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The room is dark, except for the streetlights coming through the blinds. I can barely see her, but I feel her. She pushes me up against the wall and we kiss harder than we ever have before. I've been waiting so long for it to happen, and finally, it's going to. Then the bedroom door flies open, and someone screams her name... Britton Walsh has never had a home. After a

lifetime in the care system, she doesn't expect she'll ever find one. But beginning her senior year with new foster parents in a new city, means starting over yet again. Tom and Cate Cahill seem okay. The hitch? Their daughter, Avery. Beautiful, popular and cool, Avery is everything Britton is not. She's all Britton could ever ask for in a sister, or even a friend--but having survived without either for so long, Britton knows the way her heart races whenever Avery enters the room can only mean one thing... But Avery has a secret. Something that is eating away at her and stopping her letting anyone in, least of all Britton. Will Avery's insistence on

punishing herself for a mistake in her past make Britton's last year of high school, and finding a place to call home, impossible? Can two such different people ever find common ground, friendship, or maybe even something more? An unforgettable new adult lesbian romance for fans of Keeping You a Secret by Julie Anne Peters, Her Name in the Sky by Kelly Quindlen, or Nancy Garden's classic young adult coming out novel, Annie on My Mind. New Adult novel: recommended for 17+ due to mature themes and sexual content. Everyone loves Kristen Zimmer: 'BEST. BOOK. EVER. I swear... DO YOU KNOW

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HOW HARD IT IS TO FIND AN LGBT BOOK TO RELATE TO I DO!... have recommended it to literally all my friends. Read it. It's amazing! Goodreads reviewer, ?????? 'Wow!! What an amazing story!... very hard to put the book down... I couldn't wait to get back to where I'd left it. A book has never made me feel like that.' Goodreads reviewer, ??????

Hollow Pike Penguin

Don't miss Karelia's newest release in the Out in Portland series, *Worth the Wait*, available this summer! Tate Grafton has a tough exterior, but underneath she's kind, caring, and fiercely loyal. That's why she first started working at Out in Portland Coffee - it was her way of repaying the shop's owner for taking her in as a homeless teenager. Nine years later, the coffee shop is floundering and Tate feels like she's letting life pass her by . . . until she shares an unforgettable night with a beautiful stranger. When the mysterious woman disappears the next morning, Tate doesn't even know her name. Laura Enfield was supposed to be in Portland for only a few days - just long enough to oversee a simple business deal before joining her conservative father on his political campaign. But when the closeted Laura romances an employee of the coffee shop her company is shutting down, things get suddenly complicated. Now, the lies she's told for years are beginning to unravel, and her biggest secret is about to be exposed. Laura can't stop thinking about the barista with

the soulful eyes, but after a lifetime of deception, can she finally embrace something true?

[Keeping You a Secret](#)  
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One of Esquire's 20 Best Books of Fall • One of Time's Most Anticipated Books of Fall "A deeply thought, rigorously researched, and riveting history of human butts. Radke knows exactly when to approach her subject with levity and when with gravity. A pitch perfect debut."

—Melissa Febos, bestselling author of *Girlhood* and *Body Work* Whether we love them or hate them, think they're sexy, think they're strange, consider them too big, too small, or anywhere in between, humans have a complicated relationship with butts. It is a body part unique to humans, critical to our evolution and survival, and yet it has come to signify so much more: sex, desire, comedy, shame. A woman's butt, in particular, is forever being assessed, criticized, and objectified, from anxious self-examinations trying on jeans in department store dressing rooms to enduring crass remarks while walking down a street or high school hallways. But why? In *Butts: A Backstory*, reporter, essayist, and RadioLab contributing editor Heather Radke is determined to find out. Spanning nearly two centuries, this "whip-smart" (Publishers Weekly, starred review) cultural history takes us from the performance halls of 19th-century London to the aerobics studios of the 1980s, the music video set of Sir Mix-a-Lot's "Baby Got Back" and the mountains of

Arizona, where every year humans and horses race in a feat of gluteal endurance. Along the way, she meets evolutionary biologists who study how butts first developed; models whose measurements have defined jean sizing for millions of women; and the fitness gurus who created fads like "Buns of Steel." She also examines the central importance of race through figures like Sarah Bartmann, once known as the "Venus Hottentot," Josephine Baker, Jennifer Lopez, and other women of color whose butts have been idolized, envied, and despised. Part deep dive reportage, part personal journey, part cabinet of curiosities, *Butts* is an entertaining, illuminating, and thoughtful examination of why certain silhouettes come in and out of fashion—and how larger ideas about race, control, liberation, and power affect our most private feelings about ourselves and others.

*There Can Only Be Six Crown*

Harper Fontaine has always preferred keeping to herself. When she's forced to leave behind her life in NYC to move into her dad's mansion in a wealthy Rhode Island suburb, she quickly discovers the small town likes to keep secrets of its own. Invited to join a secret society known as "The Order of Six", Harper has to rely on the help of new friends, without getting too distracted by the alluring bad

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girl next door, to survive the mysterious group's trials as the darker history of the seaside town begins to unravel. But the more they uncover, the more Harper questions the Order's true motives and if they're even more dangerous than she could have realized.

**When Sparks Fly** Gollancz  
Can an up-and-coming horror actress and the makeup artist for her newest "creature feature" turn on-set chemistry into the romance of a lifetime? Lilah Silver's a young actress who dreams of climbing out of B-list stardom. She's been cast as the lead in what could be her breakout performance...but if she wants to prove herself to everyone who ever doubted her, she's going to need major help along the way. Noa Birnbaum may be a brilliant makeup artist and special effects whiz-kid, but cracking into the union is more difficult than she imagined. Keeping everyone happy is a full-time job, and she's already run ragged. And yet when the beautiful star she's been secretly crushing on admits to fears of her own, Noa vows to do everything in her power to help Lilah shine like never before. Long hours?

**Exhausting work? No problem. Together they can take the world by storm...but can the connection forged over long hours in the makeup chair ever hope to survive the glare of the spotlight?**

**The Book of Shamanic Healing** Roaring Brook Press  
Both unflinchingly funny and deeply heartfelt, **MEDALLION STATUS** is a hilarious, thoughtful examination of status, fame, and identity. It's about the weird trauma that comes with success that feels unseemly to discuss (because who will sympathise with you?); about the addiction to status that sometimes (always) follows success; and about the way we all deal with those moments in public and private life when we realise we don't quite have it anymore.

**Mission of Gravity** Penguin  
Samantha Cassidy, award-winning actress, up-and-coming Hollywood "It Girl", is missing three things in her life: an Oscar, a special someone to share her life with, and a baby goat in pajamas. Alex Novato married her college sweetheart, but tragedy struck and the love of her life was ripped from her arms. Now she refuses to open her heart again, choosing casual sex over deeper commitments, until a not-so-chance meeting with her favorite Hollywood starlet turns her world upside down. Will Alex give love another try? Will Sam find the courage to follow her heart,

Hollywood be damned? Will anyone get a baby goat in pajamas? #CassiNova is a sweet, funny, fun romp through the Hollywood Hills.

**Moxie Little**, Brown Books for Young Readers  
**Spicy Italian meets plain WASP** in a romance that starts, rather than ends, with the happy-ever-after moment.

**The Gravity Between Us**  
Bella Books  
New York, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C., have been abandoned. The Bill of Rights has been revoked, and replaced with the Moral Statutes. There are no more police—instead, there are soldiers. There are no more fines for bad behavior—instead, there are arrests, trials, and maybe worse. People who get arrested usually don't come back. Seventeen-year-old Ember Miller is old enough to remember that things weren't always this way. Living with her rebellious single mother, it's hard for her to forget that people weren't always arrested for reading the wrong books or staying out after dark. It's hard to forget that life in the United States used to be different. Ember has perfected the art of keeping a low profile. She knows how to get the things she needs, like food stamps and hand-

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me-down clothes, and how to pass the random home inspections by the military. Her life is as close to peaceful as circumstances allow. That is, until her mother is arrested for noncompliance with Article 5 of the Moral Statutes. And one of the arresting officers is none other than Chase Jennings...the only boy Ember has ever loved. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. Revolutionary Suicide Sourcebooks, Inc. Now a Netflix Original Film directed by Amy Poehler! "Moxie is sweet, funny, and fierce. Read this and then join the fight."—Amy Poehler An unlikely teenager starts a feminist revolution at a small-town Texas high school in this novel from Jennifer Mathieu, author of *The Truth About Alice*. **MOXIE GIRLS FIGHT BACK!** Vivian Carter is fed up. Fed up with an administration at her high school that thinks the football team can do no wrong. Fed up with sexist dress codes, hallway harassment, and gross comments from guys during class. But most of all, Viv Carter is fed up with always

following the rules. Viv's mom was a tough-as-nails, punk rock Riot Grrrl in the '90s, and now Viv takes a page from her mother's past and creates a feminist zine that she distributes anonymously to her classmates. She's just blowing off steam, but other girls respond. As Viv forges friendships with other young women across the divides of cliques and popularity rankings, she realizes that what she has started is nothing short of a girl revolution. *Moxie* is a book about high school life that will make you wanna riot! Also by Jennifer Mathieu: *The Truth About Alice: A powerful look at slut-shaming, told through the perspectives of four small-town teens, about how everyone has a motive to bring—and keep—a teen girl down. Devoted: A girl with a controlling, conservative family realizes that her life is her own—if only she can find the courage to fight for it. Afterward: A tragic kidnapping leads to an unlikely friendship in this novel about finding light in the midst of darkness. Praise for Moxie: "With a story that's equal parts heart and instruction manual, Mathieu has captured the movement*

of a generation—warts and all—and shone a light forward for the next one. ” —E. K. Johnston, #1 New York Times Bestselling author of *Exit Pursued By a Bear* “ Vivian Carter and Moxie are strong and smart and so, so inspiring. She is my new hero and this is my new favorite book. I ’ m proud to be a Moxie girl. ” —Jennifer Niven, New York Times – bestselling author of *All the Bright Places* and *Holding Up the Universe* “ From its soul-deep girl friendships to its swoony love story to its smart, gutsy heroine, *Moxie* is a ferocious joy. I could feel my heart—and my courage—getting bigger every time I turned the page.” —Katie Cotugno, New York Times – bestselling author of *99 Days* and *How to Love* “*Moxie* is an anthem, a how-to guide, and that best friend who says, ‘ You matter, too! ’ ” —Sherri L. Smith, author of *Pasadena* and *Flygirl* “ Like the addictive riff of a punk rock song, *Moxie* will pull you in, inspire you, and kick you back out into the world with a burning desire to change it. Read this. Now. ” —Jenny Torres Sanchez, author of *Because of the Sun* "An

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invaluable revelation."

—Booklist, starred review

"This novel is full of wit, insight, and moxie. . . .

Highly recommended for all teens, but especially those who would enjoy realistic coming-of-age fiction with female empowerment."

—School Library Journal, starred review "Satisfying and moving." —Publishers Weekly

All That Matters Tritone Literary Publishers

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to help keep her sane. But Payton is hiding a secret that could make everything ten times worse. Because to her, Kendall is more than a best friend - she is the only girl that she has ever loved. Just as they need each other more than ever, they'll have to answer the question of where friendship stops and love begins? And find out whether the feelings they have can survive the mounting pressure of fame...

Daughter of Mystery Pantheon

Life is going damned well for Blair Spencer. She's a very successful real estate agent, happily married to a man who encourages her to live the independent life she loves--and they're actively working to have a baby. The wrench in the works is that Blair favors adoption, while her husband David desperately wants to have a biological child. The fates are against them, and they finally seek the help of a group of reproductive specialists. One of the doctors, a surgeon named Kylie Mackenzie, eventually becomes a good friend to Blair. And she needs all of the friends she can get when things start to go horribly wrong at home. As her marriage teeters on the brink of collapse, she relies more and more on Kylie's

friendship. Kylie's happily gay; Blair's happily straight. But the way they structure their relationship leads friends and family to privately question whether the pair is setting themselves up for heartache. They eventually come to a crossroads, which could either destroy their friendship or turn it into what each of them has been seeking. The question is whether each woman can change her view of herself and her needs. The answer is all that matters. Butts Bold Strokes Books Inc New Adult novel: recommended for 17+ due to mature themes and sexual content. Where does friendship stop and love begin? At just 19, Kendall Bettencourt is Hollywood's hottest young starlet, with the world at her feet, but behind the glamour and designer dresses is a girl who longs for normal. Payton Taylor is Kendall's best friend since childhood, and the one person who reminds her of who she really is , her refuge from the craziness of celebrity life. With her career taking off, Kendall moves Payton to LA to help keep her sane. But Payton is hiding a secret that could make everything ten times worse. Because to her,

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'The characters here are so likeable that I was desperate for them to get together, but it's clear to see why they were hesitant about taking such a major step after being friends for so long. Speaking of likeable characters, there's a wonderful supporting cast, and it's really interesting to read a novel with so many well-drawn and sympathetic people in it. The tension - and there's plenty of it - comes from the balance between the pair's feelings for each other and the challenges Kendall faces, especially, as an A list celebrity trying to deal with the paparazzi and adoring fans I also thought the Hollywood setting was very well described and felt incredibly realistic. It's also got one of the best endings I've read for ages, which had me jumping to my feet I was so excited. Overall, this is certainly the best New Adult book I've read. Massive recommendation for all.'

*'BookBag 'The Gravity Between Us* is a fantastic read--humorous, romantic and daring. Kristen's writing style is engaging and honest. In Payton and Kendall, she's succeeded in creating characters whom you care about instantly. And her portrayal of their relationship is beautifully rendered. I loved the Hollywood angle, the question of how one learns to deal with other people's reactions to same sex relationships and the idea of the zany game that is celebrity. For me, *The Gravity Between Us* is a must-read new adult novel! I can't wait to read Kristen Zimmer's next book!' 5 Stars!

*Kimtalksbooks.com*

'Tackling some hard subjects, this book was a wonderful foray into the world of the New Adult genre for me. It was a fast paced read for me because I found the characters so engaging. Because I liked the characters so much, I really wanted to see if they were going to end up together!' *A Bookish Affair*

I hope this book calls to you the way it called to me. And if/when you do read it, I hope you laugh and get all sappy and emotional the way I did too.'

*SmiBookClub.com*

*The Only Alien on the Planet*  
Bella Books

\*\*\*Over a half-million sold! The sequel, *The Unicorn Project*, is coming Nov 26\*\*\*

“ Every person involved in a failed IT project should be forced to read this book. ” —TIM O ’ REILLY, Founder & CEO of O ’ Reilly Media

“ The Phoenix Project is a must read for business and IT executives who are struggling with the growing complexity of IT. ” —JIM WHITEHURST, President and CEO, Red Hat, Inc.

Five years after this sleeper hit took on the world of IT and flipped it on it's head, the 5th Anniversary Edition of *The Phoenix Project* continues to guide IT in the DevOps revolution. In this newly updated and expanded edition of the bestselling *The Phoenix Project*, co-author Gene Kim includes a new afterword and a deeper delve into the Three Ways as described in *The DevOps Handbook*. Bill, an IT manager at Parts Unlimited, has been tasked with taking on a project critical to the future of the business, code named Phoenix Project. But the project is massively over budget and behind schedule. The CEO demands Bill must fix the mess in ninety days or else Bill's entire department will be outsourced. With the help of a prospective board member and his mysterious philosophy of The Three Ways, Bill starts to see that IT work has more in common with a

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manufacturing plant work than he ever imagined. With the clock ticking, Bill must organize work flow streamline interdepartmental communications, and effectively serve the other business functions at Parts Unlimited. In a fast-paced and entertaining style, three luminaries of the DevOps movement deliver a story that anyone who works in IT will recognize. Readers will not only learn how to improve their own IT organizations, they'll never view IT the same way again.

“ This book is a gripping read that captures brilliantly the dilemmas that face companies which depend on IT, and offers real-world solutions. ” —JEZ HUMBLE, Co-author of *Continuous Delivery*, *Lean Enterprise*, *Accelerate*, and *The DevOps Handbook* —————

“ I ’ m delighted at how The Phoenix Project has reshaped so many conversations in technology. My goal in writing *The Unicorn Project* was to explore and reveal the necessary but invisible structures required to make developers (and all engineers) productive, and reveal the devastating effects of technical debt and complexity. I hope this book can create common ground for technology and business leaders to leave the past behind, and co-create a better future together. ” —Gene Kim, November 2019

[Empress of the World](#) [Bella Books](#)

Nominated as one of America ’ s best-loved novels by PBS ’ s *The Great American Read* Six days ago, astronaut Mark Watney

became one of the first people to walk on Mars. Now, he's sure he'll be the first person to die there. After a dust storm nearly kills him and forces his crew to evacuate while thinking him dead, Mark finds himself stranded and completely alone with no way to even signal Earth that he ’ s alive—and even if he could get word out, his supplies would be gone long before a rescue could arrive. Chances are, though, he won't have time to starve to death. The damaged machinery, unforgiving environment, or plain-old "human error" are much more likely to kill him first. But Mark isn't ready to give up yet. Drawing on his ingenuity, his engineering skills—and a relentless, dogged refusal to quit—he steadfastly confronts one seemingly insurmountable obstacle after the next. Will his resourcefulness be enough to overcome the impossible odds against him?

Seek You Vintage National Book Award finalist Julie Anne Peters delivers a moving, modern classic love story with a coming out theme -- now with a fresh, redesigned cover! With a steady boyfriend, the position of Student Council President, and a chance to

go to an Ivy League college, high school life is just fine for Holland Jaeger. At least, it seems to be. But when Cece Goddard comes to school, everything changes. Cece and Holland have undeniable feelings for each other, but how will others react to their developing relationship? This moving love story between two girls is for fans of Nancy Garden's classic young adult coming out novel, *Annie on My Mind*. With her characteristic humor and breezy style, Peters has captured the compelling emotions of young love. Starting from Scratch Penguin A gripping YA thriller from award-winning writer Juno Dawson, with a dash of romance and intriguing paranormal elements, set in Hollow Pike - a small town with a big history of witchcraft. Something wicked this way comes... She thought she'd be safe in the country, but you can't escape your own nightmares, and Lis London dreams repeatedly that someone is trying to kill her. Lis thinks she's being paranoid - after all, who would want to murder her? She doesn't believe in the local legends of witchcraft. She doesn't believe that anything bad will really happen to her. You never do, do you? Not until you're alone in the woods, after dark - and a twig snaps... *Hollow Pike* -

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where witchcraft never sleeps. *The Art of Fear* Open Road Media

From the acclaimed author of *Imagine Wanting Only This*—a timely and moving meditation on isolation and longing, both as individuals and as a society *There is a silent epidemic in America: loneliness*. Shameful to talk about and often misunderstood, loneliness is everywhere, from the most major of metropolises to the smallest of towns. In *Seek You*, Kristen Radtke's wide-ranging exploration of our inner lives and public selves, Radtke digs into the ways in which we attempt to feel closer to one another, and the distance that remains. Through the lenses of gender and violence, technology and art, Radtke ushers us through a history of loneliness and longing, and shares what feels impossible to share. Ranging from the invention of the laugh-track to the rise of Instagram, the bootstrap-pulling cowboy to the brutal experiments of Harry Harlow, Radtke investigates why we engage with each other, and what we risk when we turn away. With her distinctive, emotionally-charged drawings and deeply empathetic prose, Kristen

Radtke masterfully shines a light on some of our most vulnerable and sublime moments, and asks how we might keep the spaces between us from splitting entirely.

*I Kissed a Girl* Tor Teen

“ A debut story collection of the rarest kind ... you wish that every single entry could be an entire novel.”

—Entertainment Weekly

Fresh, intimate stories of women's lives from an extraordinary new literary voice, laying bare the unexpected beauty and irony in contemporary life

A college freshman, traveling home, strikes up an odd, ephemeral friendship with the couple next to her on the plane. A mother prepares for her son's wedding, her own life unraveling as his comes together. A long-lost stepbrother's visit to New York prompts a family's reckoning with its old taboos. A wife considers the secrets her marriage once contained. An office worker, exhausted by the ambitions of the men around her, emerges into a gridlocked city one afternoon to make a decision. In these eleven powerful stories, thrilling desire and melancholic yearning animate women's lives, from the brink of

adulthood to the labyrinthine path between twenty and thirty, to middle age, when certain possibilities quietly elapse. Tender, lucid, and piercingly funny, *Objects of Desire* is a collection pulsing with subtle drama, rich with unforgettable scenes, and alive with moments of recognition each more startling than the last—a spellbinding debut that announces a major talent.

*The Summer I Wasn't Me* Forever Yours

Marguerit Sovitre did not expect to inherit Baron Saveze's fortunes—even less his bodyguard, a ruthlessly efficient swordswoman known only as Barbara. Wealth suddenly makes Marguerit a highly eligible heiress and buys her the enmity of the new Baron. He had expected to inherit all, and now eyes her fortune with open envy. Barbara proudly served as the old Baron's duelist but she had expected his death to make her a free woman. Bitterness turns to determination when she finds herself the only force that stands between Marguerit and the new Baron's greed. At first Marguerit protests the need for Barbara's services, but soon she cannot imagine sending Barbara away. And Barbara's duty has become something far more hazardous to her heart than the point of a sword. But greater dangers loom than one



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man's hatred—the Prince of Alpennia is ill. Deadly intrigue surrounds the succession and the rituals of divine power known as The Mysteries of the Saints. Heather Rose Jones debuts with a sweeping story rich in intrigue and the clash of loyalties and love.