life ever be mine again?

Beyond the Veil Quinn Loftis 2012-12-05 Though the Serbian pack has been brought to heel thanks to the downfall of their Alpha, the war is far from over. Desde unfathomable power, has escaped the wolves' wrath, but she will not go quietly into the night. She takes refuge in a place where even the smallest sliver of light enter. Though she had to flee, she has not given up on the treasure she wishes to acquire. Her depravity knows no bounds; she's even willing to search for the her in opening a Veil that has not been opened in millennia - with good reason: the danger is incalculable. Meanwhile, there are major changes rippling through t Grey wolves. Decebel has become Alpha to the Serbian pack in an effort to begin to unite the Canis lupis species. Their numbers are dwindling in the wake of th mates and lack of offspring. The wolves are beginning to lose faith and darkness seems to be crashing in on them from all sides. But the winds of change are b will alter the future of not only the Canis lupis, but of another ancient race as well. Amidst all of this, Sally is continuing to come to terms with her relationship charming, flirty, unbelievably handsome bartender - who happens to be a member of the Romanian pack. If all that weren't enough, the Fates have decided to pa Jen. It's time to collect. She cheated the Fates of a life, her life. Now they want what they are due. The problem? It's more than Jen is willing to pay. Yes, the w from over. Bargains will be struck, declarations will be made, sacrifices will be given, love will be tested, and trust will be questioned as evil makes its stand aga Fate and Fur Quinn Loftis 2013 The last few days have been the darkest of Sally's life. After experiencing the joy of finding her mate, she now suffers the pain o everything she holds dear. Both the Romanian and Serbian packs have been captured, ripping Sally's soul mate away from her almost as soon as she had found h friend and the emotional glue that usually holds Sally together, Jacque Pierce, lies writhing in a restless coma, having been put down by Desdemona's dark magi the unshakable one, has revealed to her friends and her mate that she is pregnant, but the Fates have marked her unborn baby for death. Though she rails again deep inside Jen knows that Decebel's baby must die as payment for her own life, and the knowledge is tearing her soul to pieces.

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