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The Starkin Crown:
Chronicles of Estelliana

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Once there was a gypsy queen who wore on her wrist a chain of six lucky charms – a golden crown, a silver horse, a butterfly caught in amber, a cat's eye shell, a bolt of lightning forged from the heart of a

falling star, and the flower given them the first of the rue plant, herb of grace. The queen gave each of her six children one of the charms as their lucky talisman, but ever since the chain of charms was broken, the gypsies had been dogged with misfortune. It is even worse for the Finch tribe – they have been thrown into gaol with only three weeks to live. The only members of the family to escape are thirteen-year-old Emilia and her cousin Luka, who have been entrusted to find the six charms and bring them together again. What Emilia and Luka do not realise is that there is a price to be paid for each lucky charm, and that the cost may prove too high...

Book 1: The Gypsy Crown: 9th August – 12th August 1658 Maggie has

charm – an old gold coin – but Luka and Emilia must escape the brutal thief-taker, Coldham. With a horse, a monkey, a dog, and a huge brown bear in their train, it is hard to travel secretly as they flee across the Surrey countryside. With a little bit of luck – or, as Emilia believes, magic – they manage to escape, but Coldham will not give up so easily.

Extras Penguin

Once there was a gypsy queen who wore on her wrist a chain of six lucky charms. The queen gave each her six children one of the charms as their lucky talisman, but ever since the chain was broken, the gypsies had been dogged with misfortune. It is the fifth year of the Lord Protector's rule, and not safe

nor seemly to love bright colours, nor music, nor dancing, nor magic, nor any of the things that the gypsies most loved, and which made them who they were. But now life for the Finch tribe has gone even more horribly wrong - they have been thrown into gaol with only three weeks to live. The only members of the family to escape are Emilia and her cousin Luka. They have been entrusted to find the six charms - then, perhaps, the gypsies could once again have some luck. What Emilia and Luka do not realise is that there is a price to be paid for each lucky charm, and that the cost may prove too high... 15th-19th August, 1658: Luka and Emilia must travel to the New Forest to find the Wood tribe, whose charm is a rue flower, the herb of grace. Its power is

that of plants and herbs - which can both heal and poison. On the way, the two children tangle with an impoverished widow, the thief-taker Coldham, a highwayman and a witch, and find themselves caught up in a Royalist plot to restore King Charles II to his throne. Winner of Aurealis Awards for Best Children's Long Fiction 2007
Petite Rouge Anchor
At the end of *Specials*, the conclusion to the *Uglies* trilogy, things in Tally's futuristic world had stabilised. The walls between the social classes - the uglies, pretties and specials - had been torn down. So Tally took off to live on her own in the wild. Fast forward... Tally discovers another brand new world. In *Extras*, it's all about who you know, and how much you have. It's

just like LA. Only Paris and Nicole are way dead...

The Tower of Ravens

Random House Australia

In Crete during World War

II, Alenka, a young woman who fights with the

resistance against the brutal

Nazi occupation, finds

herself caught between her

traitor of a brother and the

man she loves, an

undercover agent working

for the Allies. May 1941.

German paratroopers launch a blitzkrieg from the air

against Crete. They are met

with fierce defiance, the

Greeks fighting back with

daggers, pitchforks, and

kitchen knives. During the

bloody eleven-day battle,

Alenka, a young Greek

woman, saves the lives of

two Australian soldiers.

Jack and Teddy are

childhood friends who

joined up together to see the

world. Both men fall in love

with Alenka. They are

forced to retreat with the

tattered remains of the Allied

forces over the towering

White Mountains. Both are

among the seven thousand

Allied soldiers left behind in

the desperate evacuation

from Crete's storm-lashed

southern coast. Alenka hides

Jack and Teddy at great risk

to herself. Her brother Axel

is a Nazi sympathizer and

collaborator and spies on her

movements. As Crete suffers

under the Nazi jackboot,

Alenka is drawn into an

intense triangle of

conflicting emotions with

Jack and Teddy. Their

friendship suffers under the

strain of months of hiding

and their rivalry for her love.

Together, they join the

resistance and fight to free

the island, but all three will

find themselves tested to

their limits. Alenka must choose whom to trust and whom to love and, in the end, whom to save.

The Pool of Two Moons

Penguin

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and Emilia find the Hearnese horseracing on the Downs above Epsom. But Emilia must compete to win their support. Will she have to give up her beloved mare in exchange for the Hearne family's charm - a small silver horse? And can they escape Coldham again? Book Two in the exciting new six-book series by bestselling author, Kate Forsyth. Winner of the Aurealis Awards' best Children's Long Fiction 2007 *Life on the Refrigerator Door* Macmillan

"A spellbinding reimagining of 'Sleeping Beauty' set amongst the wild bohemian circle of Pre-Raphaelite artists and poets. The Pre-Raphaelites were determined to liberate art and love from the shackles of convention. Ned Burne-Jones had never had a painting lesson and his family wanted him to be a parson. Only young Georgie Macdonald - the daughter of

a Methodist minister - understood. She put aside her own dreams to support him, only to be confronted by many years of gossip and scandal. Dante Gabriel Rossetti was smitten with his favourite model, Lizzie Siddal. She wanted to be an artist herself, but was seduced by the irresistible lure of laudanum. William Morris fell head-over-heels for a 'stunner' from the slums, Janey Burden. Discovered by Ned, married to William, she embarked on a passionate affair with Gabriel that led inexorably to tragedy. Margot Burne-Jones had become her father's muse. He painted her as Briar Rose, the focus of his most renowned series of paintings, based on the fairy-tale that haunted him all his life. Yet Margot longed to be awakened to love. Bringing to life the dramatic true story of love, obsession and heartbreak that lies behind the Victorian era's most famous paintings, *Beauty in Thorns* is the story of awakenings of all kinds."--Back cover.

Clever Maids Pan Australia

In 1841, Australia's first children's book was published, the anonymous writer known only as 'a lady long resident in New South Wales'. The identity of the author was one of the most puzzling literary mysteries until 1981, when she was finally given a name: Charlotte Waring Atkinson. Today, her great-great-great-granddaughters Kate Forsyth and Belinda Murrell are also celebrated authors. They grew up on stories about Charlotte's life of love, grief, and violence - and her struggle to assert an independent spirit. Not only a bestselling author, she was also an early Australian artist, and a pioneer in the fight for women's legal rights. In *SEARCHING FOR CHARLOTTE*, Kate and

Belinda embark on a voyage of discovery that investigates family history, writing, motherhood, what changes and what stays the same. It is a journey that will transform everything they thought they knew about their family...

Searching for Charlotte

Penguin Group Australia

Last, the smallest and the greatest... Though he must be lost before he can find, Though, before he sees, he must be blind, If he can find and if he can see, The true king of all he shall be. Prince Peregrine, rightful heir to the starkin and wildkin crowns, longs for adventure. But Vernisha the Vile, who seized the starkin throne, seeks to destroy Peregrine, his family, and all the wildkin of Ziva. With Stormlinn Castle under attack, Peregrine flees with his best friend, Jack, and Lady Grizelda - a starkin girl. Together they seek the Spear of the Storm King - the long-lost weapon which, it is prophesied,

will destroy the starkin throne. But a hunter is on their tail and someone close doesn't want them to succeed...

The Shining City Anchor

A sparkling historical novel based on the remarkable true story of turn-of-the-century con artist May Dugas, once dubbed America's "Most Dangerous Woman. " It ' s 1887, and eighteen-year-old May Dugas has ventured to Chicago in hopes of earning enough money to support her family. Yet when circumstances force her to take up residence at the city ' s most infamous bordello, she chooses to use her feminine wiles to extract not only sidelong looks but also large sums of money from the men she encounters. Insinuating herself into high society, May lands a well-to-do fiancé —until, that is, a Pinkerton detective named Reed Doherty intervenes. Reed has made it his mission to bring May to justice, and he pursues her across the world, from Shanghai to London and back, until he makes one last daring attempt to corner her. But May still has a few tricks

up her sleeve, tricks that just might prove she ' s one tough woman to catch.

The Starthorn Tree

Macmillan

With the leading clan bitterly split and the court torn apart, only fierce, half-human Rhiannon and her winged mare have any chance of rescuing Princess Olwynne and her twin brother. But what duty requires, the heart may regret. An evil necromancer has kidnapped the royal twins, plotting to spill their blood—for revenge, and to restore his own family to life. Chaos reigns in the capital, and Rhiannon finds herself burdened with a heavy charge: to save the one woman she hates above all others. It will not be easy to forgive or forget that Olwynne attempted to steal Rhiannon ' s true love, the

handsome apprentice-witch Lewen—especially when it seems that Olwynne would still be her rival for his affections. And as the necromancer ' s intrigues grow more desperate, Rhiannon fears that saving the princess could mean risking everything—Lewen, her mare, her freedom, even her own life.

The Cambridge History of Australian Literature
HarperCollins

“ Bittersweet, funny and achingly real, ” this mother-daughter relationship novel “ delivers a strong, emotional reminder about the importance of loved ones ” (Publishers Weekly). Claire and her mother are running out of time, but they don ' t know it. Not yet. Claire is wrapped up with the difficulties of her burgeoning

adulthood—boys, school, friends, identity; Claire's mother, a single mom, is rushed off her feet both at work and at home. They rarely find themselves in the same room at the same time, and it often seems that the only thing they can count on are notes to each other on the refrigerator door. When home is threatened by a crisis, their relationship experiences a momentous change. Forced to reevaluate the delicate balance between their personal lives and their bond as mother and daughter, Claire and her mother find new love and devotion for one another deeper than anything they had ever imagined. Heartfelt, touching, and unforgettable, *Life on the Refrigerator Door* is a glimpse into the lives of mothers and daughters everywhere. In this deeply touching novel told

through a series of notes written from a loving mother and her devoted fifteen-year-old daughter, debut author Alice Kuipers deftly captures the impenetrable fabric that connects mothers and daughters throughout the world. Moving and rich with emotion, *Life on the Refrigerator Door* delivers universal lessons about love in a wonderfully simple and poignant narrative. "Very original and touching."
—Joanne Harris, New York Times bestselling author of *Chocolat*
The Forbidden Land Random House Australia
In the summer of 1976 it's picking season on an Australian stone-fruit orchard run by Celia, a hard-working woman in her early forties. Years ago, when her husband was killed as a bystander in an armed robbery, Celia left the city and brought her newborn daughter

Zoe to this farm for a secure life. we love.

Now sixteen, Zoe is a passionate, intelligent girl, chafing against her mother's protectiveness, yearning to find intensity and a bit of danger. Barging into this world as itinerant fruit-pickers come a desperate brother and sister from Sydney. The hard-bitten Sheena has kidnapped her wild, ebullient eighteen-year-old brother Kieran and dragged him out west, away from trouble in the city. Kieran and Zoe are drawn to each other the instant they meet, sparking excitement, worry, lust, trouble . . . How do we protect people we love? How do we bear watching them go out into the perilous world with no guarantee of safety or happiness? What bargains do people make with darkness in order to survive? From the creator of *Offspring* and author of *Useful*, *The Whole Bright Year* is a gripping, wry and tender novel about how holding on too tightly can cost us what

The Bird's Child Blackstone Publishing

"First published in Australia by Vintage ... previously published in Great Britain by Allison & Busby Limited"--Title page verso.

The Wild Girl Penguin

Big Bad Gator Claude will do anything to have a taste of Petite Rouge...even if it means putting on a duck bill, flippers, and frilly underwear. He presents no match for the spunky heroine and her quick-thinking cat TeJean, though, as they use some strong Cajun hot sauce to teach Claude a lesson he will never forget! The combination of hilarious rhyme and exaggerated art creates a highly original retelling of the classic fairy tale. A pronunciation guide/glossary accompanies a tempting dialect that begs to be read aloud or acted out again and again. This is Little Red Riding Hood as she's never been seen before: Cajun and ducky.

The Wild Girl Penguin
Named Best First Novel by

Locus 'Twas a time when dragons left their lair and evil shadowed the land.... On the Day of Reckoning, the witches of Eileanan were outlawed--and violations of the new order were punishable by death.

Eileanan's Great Towers, once meccas of magic and learning, were left in ruins. And now, the entire land trembles in fear.... Yet deep in the mountains, in the shadow of Dragonclaw, a young girl is being tutored in the old ways. Ignorant of her past, uncertain of her future, the foundling Isabeau will soon be forced down a dangerous path of prophesy, conspiracy, and magic. It is a world where dragons possess the key to ancient mysteries...where a lost prince will discover a strange and wondrous destiny...and where the ultimate battle between good

and evil will be waged.... A new Day of Reckoning is at hand....

Angel of Ruin Basic Books
Once upon a time, these stories of magical transformation were told to young women by their

mothers and grandmothers and the wise women of the clan. The heroines of these old tales set out on a difficult road of trials to discover their true destiny. And marrying a prince was not the only goal. These ancient tales of wonder and adventure are about learning to be strong, brave, kind and true-hearted, and trusting in yourself to change the world for the better. --
Back cover.

The Witches of Eileanan
Penguin

Rhiannon, a wild and fierce half-human girl, tamed a winged horse to escape the vicious satyricorn tribe who

raised her. In the human world, the handsome apprentice-witch Lewen has convinced her to stay with him and learn to use her strong magical talents. But before her training can commence, Rhiannon must answer for a past crime in...
THE SHINING CITY
Imprisoned in Sorrowgate Tower, Rhiannon awaits trial for murder and treason. While her days are spent in anticipation of Lewen's visits, her nights are haunted by the malevolent ghost of a dead queen, hungry to live again. But not many care to listen to the prophetic dreams of a girl who has already been convicted in most people's minds. Then Lewen begins to cool toward her, and Rhiannon suspects one of the princesses has worked a spell to steal his heart. In a world filled with dark spirits and

forbidden magic, conspiracy and intrigue, Rhiannon vows to win back her lover and escape once more, to save the land before it's too late....

The Fairy Tellers

Sourcebooks, Inc.

In Eileanan, the sea-dwelling Fairgain have refused to sign the Pact of Peace. Driven by ancient hatreds, they have devoted themselves to destroying all who dwell upon the land. To help bring peace, Iseult's flame-haired twin Isabeau must face her most difficult challenge yet.

Parlor Games Simon and Schuster
Viviane de Faitaud has grown up alone at the Chateau de Belisama-sur-le-Lac in Brittany. Her father, the Marquis, lives at the court of Louis XVI in Versailles. After a hailstorm destroys the chateau's orchards, gardens and fields an ambitious young Welshman, David Stronach, accepts the commission to plan the chateau's new gardens in the hope of making his name as a

landscape designer. David and Viviane fall in love, but it is an impossible romance. Her father has betrothed her to a rich duke who she is forced to marry and David is hunted from the property. Viviane goes to court and becomes a maid-in-waiting to Marie-Antoinette and a member of the extended royal family. Angry and embittered, David sails away from England with Lord Macartney, the British ambassador, who hopes to open up trade with Imperial China. In Canton, the British embassy at last receives news from home, including their first reports of the French Revolution. David hears the story of 'The Blue Rose', a Chinese fable of impossible love, and discovers the blood-red rose growing in the wintry garden. He realises that he is still in love with Viviane and must find her. Viviane escapes the guillotine and returns to the ruin of Chateau de Belisima to rebuild her life. David carrying a cluster of rosehips finds her there, and together they decide to grow the fabled red rose of China in France.

The Heart of Stars Penguin

A thrilling fantasy adventure for younger readers. With the young King of Estelliana mysteriously ill, the kingdom is placed under the harsh rule of a starkin regent, Lord Zavion. One day a hearthkin boy, Durrik, has a vision telling him that the regent is planning to kill the new king and take over Estelliana, and that he must go on a quest to find a cure for the King and save the kingdom. He and his best friend Pedrin set out on their journey and are soon joined by a noble girl, Lisandre, and a servant girl called Briony. On their travels they meet with soldiers, wildkin, pirates and monsters before they reach their final destination - the magic Starthorn Tree - which may hold the miraculous cure...