

## The Gravity Between Us Kristen Zimmer

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### Empress of the World Penguin

Movie star Tessa Flanagan has retired from the Hollywood grind with a string of popular and critical successes behind her. Now her days revolve around spending time with her daughter Laya and launching a new career in philanthropy. She doesn't expect a brief encounter with Eleanor Chapin, Laya's new kindergarten teacher, to make a lasting impression. As the end of the school year nears, however, Tessa realizes that her daughter's beloved Miss Chapin may be the perfect nanny for the summer. Natural and direct, Eleanor already understands Laya's need for life out of the public eye. Even though it means inviting a stranger into their household, Tessa is certain her own carefully guarded secrets will not be at risk. For Eleanor, L.A. is merely a stop between Boston and a long-awaited Ph.D. program. But the job offer from Tessa Flanagan is so lucrative she is tempted to put her plans on hold. The idea of working closely with Tessa is equally enticing, but the job is about Laya. There's no reason not to take it—after all, she'll be leaving L.A. soon. Kate Christie explores the distance from Chicago's South Side to the Hollywood Hills, from bucolic New England to lush Kauai through the passionate connection between two women looking for home.

When Sparks Fly The Gravity Between UsThe Gravity Between Us is a daring, romantic, emotional story about friendship, love, and finding the courage to be yourself in a crazy world. New Adult novel: recommended for 17+ due to mature themes and sexual content. "It's like there's gravity between us, like she's the only thing anchoring me to the world, keeping me from floating off into the upper stratosphere and being lost in space. I can't risk losing her." 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, 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...The Gravity Between Us

Margerit 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 Margerit 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 Margerit and the new Baron's greed. At first Margerit 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 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.

Something True Bywater Books

Lexi has a secret. She never meant for her mom to find out. And now she's afraid that what's left of her family is going to fall apart for good. Lexi knows she can fix everything. She can change. She can learn to like boys. New Horizons summer camp has promised to transform her life, and there's nothing she wants more than to start over. But sometimes love has its own path... "A powerful indictment of reparative therapy—a sweet love story—and an unforgettable main character!"—Nancy Garden, author of *Annie on My Mind* "Unflinching honesty and unflinching compassion...A gem of a novel."—RT Book Reviews, 4 1 / 2 stars, Top Pick of the Month on *My Life After Now*

### "Cat Person" and Other Stories Llewellyn Worldwide

"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.

Lesbian Romance. True Erotic Sex Stories. Explicit Dirty Hot Novels for Lesbian (4 Books in 1) Bella Books

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Spectacular Digital Effects Simon and Schuster

Nicola Lancaster is spending her summer at the Siegel Institute, a hothouse of smart, intense teenagers. She soon falls in with Katrina (Manic Computer Chick), Isaac (Nice-Guy-Despite-Himself), Kevin (Inarticulate Composer) . . . and Battle, a beautiful blond dancer. The two become friends--and then, startlingly, more than friends. What do you do when you think you're attracted to guys, and then you meet a girl who steals your heart? A trailblazing debut, reissued with an introduction by acclaimed author David Levithan, and copious back matter, including three graphic novel stories by Sara Ryan (and artists Steve Leiber, Dylan Meconis, and Natalie Nourigat) about the characters.

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks Sourcebooks, Inc.

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.

The Gravity Between Us Orion Children's Books

A revolutionary guide to acknowledging fear and developing the tools we need to build a healthy relationship with this confusing emotion—and use it as a positive force in our lives. We all feel fear. Yet we are often taught to ignore it, overcome it, push past it. But to what benefit? This is the essential question that guides Kristen Ulmer's remarkable exploration of our most misunderstood emotion in *The Art of Fear*. Once recognized as the best extreme skier in the world (an honor she held for twelve years), Ulmer knows fear well. In this conversation-changing book, she argues that fear is not here to cause us problems—and that in fact, the only true issue we face with fear is our misguided reaction to it (not the fear itself). Rebuilding our experience with fear from the ground up, Ulmer starts by exploring why we've come to view it as a negative. From here, she unpacks fear and shows it to be just one of 10,000 voices that make up our reality, here to help us come alive alongside joy, love, and gratitude. Introducing a mindfulness tool called "Shift," Ulmer teaches readers how to experience fear in a simpler, more authentic way, transforming our relationship with this emotion from that of a draining battle into one that's in line with our true nature. Influenced by Ulmer's own complicated relationship with fear and her over 15 years as a mindset facilitator, *The Art of Fear* will reconstruct the way we react to and experience fear—empowering us to easily and permanently address the underlying cause of our fear-based problems, and setting us on course to live a happier, more expansive future.

Starting from Scratch Pantheon

This groundbreaking book offers a complete "healer's toolkit" for shamanic practitioners. Along with an in-depth discussion of the theories, practices, and ethics of shamanic healing work, this guide gives you first-hand accounts of healing experiences from the author's practice, exercises to help you develop your skills and abilities, and ceremonies to use in your own practice. The *Book of Shamanic Healing* covers all aspects of shamanic healing in a practical manner, with instructions on how to:

- Create sacred space and healing ceremonies
- Partner with your drum to create healing
- Develop your shamanic and psychic abilities
- Free your voice and seek your power song
- Communicate quickly and easily with spirit guides
- Explore your shadow side
- Perform soul retrievals and extractions safely
- Use dreams, stones, crystals, and colors in healing work
- Connect to the healing universe and live in balance

Objects of Desire Tor Teen

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, 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 The Gravity Between Us is a daring, romantic, emotional story about friendship, love, and finding the courage to be yourself in a crazy world. Praise for *The Gravity Between Us* '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

#CassiNova Penguin

High school counselor Aislin Kennedy's charisma and exuberance mask deep scars that prevent her from letting anyone too close. Instead, she throws herself into helping her students. CEO of a fashion conglomerate, Susanna Durr has been through three painfully public divorces, and to say she's given up on love would be an understatement. When Aislin agrees to help Susanna connect with her daughter, Cynt, surprising feelings awaken for both of them. But Aislin isn't ready to trust again and Susanna's track record is intimidating. If the past were to repeat itself, it could break Aislin for good.

**All That Matters** Roaring Brook Press

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.

**I Kissed a Girl** Penguin

FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF RED WATER What if the forbidden could heal you? "Achingly real, with characters that come off the page and crawl around in your head long after you've finished." - Meghan O'Flynn, bestselling author of the Ash Park series "Beautiful writing and believable, multidimensional characters. I devoured this book in one sitting." - Jill Smokler, New York Times bestselling author of Scary Mommy When Hazel Duval moves with her husband Oren to the oceanside town of Conch Garden and secures her dream job playing violin with the local orchestra, she thinks she may have finally left her traumatic past behind her. She even makes a new friend—a friend who turns out to be a little more than she bargained for. Beautiful, brilliant, and wild, Claire makes love to the sand with her toes, focuses intensely without wrinkling her forehead, and makes a cello sing like nothing Hazel has ever heard. She also listens to Hazel's most painful secrets without judgment or expectation. It isn't long before Hazel finds herself thinking about Claire in ways she has never thought of another woman. Fantasizing. Wanting. Longing. But Hazel is married, and so is Claire. Indulging in this fantasy is not an option. Hazel must bury her lust despite her ever-growing infatuation with Claire and the mountain of shame that comes along with it. Still, there is no denying that her feelings for Claire have awakened something primal in her—for the first time in her life, Hazel feels alive. And now the two women are flying off to Italy to perform at a music festival, where they'll be sharing an apartment. Alone. As their friendship deepens, Hazel learns from Claire that there is more than one type of love and that salvation comes in many forms. But is Hazel's relationship with Claire really saving her, or is it only leading to the inevitable destruction of the life she's worked so hard to build? A haunting story of unexpected love in the aftermath of a brutal trauma, *Beyond the Break* will take you on a journey that will leave you questioning everything you thought you knew about friendship, sexuality, and love. If you enjoyed *Carol* by Patricia Highsmith or *The Gravity Between Us* by Kristen Zimmer, you'll love *Beyond the Break*. More praise for *Beyond the Break*: "A mature book with depth and complexity." - Andra Watkins, New York Times bestselling author of *Not Without My Father* "This book absolutely crushed me. It will change everything you thought you knew about love, sexual attraction, and chemistry." - Melissa Mowry, *One Mother to Another* \*\*Look for *Objects in Motion*, the sequel to *Beyond the Break*, in early 2018

[The Book of Shamanic Healing](#) Simon and Schuster

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 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

[Mission of Gravity](#) Viking

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.

Crown

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-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.

*Annie on My Mind* Tritone Literary Publishers

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 sympathize 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 realize we don't quite have it anymore.

[Medallion Status](#) Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

A landmark in LGBT fiction, this captivating story of two teenage girls who fall in love is a "classic of the genre" (Publishers Weekly).

When Liza Winthrop first lays eyes on Annie Kenyon at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, she knows there's something special between them. Soon, their close friendship develops into a deep and intimate romance. Neither imagined that falling in love could be so wonderful, but as Liza and Annie's newfound sexuality sparks conflict in both their families and at their schools, they discover it will take more than love for their relationship to succeed. One of the first books to positively portray a lesbian relationship, *Annie on My Mind* is a groundbreaking classic of the genre. The subject of a First Amendment lawsuit over banned books and one of School Library Journal's "One Hundred Books that Shaped the Century," Nancy Garden's iconic novel is an important story for anyone discovering who they're meant to be.

[There Can Only Be Six](#) Bookouture

Winner of multiple awards, praised by librarians and teachers as one of the best books ever written for teens—NOW BACK IN PRINT! New town, new school, new friends. It was difficult for Ginny at first, but her senior year is finally starting to feel kind of normal. That is, until she sees him—the beautiful mystery in her English class. He has never spoken a word to anyone. He moves through each day at school without making eye contact. His name is Smitty Tibbs, but everyone calls him the Alien. Ginny is convinced there's more to the Alien than his muted exterior. But as she attempts to break into his safe and emotionless world, she realizes her efforts might be causing more harm than good. Has she gone too far, or not far enough? "Utterly compelling...totally satisfying. A fast-moving, unusual contemporary romance that should have great appeal." School Library Journal "The thick wall an abused teenager builds between himself and the world is penetrated at last by an extraordinary pair of friends... A strong book with healing at the end, memorable for its spirited friendships and unpreachy soul-searching." Kirkus Reviews "Ginny's deft and engaging narration reveals a delightful and totally believable teen. [T]he overall impact of this psychological novel is so powerful." Booklist

[Butts](#) Sourcebooks, Inc.

examines contemporary films, including "Avatar," "The Matrix," and "The Lord of the Rings" movies, revealing the films' astonishing computer-generated visual effects as central to their narratives.