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Whiteout Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Get ready for Trouble (R.S. Grey, USA Today bestselling author) in this New York Times bestseller about starting over, finding love, and embracing life's second chances. Sydney Paige was never so mortified to hear the words "wrong number" in her life. She meant to tell off the guy who broke her best friend's heart, but unleashed her anger on a perfect stranger instead. And now her world is turned upside down by the captivating man who wants to keep her on the line. Brian Savage is living a life he's quickly come to hate-until Sydney's wild rant has him hooked and hungry for more. Soon the sexy woman on the phone becomes the lover in his bed. But Brian has secrets, and the closer he lets Syd get, the harder it is to shield her from the devastating mistakes of his past.

Four Letter Word Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

"The other nannies in this city don't call him the Sexy One for nothing. My boss, the amazingly wonderful single father to the girl I take care of every day is ridiculously hot, like movie star levels with those arms, and those eyes, and that body. Not to mention, the way he dotes on his little girl melts me all over. But what really makes my knees weak are the times when his gaze lingers on me. In secret. When no one else is around."--Page 4 of cover.

Promise Me Forever (A Single Dad Romance) Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

USA Today Bestselling Author Dani Cohen knows Damon is trouble the second he walks in during senior year. He has bad boy written all over him. . .from his arrogant smirk to his perfectly toned abs. He is arrogant, intense, rebellious. Dani has her future all planned out. She's not the type to fall for a bad boy, no matter how party-melting his grin is or how shamelessly he flirts. But something about Damon draws her in, awakening a desire she's never felt. Slowly, she uncovers the secrets Damon hides: underneath his arrogance lies a tortured soul, his flirting smile masks despair. Damon arrives in Dani's life against his will. Carrying the scars of a dark past and facing an uncertain future, he knows he should stay away from her, but can't. Her innocence consumes him, as does the desire to indulge in the passion igniting deep inside her. An all-consuming bond blooms into a reckless love. But when mistakes from the past threaten their already fragile future, can their love survive? A steamy and emotional full-length, standalone love story from the USA Today Bestselling author of Withering Hope

Mr. Beautiful Penguin

In this runaway New York Times bestseller, a harrowing near-death experience brings together an English teacher and her student as they struggle to survive on a desert island. Sixteen-year-old T.J. Callahan has no desire to go anywhere. With his cancer in remission, all he wants is to get back to his normal life. But his parents insist that he spend the summer catching up on the school he missed while he was sick. Anna Emerson is a thirty-year-old English teacher who has been worn down by the cold Chicago winters and a relationship that's going nowhere. To break up the monotony of everyday life, she jumps at the chance to spend the summer on a tropical island tutoring T.J. Anna and T.J. board a private plane headed to the Callahans' summer home, but as they fly over the Maldives' twelve hundred islands, the unthinkable happens: their plane crashes in shark-infested waters. They make it to shore, but soon discover they're stranded on an uninhabited island. At first, their only thought is survival. But as the days turn to weeks, and then months, and as birthdays pass, the castaways must brave violent tropical storms, the many dangers lurking in the sea, and the worst threat of all—the possibility that T.J.'s cancer could return. With only each other for love and support, these two lost souls must come to terms with their situation and find companionship in one another in the moments they need it most.

One Beautiful Promise Sourcebooks, Inc.

USA Today Bestselling Author Layla Hagen brings you a sizzling new romance I swear I didn't mean to flirt with the world-famous Brayden Clarke-especially not right in the middle of an interview for a job. It was a slip-or perhaps a gut reaction to his smoldering eyes and deep, sexy voice. To my total disbelief, they give me the assignment. My task is simple: advise Brayden and his band on how to communicate with their fans. Easy-peasy. Or so I thought...I can handle the job, but the sexy lead singer who's intent on getting under my skin might be too hot to resist. But our lives are too different. His life is under constant scrutiny. I thrive on freedom and spontaneity. I like exploring the streets of New York and meeting up with my siblings without needing security detail. But when we're together, all our differences fade, and I can't get enough of this man. And he won't quit until he makes me his.

Your Captivating Love Simon and Schuster

This sexy and heart-warming romance about a sworn bachelor falling for his best friend's sister will melt your e-reader. Happy Ever After - guaranteed! Can be enjoyed as standalone. Ian Gallagher loves taking risks. It's how he turned the business he's built with his brother into a success. But even he can't cross some rules. His best friend's sister is strictly off-limits, but when Ellie moves to New York, he jumps at the chance to help her settle in. One look at her, and he realizes that not flirting with her will be a lot harder than he thought, and not just because she's stunning. He enjoys her laughter and merciless teasing. How can he stay away when all he wants is to get closer? Ellie Cavanaugh is living her dream. She's finally working in a Michelin starred restaurant in New York. Her plan is to get as much experience as possible before opening her own place. Kissing her brother's best friend is definitely not part of the plan. Neither is opening up to him in ways she never did with anyone. Ellie knows that Ian isn't looking for forever though. After all, her brother warned her that Ian was a sworn bachelor. And if she's honest with herself, Ellie isn't ready for love either. She's never let anyone in before. But she can't help giving in to the growing bond between her and Ian, even if it means putting her heart on the line.

Always With You Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Sex and the City meets The Wedding Planner in this prequel to USA TODAY bestselling author Lauren Layne's The Wedding Belles series about three high-powered New York City women who can plan any wedding—but their own. Up-and-coming wedding photographer Leah McHale's career is on the rise—thanks in no small part to the Wedding Belles, the elite New York wedding planning agency that always throws top-tier business Leah's way. So when one of the Belles asks Leah to fill in at the former First Daughter's wedding, Leah is overjoyed to say yes—until she finds out who she'll be working with. Jason Rhodes is the one man who was able to capture Leah's heart and, once he had it, promptly stepped all over it and left her broken. Now he's working side-by-side with her at the biggest wedding of the season and Leah is determined to give him the cold shoulder. Despite his persistence, she is not going to fall for his charming, impish ways again. Not even if he still has that killer, irresistible smile...

By Your Side EverAfter Romance

Ruling his LA hotel empire through determination and hard work, Reid Davenport is a mystery to many. Despite the media's interest in him, Reid steers clear of the limelight--until his life is broadcast in the tabloids, endangering not only his privacy, but that of his parents and his little sister. He'd do anything to protect them...except listen to the fiery and intelligent PR pro, who's as beautiful as she is tempting. Every time she walks into his office, he fantasizes about bending her over his desk and kissing her. Every time she smiles at him, he wants to pull her closer and not let go. Hailey Connor doesn't take on uncooperative clients. But the second she meets Reid, she's compelled to stay and help, even if she must fight his own broody ass to do it. He's bossy, demanding and so sinfully alluring that she knows she's in over her head. Reid may be infuriating, but when he talks about his family, she can't help but melt a little. With every kiss, they grow closer. With every touch, they fall deeper. They're opposites...yet perfect matches. But when their different worlds collide, will it tear them apart or bring them together?

Your Inescapable Love Independently Published

Alice Bennett has been holding a torch for her older brother's best friend, Nate, for more than a decade. He's a hotshot TV producer who travels the world, never staying in San Francisco for too long. But now he's in town and just as tempting as ever... with a bossy streak that makes her weak in the knees and a smile that melts her defenses. As a successful restaurant owner, Alice is happy with her life. She loves her business and her family, yet after watching her siblings find their happy ever after, she can't help feeling lonely sometimes—but that's only for her to know. Nate Becker has always had a soft spot for Alice. Despite considering the Bennetts his family, he never could look at her as just his friend's little sister. She's a spitfire, and Nate just can't stay away. He loves making her laugh... and blush. Their attraction is irresistible, and between stolen kisses and wicked-hot nights, they form a deep bond that has them both yearning for more. But when the chance of a lifetime comes knocking at his door, will Nate chase success even if it means losing Alice, or will he choose her?

Withering Hope Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

She's the one who got away. This time, he refuses to let her slip through his fingers. Daniel Bennett has no regrets, except one: letting go of the woman he loved years ago. He wouldn't admit it out loud, but he's been pining for Caroline ever since. But his meddling family can read him like an open book. So when his sisters kick up their matchmaking shenanigans, Daniel decides to play right along. After all, he built his booming adventure business by making the most out of every opportunity. And he has no intention of missing out on opportunity to be near Caroline. Determined to keep her heart in check, Caroline Dunne knows better than to fall for Daniel's charms again—even though the man is a walking temptation. Everything from his sexy smile to his charming banter makes her toes curl and her heart throb. Even with their lives going in separate directions, neither can ignore the magnetic pull between them, or deny their connection. But will they find the second chance they've both wanted all along?

Your Forever Love Hachette UK

It all started as pretend... My best friend, and one of the most powerful men in New York, needed my help. Our first kiss was unexpected—but it still made my skin sizzle, my knees go weak. The next one was in front of his tight-knit family. We had to be convincing. But it was so wicked hot, it almost convinced me too. On our first night together, he told me that I had to keep us both in check, because he didn't know how to keep the lines from blurring... He touched me like I was precious, and held me close... barely stopping his fingers from pushing down the straps

of my dress...On our second night, our banter turned to flirting. Hunter-my best friend was now Hunter-the man. Intense. Alluring. Sexy as hell. How was I supposed to not fall in love?

Your One True Love Hachette UK

This is a STANDALONE CONTEMPORARY ROMANCEAimee's wedding is supposed to turn out perfect. Her dress, her fianc and the location-the idyllic holiday ranch in Brazil-are perfect. But all Aimee's plans come crashing down when the private jet that's taking her from the U.S. to the ranch-where her fianc awaits her-defects mid-flight and the pilot is forced to perform an emergency landing in the heart of the Amazon rainforest. With no way to reach civilisation, being rescued is Aimee and Tristan's-the pilot-only hope. A slim one that slowly withers away, desperation taking its place. Because death wanders in the jungle under many forms: starvation, diseases. Beasts. As Aimee and Tristan fight to find ways to survive, they grow closer. Together they discover that facing old, inner agonies carved by painful pasts takes just as much courage, if not even more, than facing the rainforest. Despite her devotion to her fianc, Aimee can't hide her feelings for Tristan-the man for whom she's slowly becoming everything. You can hide many things in the rainforest. But not lies. Or love. *Withering Hope* is the story of a man who desperately needs forgiveness and the woman who brings him hope. It is a story in which hope births wings and blooms into a love that is as beautiful and intense as it is forbidden.

My One And Only Vi Keeland

It all began in Rome... I was supposed to show Cole the city, as a favor to a friend. I was aware of his reputation, a seductive charmer hellbent on bachelorhood, but I hadn't prepared for him to get past my defenses. Cole was nothing like the serious businessman I imagined. He was sinfully hot, funny and way too flirty for my broken heart. But, it was just vacation after all. I thought I'd never see him again. Only I do. Cole calls me the very day I return to New York. My residency has been my sole focus for the past few years-my passion and my refuge. I've loved and lost and I don't know how to open up again. But Cole is melting my fears with every kiss and touch, willing to move mountains to make me happy and help me heal. And what scares me the most? I might just let him.

Transcendence Penguin

Sexiest soccer player. Top-scoring athlete. America's favorite party boy. Jace Connor has received many titles in his career, and enjoyed them all. Although, he's working on changing the last one. There's more to Jace than the media portrays-a man who loves his tight-knit family, being his nieces' and nephews' favorite uncle. The reformed party-boy is now steering clear of anything that could blemish his reputation. But when the coach's gorgeous daughter is hired on as the team's new sponsorship manager, keeping on the straight and narrow becomes impossible. Her warm and bubbly personality coupled with her sexy-as-sin body makes her irresistible. Brooke Derringer wants to prove to everyone that she wasn't hired due to her personal connections. She's determined to keep things strictly business and focus only on work. She learned the hard way that the office isn't the place to make friends. But a certain smoking hot--and bossy--soccer player is determined to change her mind. Surprising her with clandestine dinners and late-night gym sessions, Jace is inescapable. For the first time in his life, Jace wants more. He wants the whole package...with the one woman he can't have. But Jace doesn't let that deter him. He's determined to fight for her. And he will.

Encyclopedia of LITERATURE Independently Published

In the third installment of USA Today bestselling author Layla Hagen's *The Connor Family* series, detective Will Connor finds his beliefs about love challenged by a feisty brunette who keeps him on his toes at every turn. DESCRIPTION: Detective Will Connor's life revolves around his badge. But when a feisty brunette barrels smack-dab into his life, he can't ignore their crazy chemistry. Or the way her pretty smile strips him of all defenses.

Say You're Mine Shelley Bradley LLC

From the bestselling authors of *Last Hit* and *Last Breath* comes the next dark and sensual tale in the *Hitman* series that crosses the line between danger and desire... Naomi: When I was kidnapped I thought only of survival. I don't thrive well in chaos. That's why I gave my captors exactly what they wanted: my skill with computers. Making millions for a crime lord who kept me imprisoned in his basement compound kept my family safe. When he was taken out, I thought my ticket to freedom had arrived. Wrong. I traded one keeper for another. This time I'm in the hands of a scarred, dark, demanding Russian who happens to be the head of the *Bratva*, a Russian crime organization. He wants my brain and my body. I'd be lying if I said I wasn't intrigued, but I can't be a prisoner forever...no matter how good he makes me feel. Vasily: At a young age, I was taught that a man without power is a puppet for all. I've clawed-and killed-my way to the top so that it is my heel on their necks. But to unify the fractured organization into an undefeatable machine, I need a technological genius to help me steal one particular artifact. That she is breathtaking, determined, and vulnerable is making her more dangerous than all of my enemies combined. But only I can keep her safe from the world that she now inhabits. Soon, I must choose between Naomi and *Bratva* law. But with every day that passes, this becomes a more impossible choice.

Stranded with a Billionaire Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Brace yourself for this fast-paced romantic suspense full of fan-favorite tropes: Forced proximity (forget only one bed-there's only one sleeping bag!) Survival romance Locked box suspense Grumpy/Sunshine goodness And scorching, brain-melting heat despite the freezing Antarctic setting With a storm coming and a killer on the loose, every step could be their last... Angel Smith is finally ready to leave Antarctica for a second chance at life. But on what was meant to be her last day, the remote research station she's been calling home is attacked. Hunted and scared, she and irritatingly gorgeous glaciologist Ford Cooper barely make it out with their lives...only to realize that in a place this remote, there's nowhere left to run. Isolated with no power, no way to contact the outside world, and a madman on their heels, Angel and Ford must trust their instincts and fight to survive in the most inhospitable-and beautiful-place on earth. But

what starts as a partnership born of necessity quickly turns into an urgent connection that burns bright and hot. They both know there's little chance of making it out alive, and yet they are determined to weather the coming storm-no matter the cost. Praise for *Whiteout*: "Scorching hot and beautifully emotional."-LORI FOSTER, New York Times Bestselling Author "Adriana Anders brings twisted intrigue and sizzling passion hot enough to melt the ice in *Whiteout*! Sexy, smart, and tough characters in a beautifully ice-cold landscape will grab you from the first line and keep you along for a wild ride to the very end."-REBECCA ZANETTI, New York Times Bestselling Author "Strong heroines, sizzling tension. Heart and heat abound!"-MOLLY O'KEEFE, USA Today Bestselling Author "The gripping characters, fresh writing, unique setting, and a villain as cold as the Antarctic itself, make this a fiercely enjoyable story."-TONI ANDERSON, New York Times and USA Today Bestselling Author "Whiteout is an exhilarating story of survival and love against all the odds. I couldn't put it down!"-KATEE ROBERT, New York Times Bestselling Author "What a thrill ride! The action is nonstop-I don't think I took a breath until I finished."-KATIE RUGGLE "A thrilling chase across the desolate and changeable beauty of Antarctica. Adriana Anders is a master."-MARIA VALE

Anything for You Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

More Than Need You (More Than Words, Book 2)

Your Fierce Love Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

*A steamy and swoony friends-to-lovers romance**This is a standalone. Each book in *The Bennett Family* series follows a different couple*Max Bennett is a successful man. His analytical mind has taken his family's company to the next level. Outside the office, Max transforms from the serious business man into someone who is carefree and fun. He's happy with his life and doesn't intend to change it, even though his mother keeps asking for more grandchildren. Max loves being an uncle, and plans to spoil his nieces rotten. But when a chance encounter reunites him with Emilia, his childhood best friend, he starts questioning everything. The girl he once knew has grown into a sensual woman with a smile he can't get out of his mind. Taking care of her sick grandmother, Emilia Campbell has a lot on her plate. Still, she faces everything with a positive attitude. When the childhood friend she hero-worshipped steps into her physical therapy clinic, she is over the moon. Max is every bit the troublemaker she remembers, only now he has a body to drool over and a smile to melt her panties. Not that she intends to do the former, or let the latter happen. They are both determined not to cross the boundaries of friendship...at first. But as they spend more time together, they form an undeniable bond and their flirty banter spirals out of control. Max knows Emilia is off-limits, but that only makes her more tempting. Besides, Max was never one to back away from a challenge. When their chemistry becomes too much to resist and they inevitably give in to temptation, will they risk losing their friendship or will Max and Emilia find true love?

Just One Kiss Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

In *Narratives of Kingship in Eurasian Empires, 1300-1800* Richard van Leeuwen analyses representations and constructions of the idea of kingship in fictional texts of various genres, especially belonging to the intermediate layer between popular and official literature. The analysis shows how ideologies of power are embedded in the literary and cultural imagination of societies, their cultural values and conceptualizations of authority. By referring to examples from various empires (Chinese, Indian, Persian, Arabic, Turkish, European) the parallels between literary traditions are laid bare, revealing remarkable common concerns. The process of interaction and transmission are highlighted to illustrate how literature served as a repository for ideological and cultural values transforming power into authority in various imperial environments.