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It began like a page from the Kama Sutra; a beautiful French girl and her Indian lover locked in the white heat of illicit passion. But Michel, the child of this illicit union is not wanted by anyone. Thrown out into the dangerous streets, he grows into a ferocious manhood in the alleys of wartime Saigon. He remembers every beating, and every betrayal. Possessed of a raw sexuality and the flair of a master criminal, he learns not only to survive, but to thrive in his pitiless world. And the past is never forgotten. Twenty years later, in a quiet French

suburb, a young French girl makes her way home to her apartment unaware of the eyes that are watching her, or the terrible secrets her parents have brought with them from a dark, colonial past. Meanwhile, in Interpol headquarters, Captain Rene Budjinski tries to make sense of the stream of telexes that reach his desk in St Cloud from all over the world, a trail of blood that stretches from the backstreets of Bombay even to the boulevards of Paris. Driven by an agenda of his own, he follows the serpentine trail from the neon streets of Bangkok to the ancient banks of the Ganges. He cannot imagine where that search will lead him, or the young woman who promises to help him. And when the judge's gavel cracks across a Delhi courtroom and the world waits for justice, Michel's destiny will hang on one last ironic twist of fate ...

The Outlander Constable Re-creates the life and loves of the storied queen as she ascends the throne of Egypt, embarks on passionate love

affairs with Julius Caesar and Mark Antony, and struggles with the intrigues of the Roman Empire.

When We Were Gods Three Rivers Press
The Holy Land, 1260. Josseran Sarrazini is chosen to escort the Pope's emissary on an embassy to the all conquering Mongol horde in an effort to save all Christendom from destruction. But although he serves as a Templar warrior, Josseran is not all that he appears to be - and he despises the Pope's man on sight. Now they have to spend nine months in each other's company on the most dangerous and most inhospitable journey on the earth - across the legendary deserts of Persia and the horrific black hurricanes of the Taklimakan, along the Silk Road to Khubilai Khan's legendary capital at Xanadu. When he sets out, Josseran cannot know then that he will never see Christendom again. And somewhere near the Roof of the World a Tatar princess, possessing a gift for prophesy, refuses all her suitors and defies her father's attempts to marry her off to the sons of other tribal chiefs. She does not belong in her world any more than Josseran belongs in his. And now fate will bring their paths on a collision course somewhere on the Silk Road and change the course of her own life forever. From the Storehouse of Winds to the Palace of Myriad Tranquillities, over the Pamirs and Hindu Kush to the legendary Xanadu and the dazzling court of Khubilai Khan. This is romance and adventure on a breath-taking scale. "Callous executions, one-eyed camel drivers, corruption, sin, a heart-wrenching love story, dark secrets, and life and death circumstances are revealed at a fast pace in each brief chapter. The plot is rich and sure to keep the reader focused on turning the page to learn what happens next - and always to some shocking circumstance or pleasant surprise. That's what I loved most about this book - plenty of the odd and unusual to keep me fascinated throughout. It is the richness of the prose itself that truly made this historical era come alive." - Historical Novel Review "Stocked with exquisite

details, each chapter paints a mural for the senses, describing in detail articles, scenery, characters, and architecture so that one truly feels as if they are experiencing the story instead of merely reading it. Clashes, politics, characters ever at odds with each other, good and evil, love and hate, sin and goodness, and much, much more all culminate into a very satisfying ending. A profound story of great depth that will please both genders and one I strongly recommend. Utterly absorbing and captivating!" - Mirella Patzer, History and Women "Falconer's descriptive narrative is exquisite at times. Each short chapter opens with a flowing brush of words that paint precisely, yet mellifluously, in a manner that is almost poetic. . The grand schemes of politicking and war are lost amongst the narrative of those who would strive to find peace in both themselves and the world around them." - Historical Writer's Association 'Falconer, whose books have been translated into 17 languages over the last 25 years, has spun together a fiction which will appeal to readers of all ages. With several twists to keep the reader engaged until the very last, Silk Road is sure to find its way onto the bookshelves of lovers of a thrilling tale.' - Liverpool Daily Post Sourcebooks, Inc.

The popular image of Scotland is dominated by widely recognized elements of Celtic culture. But a significant non-Celtic influence on Scotland's history has been largely ignored for centuries? This book argues that much of Scotland's history and culture from 1100 forward is Jewish. The authors provide evidence that many of the national heroes, villains, rulers, nobles, traders, merchants, bishops, guild members, burgesses, and ministers of Scotland were of Jewish descent, their ancestors originating in France and Spain. Much of the traditional historical account of Scotland, it is proposed, rests on fundamental interpretive errors, perpetuated in order to affirm Scotland's identity as a Celtic, Christian society. A

more accurate and profound understanding of Scottish history has thus been buried. The authors' wide-ranging research includes examination of census records, archaeological artifacts, castle carvings, cemetery inscriptions, religious seals, coinage, burgess and guild member rolls, noble genealogies, family crests, portraiture, and geographic place names. The Last Protector (James Marwood & Cat Lovett, Book 4) Redhook

"Nick Davis first saw Daniela Simonici in the American Bar of the Athenee Palace Hotel in Bucharest in June of 1940. He couldn't take his eyes off her. The city was full of beautiful women, penniless countesses and fox-furred demi-mondaines looking to be rescued, and until that moment he had spared them only an appreciative glance. But this woman was different ... "When war overtakes Europe, Nick Davis is far away in Bucharest, posted to the British Embassy. But Nick Davis is not a diplomat; he is a spy. When he rescues the beautiful but mysterious Daniela Simonici, the mistress of a German businessman, his life is changed forever. They fall for each other, hard. When the Nazis march into Bucharest, they meet again in neutral Istanbul, and she agrees to spy for him. But who is Daniela Simonici? And who is she really spying for? In the tradition of Alan Furst and CJ Sansom, My Beautiful Spy is a searing love story of byzantine intrigue, where two lovers play out the final moves in a deadly game, masterminded in Berlin, Moscow and London. The Eagle and the Dragon Independently Published

The Spanish conquest of Mexico and the destruction of the Aztec empire forms the backdrop to a fictional chronicle of the life of Malinali, an Aztec woman who became Cortes's translator and consort. By the author of When We Were Gods. Reprint. 20,000 first printing.

Books by Horseback Silk Road

The daughter of a prophet and the child slave of Spanish adventurer Hernan Cortes, the life of

the Aztec princess Malinali is one of the most enduring legends of Mexico. Her role in history divides opinion even today. Reviled by some as a traitor responsible for the destruction of the Indians, worshiped by others as a heroine and symbolic mother of the nation, hers is the most extraordinary story in the history of the Americas. The legendary Aztec civilization is here brought to life in blazing colour, as the author traces the story of the enigmatic Malinali who held for a moment the future of an entire country in her hands. Contradictory, sensuous and fiercely intelligent, Malinali became the key to Cortes conquest of Mexico. It is a story of impossible odds, unimaginable cruelty, extraordinary courage and craven betrayal. Who were the heroes and who the villains? Today the Aztecs are a distant memory. But Malinali's name lives on. This book spent four months on the best seller lists in Mexico, re-igniting debate yet again about the true heritage of a people and the very nature of western colonisation of the natural world.

My Beautiful Spy A&C Black

'A magisterial tale.' - UK Daily Mail The Holy Land, 1260. A templar knight, on an impossible embassy from the Holy Island to the legendary Xanadu. The mission: to save Europe from the Mongol horde. Jossieran Sarrazini is chosen to escort the Pope's emissary to meet Khublai Khan and make a peace that will turn back the Tatar invasion threatening all Christendom. To do it he must do what no other Christian has done - travel the Silk Road, from Palestine, across the endless deserts of Persia, through the black hurricanes of the Taklimakan, over the Roof of the World to Cathay - China. Death invites at every turn. The emissary, a fanatical Dominican priest, hinders each move he makes. And then there is the Tatar princess, and her gift for prophesy, who tells him that he is fated never to return home. A story that will stay with you long after you turn the final page. An ending that will leave you stunned. From the Storehouse of Winds to the Palace of

Myriad Tranquillities, over the Pamirs and Hindu Kush to the legendary Shang'tu and the dazzling court of Khublai Khan, this is romance and adventure on a breath-taking scale, in the tradition of Clavell, Michener and Iggulden. From internationally bestselling author Colin Falconer, SILK ROAD has so far been translated into eight languages and has topped bestseller lists in Germany and Spain. "It is living history at its best, fictionalized yet immensely believable." - Alan Gold, Good Reading. Discover more Colin Falconer Epic History: Book 1: Silk Road Book 2: Harem Book 3: Colossus Book 4: Cleopatra: When We Were Gods Book 5: Aztec Book 6: Stigmata Book 7: East India

Anastasia Constable

You don't have to kill him. You just have to let him die. Saigon 1970. Magdalena Fuentes has come a long way from the spoiled little rich girl of her Havana days. She is a wife now, and her husband is a seasoned journalist, who has come to Saigon following the biggest story of his career. It's a story some very powerful and very dangerous people don't want him to tell. But Reyes Garcia is in Saigon, too. He's the only man she ever really loved - and now he's the only man who can save her husband from the trouble he's in. Or ... he and Magdalena can finally be together. All he has to do - is do nothing. All he has to do is let him die. In the final days of the war-torn city, two lovers are forced to search deep inside themselves and find out who they really are. The last novel in the Havana Girl trilogy, it is a novel about love, and about the choices it can force us to make.

The Girl Who Wrote in Silk Getty Publications

'Dripping with authenticity. Packed full of characters you genuinely care about . . . I

didn't read the last few chapters, I devoured them. An absolute triumph' M. W.

CRAVEN _____ Three can keep a secret. If two of you are dead... Two women are snatched off the streets of London in one weekend. DI Charlie George and his team get to work. The lives of these young women - one of them a mother - are on the line, and the clock is ticking. When they catch a lucky break from a CCTV camera, Charlie is sure they have their man. And that's when he gets his first surprise. Because nothing about this case is simple and not everyone is quite what they seem. Charlie's job is to find the missing women and get to the truth. But some people would rather the truth stays hidden - even when the bodies start to pile up...

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Seraglio McFarland

A USA TODAY BESTSELLER! A historical novel inspired by true events, Kelli Estes's brilliant and atmospheric debut is a poignant tale of two women determined to do the right thing and the power of our own stories. The smallest items can hold centuries of secrets... Inara Erickson is exploring her deceased aunt's island estate when she finds an elaborately stitched piece of fabric hidden in the house. As she peels back layer upon layer of the secrets it holds, Inara's life becomes interwoven with that of Mei Lein, a young Chinese girl mysteriously driven from her home a century before.

Through the stories Mei Lein tells in silk, Inara uncovers a tragic truth that will shake her family to its core—and force her to make an impossible choice. A touching and tender book for fans of Marie Benedict, Susanna Kearsley, and Duncan Jepson.

Deathwatch Lake Union Publishing

'I really loved this . . . the beginning of an excellent series' 5 stars, Netgalley reader
A killer stalks the streets of London . . . When a priest is found crucified in a derelict North London chapel, it makes a dramatic change for DI Charlie George and his squad at Essex Road. The brutal murder could not be further from their routine of domestic violence and stabbings on the estates. And that's only the beginning . . . On Christmas Eve, a police officer goes missing and his colleagues can't help but anticipate the worst. It turns out they're right to when eventually the body is found and they discover he's been stoned to death. As tensions rise, it's up to Charlie and his team to venture into the city's cold underbelly to try and find an answer to the madness . . . before anyone else dies a martyr's death. Praise for Colin Falconer: 'This one doesn't disappoint!' 5 stars, Netgalley reader
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'Falconer's grasp of period and places is almost flawless ... He's my kind of writer' Peter Corris, *The Australian*
'It held my attention from start to finish . . . I have no hesitation in recommending' 4 stars, Netgalley reader
'Falconer demonstrates exceptional characterisation' Bookgeeks
'A compelling piece of crime fiction . . . An entertaining and gritty read' 4 stars, Netgalley reader

Lucifer Falls little bee books

'I've never read Colin Falconer before so I had no idea what to expect! Wow!' - Booknerd
Amsterdam, 1628 The Utrecht leaves Holland on an eight-month voyage to the other side of the world. The ship is tiny and overcrowded

and navigation around the Horn to the East Indies is down to the skipper's dead reckoning - guesswork. Below decks, Michiel van Texel is a sergeant on the company's coin, on his way to Batavia to fight the Mataram. It's a hard life but the only one he knows. He sees a fine lady standing on the high deck with the captain, but does not give her a second glance. A fine lady like Cornelia Noorstrandt is far above the likes of him. Their destinies intertwine near the Great Southland, just as a mutiny is fomenting below decks. When the ship founders on the jagged reefs of the Houtman Rocks surviving the wreck is the least of their worries. As the noble gentlemen around them reveal themselves for what they really are, Michiel proves to be the only man with the honour and courage to save Cornelia and the rest of the Utrecht's passengers from the nightmare that follows. He makes her one promise: 'Even if God forsakes you, I will find you.' 'This is a consuming read, utterly unforgettable.' - Unshelish
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Feathered Serpent St. Martin's Press

Suleiman has the world at his feet; he has an Empire to rival that of any Caesar, and now his Vizier even wants to take his armies against the great infidel, the Pope, in...

Stigmata Scholastic Inc.

The year is 1072. The Normans have captured England. The Turks have captured a Norman knight. And in order to free him, a soldier named Vallon must capture four rare hawks. On a heart-stopping journey to the far ends of the earth, braving Arctic seas, Viking warlords, and the blood-drenched battlefields, Vallon and his comrades must track down their quarry one by one in a relentless race against time. The scale is huge. The journey is incredible. The history is real. This is Hawk Quest.

Angels Weep Penguin UK

Explores the terrifying and lasting effects on a middle class Argentinian family of a single night during the summer of 1976, when some of them disappeared under the brutal regime of the military junta. Spanning two decades, this is a cocktail of love, betrayal, politics and revenge.
Silk Road Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

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Havana Girl Createspace Independent

Publishing Platform

The fascinating life and work of an artist who captured some of the first photographs of the Far East are presented in this gorgeous volume.

Venom Constable

'The truth was he had made the biggest mistake of his life. He had come here with nothing; he was sailing away with much less. If only he could take back that afternoon on Bitter Moon Lane ...' Broome, 1913.

Cameron McKenzie has come halfway around the world to find the pearl that will make his fortune. Instead, his destiny leads him to Kate Flynn, older than her years and out of her time, dreaming of horizons broader than this Chinatown in the middle of nowhere. Fiery and passionate, they are fated to collide. But the man who brings them together is the same man Cameron has sworn to tear apart - but he's Kate's father. There are pearls that lie in the Deeps for every man. Some he never finds; some he loses through no fault of his own. But there are some he never knows he has until the moment he tosses them away... Pearls is a timeless story of dreams, ambition and star-crossed lovers. '... a rollicking historical tale of love and revenge rendered in rich detail by a master of the genre.' - Booklover Aztec Atlantic Books

"Loved, loved, loved this novel. Riveting!" - Historical Novel Review 1206, Toulouse, France: When Philip of Vercy returns from his crusade in the Holy Land, he discovers that his life has changed utterly while he has been gone. His wife is dead, his only son is dying. He hears about a young woman, Fabricia Berenger - some call her a witch - who lives far to the south, in the Languedoc. People say she can perform miracles. He sets off to find her. But the south of France is home to a heretic Christian sect, the Cathars, and the Pope has ordered a crusade against them. The 'witch' who Philip is searching for has sought refuge amongst

them, in the mist-shrouded mountains. If he's going to find her, Philip and his liege men must battle their way into hell itself. As the Languedoc convulses into flame and revolt, Philip is drawn inexorably into a vortex of passion, vengeance and mystery. One more step, and he knows he can never, ever, go back. "The story moves along at a cracking pace, the narrative fraught with action and tension at every turn. Stigmata is a powerful tale of religious heresy, crusades, loss and love." - Bookmuse This 2020 edition corrects previous transcription issues in the Kindle version Discover more Colin Falconer Epic History: Book 1: Silk Road Book 2: Harem Book 3: Colossus Book 4: Cleopatra: Daughter of the Nile Book 5: Aztec Book 6: Stigmata Book 7: East India