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Taking advantage of the Soviet archives, which were opened in the 1990s, Siddiqi has written a groundbreaking work that examines why the Soviet Union fell behind in the space race of the 1960s after changing the course of human history with the first artificial satellite launch, Sputnik, in 1957.

Invites readers to change their perceptions about illness in order to understand disease as an essential component of the evolutionary process, citing the role of such malaises as diabetes, STDs, and the Avian Bird Flu in protecting the survival of the human race. (Health & Fitness)

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Planning algorithms are impacting technical disciplines and industries around the world, including robotics, computer-aided design, manufacturing, computer graphics, aerospace applications, drug design, and protein folding. This coherent and comprehensive book unifies material from several sources, including robotics, control theory, artificial

intelligence, and algorithms. The treatment is centered on robot motion planning, but integrates material on planning in discrete spaces. A major part of the book is devoted to planning under uncertainty, including decision theory, Markov decision processes, and information spaces, which are the 'configuration spaces' of all sensor-based planning problems. The last part of the book delves into planning under differential constraints that arise when automating the motions of virtually any mechanical system. This text and reference is intended for students, engineers, and researchers in robotics, artificial intelligence, and control theory as well as computer graphics, algorithms, and computational biology.

Elise Kavanagh is being held captive without weapons or allies. The only way out of the garden is to kill God Himself. James Faulkner's son has been taken by Metaraon, but James is caught in Limbo and helpless to save him. An army of half-angel, half-demon hybrids is converging on the gates of Heaven, where the Union prepares for a final battle. The end has arrived.

This authoritative catalogue of the Corcoran Gallery of Art's renowned collection of pre-1945 American paintings will greatly enhance scholarly and public understanding of one of the finest and most important collections of historic American art in the world. Composed of more than 600 objects dating from 1740 to 1945.

Reviews the circumstances surrounding the Challenger accident to establish the probable cause or causes of the accident. Develops recommendations for corrective or other action based upon the Commission's findings and determinations. Color photos, charts and tables.

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Winner of the 1974 National Book Award "A screaming comes across the sky. . ." A few months after the Germans' secret V-2 rocket bombs begin falling on London, British Intelligence discovers that a map of the city pinpointing the sexual conquests of one Lieutenant Tyrone Slothrop, U.S. Army, corresponds identically to a map showing the V-2 impact sites. The implications of this discovery will launch Slothrop on an amazing journey across war-torn Europe, fleeing an international cabal of military-industrial superpowers, in search of the mysterious Rocket 00000, through a wildly comic extravaganza that has been hailed in *The New Republic* as "the most profound and accomplished American novel since the end of World War II."

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A comprehensive introduction to the tools, techniques and applications of convex optimization.

It's been almost a year since Rylie Gresham was bitten by a werewolf on Gray Mountain. Now something is beckoning her back to the place she was attacked, along with every other werewolf in the world. But they aren't the only ones heeding the call. A group of hunters notices them gathering and sees it as their chance to wipe out the entire species. Seth is about to graduate high school when he learns of the final hunt. He secretly plans to save Rylie and his werewolf brother even though he has to play along with the hunters to do it. But Rylie doesn't want to be saved. She's already decided

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to solve her problems with a silver bullet if answers aren't waiting on Gray Mountain. One way or another, everything is about to end—whether it means Rylie's liberation or the end of her life...

Sometimes, you need a demon to fight demons. Lincoln Marshall is a small-town deputy with a very big problem. Six members of his church have been found dead, killed by a rogue werewolf. He'll have to make a deal with the Devil to save victims that have gone missing — maybe literally. Elise Kavanagh, preternatural investigator and exorcist, is the expert when it comes to violent deaths at the jaws of evil. She's also among the most powerful demons that Hell has spawned. Elise jumps at Lincoln's case, and it's not just because of his down-home charm. Someone's laid a trap for her in Northgate, and she wants to find out who. She'll have to team up with Rylie Gresham, Alpha of the last surviving werewolf pack, to figure out who's trying to blame the murders on werewolves. Only together can they stop the killings — and uncover the secrets buried in Northgate. keywords: demons, angels, urban fantasy novel, occult supernatural, supernatural suspense, paranormal romance, dark fantasy, exorcism exorcist, werewolves, werewolf pack

The second book in the Everflame series. The saga continues as Evercloud and the Messenger continue to fight for their version of truth never knowing what they might find in the world around them, or what they might find within themselves. Twists and turns bend what each character knows of good and evil and raises questions of the true nature of us all.

For the past year, Malja and her companions have traveled the ruined lands of Corlin trying to bring order to the chaos of a world destroyed by magic. But when Owl, a warrior skilled in the Way of the Sword and Gun, enlists their aid in facing a new threat from the North, everything changes. Now, Malja must face Queen Salia -- a self-made ruler obsessed with taming the wild magical energies pulsing from a place known as the Library. Magical energies that could drive her mad and destroy the world once again. But magic this powerful can do more than destroy. It could also help Malja unlock a path toward the desires she buries in her heart. Desires that may tear her from those she cares for the most.

We know that our world is undergoing seismic change—but how can we emerge from the crisis a fairer, more equal society? Over the past two centuries or so, capitalism has undergone profound changes—economic cycles that veer from boom to bust—from which it has always emerged transformed and strengthened. Surveying this turbulent history, Paul Mason's *Postcapitalism* argues that we are on the brink of a change so big and so profound that this time capitalism itself, the immensely complex system within which entire societies function, will mutate into something wholly new. At the heart of this change is information technology, a revolution that is driven by capitalism but, with its tendency to push the value of much of what we make toward zero, has the potential to destroy an economy based on markets, wages, and private ownership. Almost unnoticed, in the niches and hollows of the

market system, swaths of economic life are beginning to move to a different rhythm. Vast numbers of people are changing how they behave and live, in ways contrary to the current system of state-backed corporate capitalism. And as the terrain changes, new paths open. In this bold and prophetic book, Mason shows how, from the ashes of the crisis, we have the chance to create a more socially just and sustainable economy. Although the dangers ahead are profound, he argues that there is cause for hope. This is the first time in human history in which, equipped with an understanding of what is happening around us, we can predict and shape the future.

Traces the evolution of the horror story by presenting an anthology of works from the past and from current writers, with contributions from Stephen King, H.P. Lovecraft, Harlan Ellison, Charles L. Grant, and Clive Barker

To assist the Army in its reorientation toward conventional combat operations, the authors of this report identify capability gaps in the field artillery and actions that the Army should consider taking from today to roughly 2030.

Looks at the operations of the International Space Station from the perspective of the Houston flight control team, under the leadership of NASA's flight directors, who authored the book. The book provides insight into the vast amount of time and energy that these teams devote to the development, planning and integration of a mission before it is executed. The passion and attention to detail of the flight control team members, who are

always ready to step up when things do not go well, is a hallmark of NASA human spaceflight operations. With tremendous support from the ISS program office and engineering community, the flight control team has made the International Space Station and the programs before it a success.

The Pulitzer Prize finalist author of *At the Hands of Persons Unknown* presents a narrative chronicle of American organized labor from the origins of the industrial age to the present, documenting the rise and fall of unions and the ongoing fight for workplace equality.

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prose equals the horror of Johnston's story." —The Washington Post "The Rocky Mountains have cast their spell over the Courtlands, who are taking a family vacation before their daughter leaves for college. But when Caitlin and her younger brother, Sean, go out for an early morning run and only Sean returns, the mountains become as terrifying as they are majestic. Written with a precision that captures every emotion, every moment of fear, as each member of the family searches for answers, Descent races like an avalanche toward its heart-pounding conclusion. "Read this astonishing novel . . . The magic of his prose equals the horror of Johnston's story." —The Washington Post "A compelling thriller that is both creepy and literary . . . Descent is not just a mystery. It is an emotional story of evil, fear, acceptance and irony." —The Denver Post "What makes the novel unforgettable is its sense of character, its deliberate, unadorned prose and Johnston's unflinching exploration of human endurance, physical and psychological." —Miami Herald "A super-charged, addictive read." —The Missourian "An original and psychologically deep thriller." —Outside magazine "Outstanding . . . The days when you had to choose between a great story and a great piece of writing? Gone." —Esquire "[A] dazzling debut . . . Exquisitely crafted." —The Dallas Morning News "Incredibly powerful, richly atmospheric." —Minneapolis Star Tribune " [An]

engulfing thriller-cum-western.” —The New York Times Book Review “Brilliant . . . As gripping as any Everest expedition.” —Peter Heller, author of *The Dog Stars*

Russia employs a sophisticated social media campaign against former Soviet states that includes news tweets, nonattributed comments on web pages, troll and bot social media accounts, and fake hashtag and Twitter campaigns. Nowhere is this threat more tangible than in Ukraine. Researchers analyzed social media data and conducted interviews with regional and security experts to understand the critical ingredients to countering this campaign.

Racial and ethnic disparities in health care are known to reflect access to care and other issues that arise from differing socioeconomic conditions. There is, however, increasing evidence that even after such differences are accounted for, race and ethnicity remain significant predictors of the quality of health care received. In *Unequal Treatment*, a panel of experts documents this evidence and explores how persons of color experience the health care environment. The book examines how disparities in treatment may arise in health care systems and looks at aspects of the clinical encounter that may contribute to such disparities. Patients' and providers' attitudes, expectations, and behavior are analyzed. How to intervene? *Unequal Treatment*

offers recommendations for improvements in medical care financing, allocation of care, availability of language translation, community-based care, and other arenas. The committee highlights the potential of cross-cultural education to improve provider-patient communication and offers a detailed look at how to integrate cross-cultural learning within the health professions. The book concludes with recommendations for data collection and research initiatives. Unequal Treatment will be vitally important to health care policymakers, administrators, providers, educators, and students as well as advocates for people of color.

Werewolves are immune to every illness and can heal any wound. It should be impossible for one to become possessed by a demon. But that's exactly what Seth Wilder is facing: a werewolf gone insane from possession. He has no choice but to deliver her to the only exorcist in America, Elise Kavanagh, who also happens to be a powerful demon known as the Godslayer. Elise is in hiding when Seth and Rylie Gresham, Alpha werewolf, arrive seeking her help. She agrees, but everything has its price. What they learn about the possessed werewolf changes everything — Hell and Earth, the pack, and the future of the entire world... keywords: demons, angels, urban fantasy novel, occult supernatural, supernatural suspense, paranormal romance, dark fantasy, exorcism exorcist, werewolves, werewolf

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There's something in the earth deep below Elise Kavanagh's territory. A shadow is falling upon local demons to devour their flesh and harvest their souls. And it's coming for Elise next. The Union has an easy way out. They want to send Elise into hiding again with her former partner, James Faulkner. All she has to do is surrender the territory and trust that they can protect the ethereal ruins, the dark gate, and the city she's come to know as home. Greater powers have other plans for Elise and her fabled power as Godslayer—plans that mean surrendering her life and blood to the most powerful demon alive. But if she descends, there's no turning back. Once she gazes into the abyss, it will gaze back into her...and Elise will be damned forever.

From the FAA, the only handbook you need to learn to fly a powered parachute.

The biker gangs passing through Lobo Norte don't scare Ofelia anymore. All those men are the same: scarred, homeless, and broken...just like Ofelia. They've become a blur of forgettable faces watching her strip. She takes off her clothes, takes their money, and wipes them from her memory instantly. But Trouble is different. A biker with a wolf tattoo and tortured eyes, he sees beyond Ofelia's tough disguise to a more fragile woman within. She's drawn to him like she's never been drawn to a man before--at least, not since she survived hideous

torture at the hands of her ex-boyfriend that left her scarred physically and emotionally. She can't forget Trouble. And she definitely can't push him away. There's magic between them that neither understands. But maybe if Ofelia and Trouble can find the truth, they can release each other from the chains that bind them to Lobo Norte, to the Fang Brothers biker gang, and to the dark secrets in their pasts... keywords: alpha werewolf romance, motorcycle club, werewolf pack, mma fighter, cage fighter, paranormal romance, dark urban fantasy, free werewolf books

A tale inspired by one of history's most prolific female serial killers recreates her rebellion against her arranged marriage, her suffering at the hands of the man she loved and the descent into mental illness that prompted the murders of dozens of servants. By the PEN/Hemingway finalist author of *Icebergs*. Reprint. Includes reading-group guide.

Hidden from mortal eyes are the creatures of darkness that coexist with mortals: Shadows, vampires, fallen angels, demons, shape shifters, succubi, and the likes. Seventeen-year-old Amber enters their world by chance when her brother, Dallas, sets her up with a summer job in Scotland. Dallas has spied something in the woods he thinks could make them rich beyond their wildest dreams. But instead of finding riches, Amber unknowingly enters a paranormal race--and promptly wins the first prize--a prize that comes with no exchange policy, and for which many would kill. Soon, she

discovers her new boss, Aidan, didn't employ her for her astounding housekeeping skills, and no one is who they say they are. But by that time she's far too deep in a world she never knew existed, a world of love bonds, dark magic, ancient enemies and immortals. As the dark forces slowly conspire against Amber, her naivety and love for Aidan catapults her into a calamitous series of otherworldly events. With every immortal creature hunting for her, whom can she trust with her life? **A JOB FROM HELL** is the first book in the Ancient Legends series. The sequel, **Doomed**, is out now.

Rylie's been bitten. She's changing. And now she has three months to find a cure before becoming a werewolf... forever. Rylie Gresham hates everything about summer camp: the food, the fresh air, the dumb activities, and the other girls in her cabin. But the worst part is probably being bitten by a werewolf. Being a teenager is hard enough, but now she's craving raw flesh and struggles with uncontrollable anger. If she doesn't figure out a way to stop the transformation, then at the end of summer, her life is worse than over. She'll be a monster.

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become normal people...whatever that means. Destiny hasn't forgotten her. It's not easy to retire when you were born to be a killing machine. Old enemies still hold bitter grudges against Elise. The demon overlord of her new home isn't happy to have the Godslayer hiding out in her territory. And there are still gods that need to be killed... There's only one way out of this. Elise must descend into the infernal to become the very thing she's spent most of her life fighting: a powerful demon that feeds upon human flesh. A creature that might survive slaying God. This collection contains all seven books of The Descent Series, as well as three short stories interspersed with the books. THE COMPLETE SERIES Death's HandThe Darkest GateDeadly HeartsDark UnionDamnation MarkedDeath ScreamDire BloodDefying FateDying NightParadise Damned

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first three titles in The Descent Series, which are gritty urban fantasy books about an exorcist, a witch, and their battles against the forces of Heaven and Hell. (Approx. 200,000 words total.) Books included: Death's HandThe Darkest GateDark UnionDEATH'S HAND Elise Kavanagh doesn't want to hunt demons anymore. It's been five years since she killed her last enemy, and life has been quiet since then. She went to college. Got a job, and then lost it. Made a friend or two. Lived a normal life. Now her former partner, a powerful witch named James Faulkner, wants Elise to fight one more time. The daughter of a coven member has been possessed, and Elise is the only exorcist nearby. Becoming a hero again would mean risking discovery by old enemies. But digging into the case reveals that it might already be too late--bodies are disappearing, demons slither through the night, and the cogs of apocalypse are beginning to turn. Some enemies aren't willing to let the secrets of the past stay dead... THE DARKEST GATE When Elise Kavanagh retired from demon hunting, she swore it would be permanent. But an attack from a powerful necromancer forced her back into the business, and now she's trying to balance her normal boyfriend and normal job with everything supernatural. Mr. Black is a demon hunter gone rogue. He's enslaving angels and stealing ethereal artifacts in pursuit of forbidden immortality, and an old grudge drives him to make his final stand in Elise's territory. Destroying her life and killing her friends isn't the goal, but it's a definite perk. A demonic overlord offers to join against Mr. Black and protect Elise's loved ones. All she needs to do is ally with the demons she's

sworn to kill, at the cost of her morals--and maybe her immortal soul. But once she crosses that line, there's no turning back. Nothing is sacred when Heaven and Hell collide on Earth... DARK UNION Every fifty years, the most powerful ethereal and infernal beings convene on Earth to resolve conflicts with mediation by kopides--humans born to police relations between Heaven and Hell. They're meeting in Elise Kavanagh's territory this year, and she used to be the greatest kopis in the world. But she's not invited. An old friend, Lucas McIntyre, asks her to attend the summit in his place. But when she arrives, she discovers that a human faction called The Union has taken charge of the summit, and they're not playing nice. Worse yet, someone has killed a prominent Union member... and now they're demanding blood. dark urban fantasy, demon hunter, exorcist, fallen angels, witches, witchcraft, occult supernatural, free fantasy book, bargain fantasy book, urban dark fantasy, paranormal romance, werewolves, werewolf pack, free, freebie keywords: urban fantasy, paranormal romance, urban fantasy romance, werewolf romance, shapeshifter romance, angels, demons, science fiction romance, free urban fantasy novel, free books, free paranormal, exorcist, urban fantasy series

Edible insects have always been a part of human diets, but in some societies there remains a degree of disdain and disgust for their consumption. Insects offer a significant opportunity to merge traditional knowledge and modern science to improve human food security worldwide. This publication describes the contribution of insects to food security and examines future prospects

for raising insects at a commercial scale to improve food and feed production, diversify diets, and support livelihoods in both developing and developed countries. Edible insects are a promising alternative to the conventional production of meat, either for direct human consumption or for indirect use as feedstock. This publication will boost awareness of the many valuable roles that insects play in sustaining nature and human life, and it will stimulate debate on the expansion of the use of insects as food and feed.

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