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"Reading Shana Thornton's highly original novel will make you want to get your own family stories to the page. You'll meet larger-than-life characters like Hoot and Zona, Aunt Cora and Jane, Miss Emy, and Nenny, the matriarch, who rolls her own cigarettes and knows all the secrets of the family medicine wheel. You may even find yourself signing up for a writing class like the one that sets the narrator, young Robin Ballard, to interviewing her aunts and grandmother, tracking down her homeless father, and digging out the family secrets, lost journals, and recipes that make Poke Sallet Queen & the Family Medicine Wheel a most surprising and satisfying fictional family history. (At least, I think it's fiction!)" -Mary Helen Stefaniak, author of *The Turk and My Mother and The Cailiffs of Baghdad, Georgia* **** "Vibrant in detail! Meet and fall in love with the characters of Poke Sallet Queen and the Family Medicine Wheel and along the way, learn the secrets of great story-telling." -Bud Willis, author of *Marble Mountain: A Vietnam Memoir* **** "When I'm given a book to review, I like to open it up at random and see if what's on the happenstance page resonates at all. This time I found the heroine Robin Ballard singing Mother Maybelle Carter's 'Wildwood Flower' at a beauty contest she does not expect to win. She is someone I recognize, who trips over a cord as she's leaving the stage, whose family's knowledge 'comes from the dirt' not from 'parchment scrolls and crests that open doors.' This character is humble and honest, and the book refreshingly natural and just different enough. I like it..." -Rheta Grimsley Johnson, author of *Enchanted Evening Barbie and the Second Coming* **** "Shana Thornton has a fresh, unique voice and talent. Poke Sallet Queen and the Family Medicine Wheel is a lyrical tale of love in the lush Tennessee hills, of generations gone by, and of people appreciated for simple things as much as the passing on of their history. There is mystery, sorrow, laughter and knowledge in these unforgettable characters. Shana writes a magical story that stays with you long after the final page. As with one of the characters, 'She knows real magic.'" -Virginia Brown, author of *Dark River Road* and the Dixie Diva mystery series **** When Robin Ballard takes a writing course in college, she goes searching for answers about her homeless father and wanders into the secret lives of her relatives as they gradually reveal their personal histories. Set in Nashville and the

surrounding rural towns, Poke Sallet Queen and the Family Medicine Wheel offers a look into the superstitions and changes of a middle Tennessee family from the 1920s to the 21st century. Based on novel events, homework assignments, old magic recipes, drunken revelries, senile remembrances, midnight songs, some tall tales, some folk tales, and the lost journals, Robin Ballard tells a "true" Tennessee family history.

[The Black Dancing Body BelleBooks](#)

Meet Sarah Booth Delaney, an unconventional Southern belle whose knack for uncovering the truth is about to make her the hottest detective in Zinnia, Mississippi . . . if it doesn't make her the deadeast. No self-respecting lady would allow herself to end up in Sarah Booth ' s situation. Unwed, unemployed, and over thirty, she ' s flat broke and about to lose the family plantation. Not to mention being haunted by the ghost of her great-great-grandmother ' s nanny, who never misses an opportunity to remind her of her sorry state—or to suggest a plan of action, like ransoming her friend ' s prize pooch to raise some cash. But soon Sarah Booth ' s walk on the criminal side leads her deeper into unladylike territory, and she ' s hired to solve a murder. Did gorgeous, landed Hamilton Garrett V really kill his mother twenty years ago? And if so, what is Sarah Booth doing falling for this possible murderer? When she asks one too many questions and a new corpse turns up, she is suddenly a suspect herself . . . and Sarah Booth finds that digging up the bones of the past could leave her rolling over in her grave. Divas Are Forever Yale University Press

Poor Meg Langslow. She's blessed in so many ways. Michael, her boyfriend, is a handsome, delightful heartthrob who adores her. She's a successful blacksmith, known for her artistic wrought-iron creations. But somehow Meg's road to contentment is more rutted and filled with potholes than seems fair. There are Michael's and Meg's dotting but demanding mothers, for a start. And then there's the fruitless hunt for a place big enough for the couple to live together. And a succession of crises brought on by the well-meaning but utterly wacky demands of her friends and family. Demands that Meg has a hard time refusing---which is why she's tending the switchboard of Mutant Wizards, where her brother's computer games are created, and handling all the office management problems that no one else bothers with. For companionship, besides a crew of eccentric techies, she has a buzzard with one wing---who she must feed frozen mice thawed in the office microwave---and Michael's mother's nightmare dog. Not to mention the psychotherapists who refuse to give up their lease on half of the office space, and whose conflicting therapies cause continuing dissension. This is not what Meg had in mind when she agreed to help her brother move his staff to new offices. In fact, the atmosphere is so consistently loony that the office mail cart makes several passes through the reception room, with the office practical joker lying on top of it pretending to be dead, before Meg realizes that he's become the victim of someone who wasn't joking at all. He's been murdered for real. Donna Andrews's debut book, *Murder with Peacocks*, won the St. Martin's Malice Domestic best first novel contest and reaped a harvest of other honors as well. This is the fourth book in the Meg Langslow series, which features the intrepid Meg and her cast of oddball relatives. Their capers are a lighthearted joy to read.

[The Show I'll Never Forget BelleBooks](#)

Welcome to a genteel world of pimento cheese finger sandwiches, tall libations in frosted glasses,

stiletto heels, aging southern-belle sisterhood, and murder . . . In *Dixie Divas*, Trinket Truevine, her pal Bitty and their raucous divas friends in the historic small town of Holly Springs, Mississippi, solved the murder of Bitty's ex-senator husband, Phillip. Now, in *Drop Dead Divas*, the Divas are sleuthing again. Their pal Naomi Spencer has been accused of murdering her fiance, drag race champion Race Champion. Soon, Naomi turns up dead, too. Talk about a fly in the martini . . . Join the bawdy fun as Trinket, Bitty and the gang unravel another small-town mystery. Virginia Brown is the acclaimed author of more than fifty romance and mystery novels.

Simple Harvest Simon and Schuster

The first comprehensive, fully documented history of a uniquely American art form, exploring all aspects of the intricate musical and social exchange that evolved from Afro-Irish percussive step dances like the jig, gioube, buck-and-wing, and juba to the work of such contemporary tap luminaries as Gregory Hines, Brenda Bufalino, Dianne Walker, and Savion Glover.

Religion of White Rage Simon and Schuster

One powerful man . . . has always controlled this small Southern town. Unchallenged, until now. Like everyone else in Cane Creek, Mississippi, Chantry Callahan grew up in the shadow of town boss Bert Quinton. Quinton held the lives of local people in his harsh grasp, never letting go. He knew where all their secrets were buried, along with the bodies of anyone who had dared to defy him. As a boy, Chantry couldn't best Quinton. Couldn't protect the people he loved, including his own mother. But now Chantry is grown. He's come back for answers. And for justice. "A marvelous coming-of-age saga in the new Old South. I couldn't stop reading."-Bertrice Small, author of *The Border Chronicles* "A page-turner filled with small-town passions, dark secrets and danger. I loved it."-Janelle Taylor, bestselling author of the *Lakota Skies Series* Virginia Brown writes the bestselling *Dixie Divas Mystery Series* and the *Blue Suede Memphis Mysteries*.

Hurricane Force Harper Lin Books

Join Kim Diehl for a cozy season filled with fabulous quilts, delicious treats, and intimate home decor. Unwind in Kim's warm and inviting world as you stitch 19 fall-themed projects, including lap quilts, wall quilts, kitchen towels, sewing notions, place mats, and more--plus Kim's irresistible recipes and signature decorating tips. Also available: Kim Diehl's *Simple Reflections* journal, where this best-selling author of 14 books on quilting has gathered her favorite quilts, recipes, and more to enjoy year-round.

Dixie's Daughters Martingale

He took her captive. She stole his heart. A rogue pirate. A beautiful Englishwoman. Who would win their battle on the high seas? "I came down here to terrorize you into submission. I did not expect such easy capitulation." "How dismaying for you. Should I put up a defiant front to assuage your disappointment?" "You're a cool one, Miss Angela. I'll give you that much." "Are

you what they say you are, Captain Saber?" A slight smile tilted his mouth up at one corner. "And what do they say I am, Miss Angela? Murderer? I've killed men, though I can't say I've derived any satisfaction from it. Pirate? Quite true. Though at times, I've stolen things that belong to me, so I'm not quite certain what that does to my redoubtable reputation as a thief and scourge of the seven seas." He took a step closer, his voice lowering to a husky timbre that sent chills chasing down her spine. "That I am known as--let me see--a defiler of damsels? As for that reputation, I gladly plead . . ." His hand shifted, fingers tightening in her hair to draw her head back. "Guilty." Virginia Brown is the bestselling author of more than sixty novels including the bestselling *Dixie Divas* mystery series. *Rosie's Daughters* Kensington Publishing Corp.

From New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Jana DeLeon, the fourth book in the bestselling *Miss Fortune* series. What's a little arson between friends? Undercover CIA agent Fortune Redding spent her first three weeks in *Sinful*, Louisiana dodging insults, makeup advice, guard dogs, bullets, and Deputy Carter Trahan, both professionally and personally. But just when she thinks things are going to settle down in the small bayou town, someone sets her friend Ally's house on fire. Carter, who'd just started pursuing Fortune on a personal basis, goes back into cop mode and admonishes her to stay out of his investigation. This time, he swears he won't issue any warning before arresting her. But with her friend's safety hanging in the balance, Fortune can't resist taking matters into her own hands and calls on her partners in crime fighting, Ida Belle and Gertie, to help. This is a mission for Swamp Team 3. Swamp Team 3 is a humorous mystery set in the bayous of southern Louisiana. It has a cozy mystery feel and features a strong woman sleuth in a fish-out-of-water storyline. Swamp Team 3 is the fourth in the *Miss Fortune* series and appeals to readers of the *Stephanie Plum* series by Janet Evanovich. "Southern wit at its best!" - NYT Bestselling author Gemma Halliday "Sinfully funny!" - NYT Bestselling author CC Hunter/Christie Craig "DeLeon is excellent at weaving comedy, suspense and spicy romance into one compelling story." - RT Book Reviews "I don't know where she comes up with this funny stuff, but I can't wait to read the next book..." - Night Owl Reviews "Jana DeLeon has a breezy style with enough of a comic touch to leave you smiling." - The Romance Reader "Son of a gun, we're having fun in the bayou!" - Fresh Fiction "The quirky characters keep the action moving..." - Barbara Vey, Publisher's Weekly Blogger To learn more about Jana and her books visit her at:

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Whitney Museum of American Art Springer

"Mesmerizing & fascinating..." -The Seattle Post-Intelligencer "The Freakonomics of big data." -Stein Kretsinger, founding executive of Advertising.com Award-winning | Used by over 30 universities | Translated into 9 languages An introduction for everyone. In this

rich, fascinating – surprisingly accessible – introduction, leading expert Eric Siegel reveals how predictive analytics (aka machine learning) works, and how it affects everyone every day. Rather than a "how to" for hands-on techies, the book serves lay readers and experts alike by covering new case studies and the latest state-of-the-art techniques. Prediction is booming. It reinvents industries and runs the world. Companies, governments, law enforcement, hospitals, and universities are seizing upon the power. These institutions predict whether you're going to click, buy, lie, or die. Why? For good reason: predicting human behavior combats risk, boosts sales, fortifies healthcare, streamlines manufacturing, conquers spam, optimizes social networks, toughens crime fighting, and wins elections. How? Prediction is powered by the world's most potent, flourishing unnatural resource: data. Accumulated in large part as the by-product of routine tasks, data is the unsalted, flavorless residue deposited en masse as organizations churn away. Surprise! This heap of refuse is a gold mine. Big data embodies an extraordinary wealth of experience from which to learn. Predictive analytics (aka machine learning) unleashes the power of data. With this technology, the computer literally learns from data how to predict the future behavior of individuals. Perfect prediction is not possible, but putting odds on the future drives millions of decisions more effectively, determining whom to call, mail, investigate, incarcerate, set up on a date, or medicate. In this lucid, captivating introduction – now in its Revised and Updated edition – former Columbia University professor and Predictive Analytics World founder Eric Siegel reveals the power and perils of prediction: What type of mortgage risk Chase Bank predicted before the recession. Predicting which people will drop out of school, cancel a subscription, or get divorced before they even know it themselves. Why early retirement predicts a shorter life expectancy and vegetarians miss fewer flights. Five reasons why organizations predict death – including one health insurance company. How U.S. Bank and Obama for America calculated the way to most strongly persuade each individual. Why the NSA wants all your data: machine learning supercomputers to fight terrorism. How IBM's Watson computer used predictive modeling to answer questions and beat the human champs on TV's Jeopardy! How companies ascertain untold, private truths – how Target figures out you're pregnant and Hewlett-Packard deduces you're about to quit your job. How judges and parole boards rely on crime-predicting computers to decide how long convicts remain in prison. 182 examples from Airbnb, the BBC, Citibank, ConEd, Facebook, Ford, Google, the IRS, LinkedIn, Match.com, MTV, Netflix, PayPal, Pfizer, Spotify, Uber, UPS, Wikipedia, and more. How does predictive analytics work? This jam-packed book satisfies by demystifying the intriguing science under the hood. For future hands-on practitioners pursuing a career in the

field, it sets a strong foundation, delivers the prerequisite knowledge, and whets your appetite for more. A truly omnipresent science, predictive analytics constantly affects our daily lives. Whether you are a consumer of it – or consumed by it – get a handle on the power of Predictive Analytics.

Return to Fender BelleBooks

A collective memoir of American women born during World War II, precursors of the Baby Boom generation.

Killing Bridezilla Oxford University Press

"History and romance perfectly blended." - Kathe Robin, RT Book Reviews
There's a new Sheriff in Nottingham . . . A baron trapped by honor, a lady bound by loyalty, both caught in a trap set by a ruthless king . . . Stripped of his lands and title for another man's lie, TrE Devaux, Third Baron of Brayeton, is given a chance to win it all back if he accepts the post as High Sheriff of Nottingham. King John decrees his lands will be returned if TrE captures the Saxon outlaws haunting Sherwood Forest. Determined to regain his ancestral home, TrE vows to let no one thwart him, but he had not anticipated Lady Jane Neville, a captivating widow intent upon protecting the very outlaws he pursues. Jane may be the widow of a Norman, but she is Saxon by birth and loyalty--and niece to the famed outlaw, Robin Hood. While her uncle may be gone, she cannot bear to see harm fall upon innocent Saxon villagers or the men Robin left behind. Jane didn't expect to find honor in the new sheriff, nor did she dream she would lose her heart to him. Passion flares between the baron and the lady, sweeping them into danger where they must choose between love and life . . . Virginia Brown has written more than fifty historical and contemporary romance novels. Many of her books have been nominated for Romantic Times' Reviewer's Choice Award, Career Achievement Award for Love and Laughter, and Career Achievement Award for Adventure. She is also the author of the bestselling Dixie Diva mystery series and the acclaimed mainstream Southern drama/mystery, Dark River Road, which won the national Epic e-Book Award.

White Trash Jana DeLeon

In The Show I'll Never Forget, writer Sean Manning has gathered an amazing array of unforgettable concert memories from a veritable A-list of acclaimed novelists, poets, biographers, cultural critics, and songwriters. Their candid, first-person recollections reveal as much about the writers' lives at the time as they do about the venues where the shows occurred or the artists onstage. Ishmael Reed on Miles Davis Luc Sante on Public Image Ltd. Heidi Julavits on Rush Daniel Handler and Andrew Sean Greer on Metric Diana Ossana on Led Zeppelin Maggie Estep on Einsturzende Neubauten Dani Shapiro on Bruce Springsteen Gary Giddins on Titans of the Tenor! Nick Flynn on Mink DeVille Susan Straight on The Funk Festival Rick Moody on the The Lounge Lizards Jennifer Egan on Patti Smith Harvey Pekar on Joe Maneri Thurston Moore on Glen Branca, Rudolph Grey, and Wharton Tiers Chuck Klosterman on Prince Sigrid Nunez on Woodstock Jerry Stahl on David Bowie Charles R. Cross on Nirvana Marc Nesbitt on The Beastie Boys And many more . . . No matter where your musical taste falls, these often funny, occasionally sad, always thought-provoking essays-all written especially for The Show I'll Never Forget-are sure to connect with anyone who loves,

or has ever loved, live music.

BelleBooks

When writer-for-hire Jaine Austen signs on to script vows for the ultimate Bridezilla, "I do's" soon become "I wish I hadn't's"--and curtains for the bride spell a veil of woes for Jaine. . . Jaine's accepted her share of lame gigs to pay the bills, but rewriting Shakespeare's got to be an all-time low. The fiasco begins with a call from Jaine's high-school nemesis, uber rich uber witch Patti Devane. It seems Patti will soon be sashaying down the aisle with another former classmate from Hermosa High, and she'd like the exchange of vows to evoke Romeo and Juliet. . .except without the "downer" of an ending. Even worse than the assignment itself is dealing with Patti as a client. At least Jaine's not alone, as nobody can stand the demanding, spoiled, and incredibly rude Bridezilla from Hell. Patti's managed to rack up an amazingly long list of enemies in a short time, not the least of whom include her prospective mother-in-law, the soon-to-be ex-wife of Patti's stolen soon-to-be groom, and just about everyone involved in the wedding preparations. So it isn't a complete surprise when the erstwhile Juliet plunges to her death during her balcony scene. The loosened bolts that brought down the bride were clearly an act of sabotage--what's not so obvious is whom, among Patti's numerous haters, committed this murder most foul. Was it the caterer she threatened to ruin? The bridesmaid tossed out of the wedding party for being too chubby? Jaine's determined to learn the truth--if only to end the hideous walk down memory lane kicked off by her association with Patti. Between fending off advances from the nerd of her high school nightmares and figuring out ways to stop Prozac the cat from corrupting the victim's pet Poodle, Jaine's involvement in this case keeps veering between comedy and tragedy. That is, until another body is discovered--and the killer starts laying plot for a final act--starring Jaine. . .

Predictive Analytics BelleBooks

THE NATIONAL BESTSELLER The second book of Larry McMurtry's Lonesome Dove tetralogy, Comanche Moon takes us once again into the world of the American West. Texas Rangers August McCrae and Woodrow Call, now in their middle years, continue to deal with the ever-increasing tensions of adult life -- Gus with his great love, Clara Forsythe, and Call with Maggie Tilton, the young whore who loves him. Two proud but very different men, they enlist with the Ranger troop in pursuit of Buffalo Hump, the great Comanche war chief; Kicking Wolf, the celebrated Comanche horse thief; and a deadly Mexican bandit king with a penchant for torture. Assisting the Rangers in their wild chase is the renowned Kickapoo tracker, Famous Shoes. Comanche Moon closes the twenty-year gap between Dead Man's Walk and Lonesome Dove, following beloved heroes Gus and Call and their comrades in arms -- Deets, Jake Spoon, and Pea Eye Parker -- in their bitter struggle to protect the advancing West frontier against the

defiant Comanches, courageously determined to defend their territory and their way of life.

Hold on Tight BelleBooks

A contemporary New York noir coming-of-age story - Nineteen-year-old Hootie has been in trouble all his life. An outsider, his father was Crow Indian; his mother is black; but Hootie is neither black, nor white, nor Latino, nor Asian. When he meets Bubba Yablonsky, the biggest white man he's ever seen, at a subway station in Harlem, he knows somethings up. Then Bubba opens fire at an innocent rat before offering Hootie money and a place to live. But what's the catch? And what else who else has Bubba shot?

Comanche Moon BelleBooks

With her nearly broke and practically homeless mother about to land on her doorstep, Robyn Guthrie learns that desperation can play havoc with a daughter's scruples. Otherwise, why would she even consider kidnapping a goat and holding it for ransom?

Mossy Creek John Wiley & Sons

Sydney Zamora is fiercely independent, aggressively opinionated, and utterly self-made. She's reshaped her body (into the perfect sample-sale outfitted size 6, thank you very much), organized a life for herself as a celebrity journalist at hot magazine Cachet, and strides through the canyons of New York City like she owns them. There's just one problem: Sydney is so strong that she plays keep-away with men. But now that she's hitting her midthirties, she wants one. Badly. For her birthday, Sydney's sister ambushes her with the services of Mitzi Berman, \$40,000 a shot Manhattan matchmaker extraordinaire. Mitzi also has her eyes on Max Cooper, the scion of Harvey's department store, the chicest place to shop in America. And nothing could make either Sydney or Max Cooper run faster than Mitzi, with her rules and her Brooklyn accent--that is, if they didn't concede her a point or two. Peopled with vivid, hilarious characters, Feminista is fast-moving fiction whose themes of independence, image and the complicated relationship between the sexes in the working world recall the best of Rona Jaffe.

Granny's Got a Gun Bell Bridge Books

The Comanches did her a favor when they killed her loutish husband on her wedding night. But now this Southern belle is the possession of a fierce, blue-eyed warrior called Hawk . . . Zach Banning, known as Hawk among the Comanches, is caught between two races, two cultures, two lives. Deborah Hamilton is a Mississippi beauty who came to the Texas territory for an arranged marriage. Little did she know, her new husband's people have earned the Comanches' hatred. They enact their vengeance on her wedding

night, kidnapping Deborah along with other women and also the settlement's children. She expects the worst at the Comanches' village, but instead finds kindness alongside the challenges. But when Hawk barter her away from her owner, intending to seduce and possess her, Deborah finds herself in a battle of wills laced with deep desire. Virginia Brown is the author of more than fifty novels, including the bestselling Dixie Divas mystery series. Look for many more of her classic historical romances, coming soon from Bell Bridge Books.

Cracker Bling Severn House Publishers Ltd

"You found my philandering ex-husband?" Bitty asked. "Where? Mexico? Paris? In Tupelo with a cocktail waitress?" "In your closet," I answered. "Dead." Break out the hoop skirts and the zinfandel. The Divas are on the case. Wine. Chocolate. Transvestite strippers. Just another good-time get-together for the Dixie Divas of historic Holly Springs, Mississippi, where moonlight and magnolias mingle with delicious small-town scandal. But Eureka "Trinket" Truevine, the newest Diva, gets more than she bargained for when she finds her best Diva girlfriend Bitty Hollandale's ex-husband in Bitty's hall closet. He's dead. Very dead. Now Trinket and the Divas have to help Bitty finger the murderer and clear her name. Virginia Brown is the nationally acclaimed, award-winning author of fifty novels.