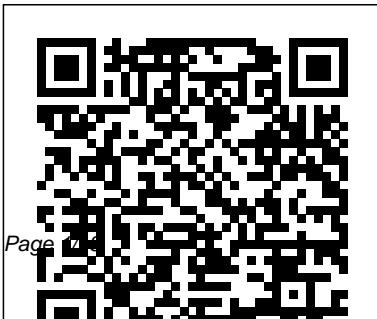

Whiter Than Snow Sandra Dallas

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The Vanishing Messiah WaterBrook

May Anna Kovacks was discovered on the dusty streets of Butte, Montana and went on to become a Hollywood star. War, fame, marriage, love, and heartbreak came and went. What never changed was the bond she shared with her two best friends, Effa Commander and Whippy Bird. When scandal, murder, and betrayal made a legend of May Anna, only Effa and Whippy Bird could set the record straight.

Fallen Women St. Martin's Press

A beautiful and heart-wrenching middle grade debut, this title is a memorable story, full of love, healing, friendship, and hope. When eleven-year-old Addie goes to stay with a foster family on a remote Exmoor farm in the midst of a very cold winter, she is full of hurt, anger and a deep mistrust of everyone around her. But when she rescues

a tiny wild foal from the moorland snow, Addie discovers that perhaps she's not so alone after all. And as adventure and unexpected friendship blossom, Addie is determined that both of them will know what it is to be home again soon... Author Susanne Bailey delivers a warm, evocative debut set in the natural world that's sure to inspire readers who are eager for an adventure story about the healing bond between humans and their animal friends. All That Is Secret Sleeping Bear Press
Finish well. That is what we are called to do in Scripture, but where will our money and possessions finish? The Bible has the principles that provide answers to the challenge of parenting and passing along an inheritance. Within the next decade, over ONE

TRILLION DOLLARS will change hands from one generation to the next. Individuals with adult children will need to transfer that wealth without ruining their heirs' lives. Ron Blue, an authority on personal and business finance, will help: ~Identify exactly how much money would be transferred were the reader to die today ~Identify the need for creating a will ~Identify tax-wise financial planning ~Teach the way to leave money without creating an unhealthy dependence

One Glorious Ambition St. Martin's Press

When a number of virile humans are abducted, Mia Snow, a member of an elite task force within the New Chicago PD assigned to stalk and kill otherworldly predators, suspects that the Arcadians, a powerful race of aliens with powerful psychic talents, are responsible and must use her own psychic abilities and fighting skills to stop the terror. A first novel. Reprint. Boy, Snow, Bird Vintage

Hennie Comfort is eighty-six and has lived in the mountains of Middle Swan, Colorado since before it was Colorado. Nit Spindle is just seventeen and newly married. She and her husband have just moved to the high country in search of work. It's 1936 and the depression has ravaged the country and Nit and her husband have suffered greatly. Hennie notices the young woman loitering near the old sign outside of her house

that promises "Prayers For Sale". Hennie doesn't sell prayers, never has, but there's something about the young woman that she's drawn to. The harsh conditions of life that each have endured create an instant bond and an unlikely friendship is formed, one in which the deepest of hardships are shared and the darkest of secrets are confessed. Sandra Dallas has created an unforgettable tale of a friendship between two women, one with surprising twists and turns, and one that is ultimately a revelation of the finest parts of the human spirit.

The Vengeance of Mothers Picador
Stephen Curry's March 2022
Literati Book Club Pick Parade
Magazine pick for Fall 2021
"Mysteries We Love" PBS
Masterpiece's "Best Mystery
Books of 2021: As Recommended
by Bestselling Authors"
CrimeReads "Best Debut Novels"
pick for October 2021 BookBub's
"16 Best Historical Mysteries
of 2021" From award-winning
author Patricia Raybon comes a
compelling new historical
mystery series about a young
Black theologian--and Sherlock
fan--seeking to solve her
father's cold case murder in a
city ruled by the KKK. Can an

amateur detective solve the cold case mystery of her lost father's murder? In the winter of 1923, Professor Annalee Spain—a clever but overworked theologian at a small Chicago Bible college—receives a cryptic telegram calling her home to Denver to solve the mystery of the murder of her beloved but estranged father. For a young Black woman, searching for answers in a city ruled by the KKK could mean real danger. Still, with her literary hero Sherlock Holmes as inspiration, Annalee launches her hunt for clues, attracting two surprising allies: Eddie, a relentless young white boy searching for his missing father, and Jack, a handsome Black pastor who loves nightclub dancing and rides in his sporty car, awakening Annalee's heart to the surprising highs and lows of romantic love. With their help, Annalee follows clues that land her among Denver's powerful elite. But when their sleuthing unravels sinister motives and deep secrets, Annalee confronts the dangerous truths and beliefs that could make her a victim too.

Little Souls Sleeping Bear Press
From the ballrooms and mansions

of Denver's newly wealthy, to the seamy life of desperate women, *Fallen Women* illuminates the darkest places of the human heart. It is the spring of 1885 and wealthy New York socialite Beret Osmundsen has been estranged from her younger sister, Lillie, for a year when she gets word from her aunt and uncle that Lillie has died suddenly in Denver. What they do not tell her is that Lillie had become a prostitute and was brutally murdered in the brothel where she had been living. When Beret discovers the sordid truth of Lillie's death, she makes her way to Denver, determined to find her sister's murderer. Detective Mick McCauley may not want her involved in the case, but Beret is determined, and the investigation soon takes her from the dangerous, seedy underworld of Denver's tenderloin to the highest levels of Denver society. Along the way, Beret not only learns the depths of Lillie's depravity, but also exposes the sinister side of Gilded Age ambition in the process. Sandra Dallas once again delivers a page-turner filled with mystery, intrigue, and the kind of intricate detail that truly transports you to another time and place.

A Quilt for Christmas Scholastic Inc.

Four women seeking the promise of salvation and prosperity in a new land.

Whiter Than Snow Macmillan

With Sandra Dallas's incomparable gift for creating a sense of time and place and characters that capture your heart, *The Last Midwife* tells the story of family, community, and the secrets that can destroy and unite them. It is 1880 and Gracy Brookens is the only midwife in a small Colorado mining town where she has delivered hundreds, maybe thousands, of babies in her lifetime. The women of Swandyke

trust and depend on Gracy, and most couldn't imagine getting through pregnancy and labor without her by their sides. But everything changes when a baby is found dead...and the evidence points to Gracy as the murderer. She didn't commit the crime, but clearing her name isn't so easy when her innocence is not quite as simple, either. She knows things, and that's dangerous. Invited into her neighbors' homes during their most intimate and vulnerable times, she can't help what she sees and hears. A woman sometimes says things in the birthing bed, when life and death seem suspended within the

same moment. Gracy has always tucked those revelations away, even the confessions that have cast shadows on her heart. With her friends taking sides and a trial looming, Gracy must decide whether it's worth risking everything to prove her innocence. And she knows that her years of discretion may simply demand too high a price now...especially since she's been keeping more than a few dark secrets of her own.

True Sisters Macmillan

Come lie with me and be my love. How Dione Kelley longed to hear those words. But Blake Remington could never speak

them to her. An accident had left him unable to walk, and her therapy had made him whole again. She had given him back the strength he needed to be a man—and in so doing robbed him of the chance to see her as a woman. How could she believe his words of love, when she knew they were spoken only out of gratitude?

Prayers for Sale Open Road Media
Alice Bullock is a young newlywed whose husband, Charlie, has just joined the Union Army, leaving her on his Iowa farm with only his formidable mother for company. Equally talented at sewing and gossip, and not overly fond of hard work, Alice writes lively

letters to her sister filled with accounts of local quilting bees, the rigors of farm life, and the customs of small-town America. But no town is too small for intrigue and treachery, and when Alice finds herself accused of murder, she must rely on support from unlikely sources. Rich in details of quilting, Civil War-era America, and the realities of a woman's life in the nineteenth century, Alice's Tulips is Sandra Dallas at her best, a dramatic and heartwarming tale of friendship, adversity, and triumph.

Vendetta in Death St. Martin's Press Presents a collection of winter- and holiday-themed cake pop recipes that celebrate the season with such creations as Christmas trees, snowmen, and candy canes, in a work that offers detailed instructions on making the basic cake pop.

The Quilt Walk Holiday House Lieutenant Eve Dallas must keep the predator from becoming the prey in *Vendetta in Death*, the newest thriller from the #1 New York Times bestselling author J.D. Robb. She calls herself Lady Justice. And once she has chosen a man as her target, she turns herself into a tall blonde or a curvaceous redhead, makes herself as alluring and seductive as possible to them. Once they are in her grasp, they are powerless. The first victim is wealthy businessman Nigel McEnroy. His

company's human resources department has already paid out settlements to a couple of his young victims—but they don't know that his crimes go far beyond workplace harassment. Lady Justice knows. And in one shocking night of brutality, she makes him pay a much steeper price. Now Eve Dallas and her husband, Roarke, are combing through the evidence of McEnroy's secret life. His compulsive need to record his misdeeds provides them with a wide range of suspects, but the true identity of Lady Justice remains elusive. It's a challenging case, made even more difficult by McEnroy's widow, who reacts to the investigation with fury, denial, and threats. Meanwhile, Lady Justice's criminal crusade is

escalating rapidly, and if Eve can't stop this vigilante, there's no telling how much blood may be spilled...

Jubilee Trail St. Martin's Press

From The New York Times bestselling author of *Prayers for Sale* comes the moving and powerful story of a small town after a devastating avalanche, and the life changing effects it has on the people who live there *Whiter Than Snow* opens in 1920, on a spring afternoon in Swandyke, a small town near Colorado's Tenmile Range. Just moments after four o'clock, a large split of snow separates from Jubilee Mountain high

above the tiny hamlet and hurtles down the rocky slope, enveloping everything in its path including nine young children who are walking home from school. But only four children survive. Whiter Than Snow takes you into the lives of each of these families: There's Lucy and Dolly Patch—two sisters, long estranged by a shocking betrayal. Joe Cobb, Swandyke's only black resident, whose love for his daughter Jane forces him to flee Alabama. There's Grace Foote, who hides secrets and scandal that belies her genteel façade. And Minder Evans, a civil war veteran who considers his cowardice his greatest sin. Finally, there's Essie Snowball, born Esther Schnable to conservative Jewish parents, but who now works as a prostitute and hides her child's parentage from all the world. Ultimately, each story serves as an allegory to the greater theme of the novel by echoing that fate, chance, and perhaps even divine providence, are all woven into the fabric of everyday life. And it's through each character's defining moment in his or her past that the reader understands how each child has become its parent's purpose for living. In the end, it's a novel

of forgiveness, redemption,
survival, faith and family.

The Last Midwife University of
Iowa Press

Sandra Dallas's *Little Souls* is a gripping tale of sisterhood, loyalty, and secrets set in Denver amid America's last deadly flu pandemic Colorado, 1918. World War I is raging overseas, but it's the home front battling for survival. With the Spanish Flu rampant, Denver's schools are converted into hospitals, churches and funeral homes are closed, and nightly horse-drawn wagons collect corpses left in the street. Sisters Helen and Lutie

have moved to Denver from Ohio after their parents' death. Helen, a nurse, and Lutie, a carefree advertising designer at Neusteter's department store, share a small, neat house and each finds a local beau - for Helen a doctor, for Lutie a young student who soon enlists. They make a modest income from a rental apartment in the basement. When their tenant dies from the flu, the sisters are thrust into caring the woman's small daughter, Dorothy. Soon after, Lutie comes home from work and discovers a dead man on their kitchen floor and Helen standing above the body, an

icepick in hand. She has no doubt Helen killed the man—Dorothy's father—in self-defense, but she knows that will be hard to prove. They decide to leave the body in the street, hoping to disguise it as a victim of the flu. Meanwhile Lutie also worries about her fiancé "over there". As it happens, his wealthy mother harbors a secret of her own and helps the sisters as the danger deepens, from the murder investigation and the flu. Set against the backdrop of an epidemic that feels all too familiar, *Little Souls* is a compelling tale of sisterhood

and of the sacrifices people make to protect those they love most.

Awaken Me Darkly Sleeping Bear Press
In her magical, memorable novel, Sandra Dallas explores the ties of loyalty and friendship that unite the women in a quilting circle in Depression-era Kansas. It is the 1930s, and hard times have hit Harveyville, Kansas, where the crops are burning up, and there's not a job to be found. For Queenie Bean, a young farm wife, a highlight of each week is the gathering of the Persian Pickle Club, a group of local

ladies dedicated to improving their minds, exchanging gossip, and putting their quilting skills to good use. When a new member of the club stirs up a dark secret, the women must band together to support and protect one another.

The Bride's House Sleeping Bear Press

"SANDRA DALLAS is the author of fourteen novels, including *A Quilt for Christmas*, *Fallen Women*, *True Sisters*, *The Bride's House*, *Whiter Than Snow*, *Prayers for Sale*, *Tallgrass* and *New Mercies*. She is a former Denver bureau chief for *Business Week* magazine and lives in Denver, Colorado. "--

The Last Midwife St. Martin's

Press

From April to November 1935 in Belgium, fifteen Lakotas enacted their culture on a world stage. Wearing beaded moccasins and eagle-feather headdresses, they set up tepees, danced, and demonstrated marksmanship and horse taming for the twenty million visitors to the Brussels International Exposition, a grand event similar to a world's fair. The performers then turned homeward, leaving behind 157 pieces of Lakota culture that they had used in the exposition, ranging from costumery to weaponry. In *Lakota Performers in Europe*, author Steve Friesen tells the story of these artifacts, forgotten until recently, and of the Lakota performers who used

them. The 1935 exposition marked a culmination of more than a century of European travel by American Indian performers, and of Europeans' fascination with Native culture, fanned in part by William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody's Wild West from the late 1800s through 1913. Although European newspaper reports often stereotyped Native performers as "savages," American Indians were drawn to participate by the opportunity to practice traditional aspects of their culture, earn better wages, and see the world. When the organizers of the 1935 exposition wanted to include an American Indian village, Sam Lone Bear, Thomas and Sallie Stabber, Joe Little Moon, and other Lakotas were eager to participate. By doing this, they were able to preserve their culture and influence European attitudes toward it. Friesen narrates these Lakotas' experiences abroad. In the process, he also tells the tale of collector François Chladiuk, who acquired the Lakotas' artifacts in 2004. More than 300 color and black-and-white photographs document the collection of items used by the performers during the exposition. Friesen portrays a time when American Indians—who would not long after return to Europe as allies and liberators in military garb—appeared on the international stage as ambassadors of the American West. Lakota Performers in Europe offers a complex view of a vibrant culture practiced and

preserved against tremendous odds. *All the Forgivenesses* Penguin
One dedicated woman...giving voice to the suffering of many
Born to an unavailable mother and an abusive father, Dorothea Dix longs simply to protect and care for her younger brothers, Charles and Joseph. But at just fourteen, she is separated from them and sent to live with relatives to be raised properly. Lonely and uncertain, Dorothea discovers that she does not possess the ability to accept the social expectations imposed on her gender and she desires to accomplish something more than finding a suitable

mate. Yearning to fulfill her God-given purpose, Dorothea finds she has a gift for teaching and writing. Her pupils become a kind of family, hearts to nurture, but long bouts of illness end her teaching and Dorothea is adrift again. It's an unexpected visit to a prison housing the mentally ill that ignites an unending fire in Dorothea's heart—and sets her on a journey that will take her across the nation, into the halls of the Capitol, befriending presidents and lawmakers, always fighting to relieve the suffering of what Scripture deems, the least of

these. In bringing nineteenth-century, historical reformer Dorothea Dix to life, author Jane Kirkpatrick combines historical accuracy with the gripping narrative of a woman who recognized suffering when others turned away, and the call she heeded to change the world.

The Persian Pickle Club St.

Martin's Press

From the bestselling author of *Prayers for Sale*, Sandra Dallas' *Westering Women* is an inspiring celebration of sisterhood on the perilous Overland Trail AG Journal's RURAL THEMES BOOKS FOR WINTER READING | Hasty Book Lists'

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"Exciting novel ... difficult to put down." —Booklist "If you are an adventuresome young woman of high moral character and fine health, are you willing to travel to California in search of a good husband?" It's February, 1852, and all around Chicago, Maggie sees postings soliciting "eligible women" to travel to the gold mines of Goosetown. A young seamstress with a small daughter, she has nothing to lose. She joins forty-three other women and two pious reverends on the dangerous 2,000-mile journey west. None are prepared for the hardships

they face on the trek or for the strengths they didn't know they possessed. Maggie discovers she's not the only one looking to leave dark secrets behind. And when her past catches up with her, it becomes clear a band of sisters will do whatever it takes to protect one of their own.