

## Lelaki Terindah Andrei Aksana

Courted by a Cain Cooper Larson doesn't care about finding Hollister Cain's long-lost daughter, even though a huge inheritance hangs in the balance. As Hollister's illegitimate son, the renegade snowboarder broke away and made his own millions long ago. So when his former sister-in-law Portia Callahan insists she's spotted the missing Cain heiress and solicits his aid, it isn't money that motivates him. It's his long-forbidden hunger for Portia. So he agrees to help if she'll collaborate on an event to finance his latest venture. With Portia finally within reach, he quickly melts the cool society princess's resistance...but will the barriers that kept him a black sheep before get the better of him now?

Di awal tahun 2016 Lesbian, Gay, Biseksual dan Transgender (LGBT) kembali mencuat dikampanyekan di Indonesia semenjak artis kondang Indra Beki dan Syaiful Jamil tertuduh melakukan kekerasan seksual sesama jenis. Tampilnya kaum LGBT, yang semula lebih dikesankan sebagai bentuk aktivitas seksual secara tertutup dan rahasia kini dipopulerkan di Indonesia. Ketertutupan perilaku seksual tersebut disebabkan kaum LGBT ditengah masyarakat masih dianggap minoritas dan kerap kali memperoleh perlakuan diskriminatif baik dalam lingkungan keluarga, agama, masyarakat serta berbagai sudut kehidupan lainnya. Sikap diskriminatif ini diterima dengan berbagai bentuk pelecehan, cemoohan, penghinaan, bahkan kekerasan dari lingkungan sekitarnya baik kekerasan yang bersifat fisik dan mental sebagai akibat mereka menjalani hidup penuh dengan perbedaan khususnya orientasi seksual yang tidak sesuai fitrah manusia pada umumnya. Stigma negatif terhadap LGBT, selanjutnya disebut Same-Seks Atraction (SSA) pada akhirnya mendorong sebagian besar dari mereka

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cenderung menutupi orientasi seksualnya. Seperti pada kasus seorang pria SSA yang menikahi seorang perempuan tunarungu atau tunanetra semata-mata hanya untuk menutupi orientasi seksual dirinya. Semua itu dilakukan agar tetap memperoleh status terhormat dalam kehidupan masyarakat. Namun pada akhirnya pria tersebut tetap berhubungan dengan kekasih prianya dan melakukan banyak kekerasan psikologis pada istrinya yang cacat fisik tersebut. Secara akumulatif kaum SSA dalam setiap tahunnya semakin bertambah banyak. Berdasarkan hasil survey Kementerian Kesehatan di 13 kota di Indonesia yang dilakukan semenjak tahun 2009 hingga 2013, tercatat pria yang bercinta dengan sesama jenis meningkat drastis yakni dari 7% menjadi 12,8%. Sehingga dari data tersebut kaum SSA mengalami kenaikan secara total sejumlah 83%. Dalam survei tersebut, jumlah laki-laki yang melakukan seks dengan laki-laki juga meningkat dari 5,3 % menjadi 12,4 % atau sekitar 134 persen.[4] Seiring dengan peningkatan jumlah kaum SSA serta komunitas yang menaunginya menjadikan kaum SSA semenjak level usia pelajar SMP, SMA, mahasiswa hingga kaum dewasa berani tampil secara percaya diri diberbagai media informasi. Tampilnya komunitas ini bukan sekedar menunjukkan jati diri dan orientasi seks yang berbeda dengan manusia pada umumnya secara utuh. Namun tampilnya kaum SSA di tanah air secara menyeluruh ingin memperoleh kesamaan hak sebagai warga negara sekaligus menuntut pemerintah untuk mengakui sekaligus melegalkan perkawinan sesama jenis. Tuntutan tersebut disebabkan anggapan mereka bahwa orientasi seks yang berbeda menjadi bagian dari hak asasi manusia (HAM) dan tercatat lebih dari 20 negara di dunia telah mengesahkan pernikahan sejenis ini. Bahkan di negeri Paman Sam tepatnya 4 Juli 2015 menjadi perayaan kemerdekaan dan kemenangan bagi kaum SSA atas disyahkannya pernikahan sejenis. Pasalnya, 26 Juni

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sebelumnya Supreme Court Amerika Serikat memutuskan bahwa perkawinan sejenis telah disahkan oleh konstitusi Amerika sebagaimana disampaikan Hakim Agung Kennedy: they ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law, the constitution grants them that rights. Lahirnya pengesahan tersebut tentunya disambut gembira ria oleh ribuan kaum SSA.

The Thai capital Bangkok is the unrivalled centre of the country's gay, lesbian and transgender communities. These communities are among the largest in Southeast Asia, and indeed in the world, and have a diversity, social presence and historical depth that set them apart from the queer cultures of many neighbouring societies. The first years of the 21st Century have marked a significant transition moment for all of Thailand's LGBT cultures, with a multidimensional expansion in the geographical extent, media presence, economic importance, political impact, social standing, and cultural relevance of Thai queer communities. This book analyzes the roles of the market and media - especially cinema and the Internet - in these transformations, and considers the ambiguous consequences that the growing commodification and mediatisation of queer lives have had for LGBT rights in Thailand. A key finding is that in the early 21st Century processes of global queering are leading to a growing Asianisation of Bangkok's queer cultures. This book traces Bangkok's emergence as a central focus of an expanding regional network linking gay, lesbian and transgender communities in Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, Indonesia, the Philippines and other rapidly developing East and Southeast Asian societies. Peter A. Jackson is associate professor in the School of Culture, History and Language at Australian National University. "The myriad faces of Thai gender/sexuality culture have been an attraction for both pleasure-seekers and researchers/scholars/activists. Exploring the rapidly changing LGBT cultures and Thai queer

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identities, the essays collected here provide insightful analyses of historical continuities as well as developing variations within the highly complex erotic/economic texture of Thai society. A must-read for anyone in the booming field of gender/sexuality studies." -Josephine Ho, Chair Professor, Center for the Study of Sexualities, National Central University, Taiwan

Finding Nouf's Katya Hijazi and Nayir Sharqi return for another thrilling, fast-paced mystery that provides a rare and intimate look into women's lives in the Middle East. Women in Saudi Arabia are expected to lead quiet lives circumscribed by Islamic law and tradition. But Katya, one of the few women in the medical examiner's office, is determined to make her work mean something. When the body of a brutally beaten woman is found on the beach in Jeddah, the city's detectives are ready to dismiss the case as another unsolvable murder-chillingly common in a city where the veils of conservative Islam keep women as anonymous in life as this victim is in death. If this is another housemaid killed by her employer, finding the culprit will be all but impossible. Only Katya is convinced that the victim can be identified and her killer found. She calls upon her friend Nayir for help, and soon discovers that the dead girl was a young filmmaker named Leila, whose controversial documentaries earned her many enemies. With only the woman's clandestine footage as a guide, Katya and Nayir must confront the dark side of Jeddah that Leila struggled to expose: an underworld of prostitution, violence, exploitation, and jealously guarded secrets. Along the way, they form an unlikely alliance with an American woman whose husband has disappeared. Their growing search takes them from the city's car-clogged streets to the deadly vastness of the desert beyond!--EndFragment--

In the future there is no disease. There is no war. There is no discontent. All citizens are complacent members of the Global Governance. But one summer is about to change

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everything. Keeva Tee just turned fifteen. She's about to make the trip to Monarch Camp to be imprinted with her intended life partner. But in her happy, carefree life in the Ocean Community, she hears whispers about "anomalies"—citizens who can't be imprinted. When Keeva arrives at Monarch Camp, her worst nightmare becomes a reality—she is an anomaly. She begins to doubt everything she's ever believed. What if freedom and individuality have been sacrificed for security? When Keeva finds a warning carved under a bunk bed she begins to understand: nonconformity will be punished, dissent is not an option, insurgents will be destroyed.

**SHE'S TAKING CHARGE** Prim, proper, and thrifty, Eve Dinwoody is all business when it comes to protecting her brother's investment. But when she agrees to control the purse strings of London's premier pleasure garden, Harte's Folly, she finds herself butting heads with an infuriating scoundrel who can't be controlled. **HE'S RUNNING THE SHOW** Bawdy and bold, Asa Makepeace doesn't have time for a penny-pinching prude like Eve. As the garden's larger-than-life owner, he's already dealing with self-centered sopranos and temperamental tenors. He's not about to let an aristocratic woman boss him around . . . no matter how enticing she is. **BUT LOVE CONQUERS ALL** In spite of her lack of theatrical experience-and her fiery clashes with Asa-Eve is determined to turn Harte's Folly into a smashing success. But the harder she tries to manage the stubborn rake, the harder it is to ignore his seductive charm and raw magnetism. There's no denying the smoldering fire between them-and trying to put it out would be the greatest folly of all . . .

Police officer Darby is shocked by a murder investigation during which she realizes that the perpetrator is a serial killer who brutalized one of her friends years earlier and who is now

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targeting Darby as his next intended victim. By the author of *Remembering Sarah*. Reprint. Learn the secrets to designing showstopping monochromatic arrangements in this spectacular guide from floral artist Kiana Underwood. Underwood shares her techniques for creating dazzling single-color displays using inspired ingredients, dramatic textures, and vibrant colors. Organized by season, the book includes how-tos for 40 arrangements— including a lush green display for spring, an astonishing black bouquet for summer, a striking magenta design for fall, and an unexpected, oh-so-pretty pink arrangement for winter. Featuring hundreds of eye-catching images and easy-to-follow tips throughout—such as suggestions for substituting flowers and options for both the beginner and advanced designer—this book is as useful as it is gorgeous. The ultimate resource, *Color Me Floral* has an extraordinary arrangement to enhance every occasion.

The *Gay Archipelago* is the first book-length exploration of the lives of gay men in Indonesia, the world's fourth most populous nation and home to more Muslims than any other country. Based on a range of field methods, it explores how Indonesian gay and lesbian identities are shaped by nationalism and globalization. Yet the case of gay and lesbian Indonesians also compels us to ask more fundamental questions about how we decide when two things are "the same" or "different." The book thus examines the possibilities of an "archipelagic" perspective on sameness and difference. Tom Boellstorff examines the history of homosexuality in Indonesia, and then turns to how gay and lesbian identities are lived in everyday Indonesian life, from questions of love, desire, and romance to the places where gay men and lesbian women meet. He also explores the roles of mass media, the state, and marriage in gay and lesbian identities. The *Gay Archipelago* is unusual in taking the whole nation-state of Indonesia

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as its subject, rather than the ethnic groups usually studied by anthropologists. It is by looking at the nation in cultural terms, not just political terms, that identities like those of gay and lesbian Indonesians become visible and understandable. In doing so, this book addresses questions of sexuality, mass media, nationalism, and modernity with implications throughout Southeast Asia and beyond.

Ever since DEA agent Alexander Cobb had given Jodie Clayburn a Texas-size brush-off, they'd been sworn enemies. But eight years later, an undercover operation brought them back together again. This cynical Long, Tall Texan couldn't believe the baby-faced schoolgirl was now an understated beauty who electrified his senses and his heart. Or that she'd help him crack the drug-smuggling case that threatened all of Jacobsville. Tantalized to the core, Alexander would risk everything to possess—and protect—the untouched young woman. This fearless secret agent always got his man—or in this case, woman. But this time, would the man in control get caught in his own web of danger...and desire?

“Tahu kau mengapa aku sayangi kau lebih dari siapapun? Karena kau menulis. Suaramu takkan padam ditelan angin, akan abadi, sampai jauh, jauh di kemudian hari” (Pramoedya Ananta Toer, *Anak Semua Bangsa*, 1981). ----- Pram mengingatkan kita untuk berani menulis dan melantangkan suara. Menolak bungkam dan berbagi suara adalah bagian dari perjuangan untuk keluar dari ketertindasan dan dominasi. Buku ini menghadirkan bentang suara dan refleksi kritis para pemikir perempuan terhadap berbagai problem kemanusiaan dan ketimpangan sosial melintasi batas bangsa, ras, seksualitas, maupun agama. Gagasan dan posisionalitas para pemikir perempuan yang sudah dikenal maupun yang kajiannya belum banyak disentuh di ruang-ruang akademik di Indonesia, mulai dari Hannah Arendt, Judith

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Butler, Nancy Fraser, Donna Haraway, bell hooks, Teresa de Lauretis, Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick, Juliet B. Schor, Saba Mahmood, Catherine Keller, hingga Fatima Mernissi, didiskusikan di dalam buku ini. Rangkaian tulisan dalam buku ini juga bukan hanya memaparkan gagasan perempuan tentang ketimpangan gender, melainkan juga membahas peran mereka dalam praktik dekolonisasi pengetahuan, kritik atas kapitalisme dan kepentingan pasar, serta relasi geopolitik global. Buku ini merupakan upaya untuk menambah dan memperkaya pilihan akan wacana dan perspektif kritis para pemikir perempuan, sekaligus menyelami dedikasi dan intervensi mereka dalam membangun emancipatory knowledge dan politik solidaritas melintasi batas ras, gender, kelas, seksualitas, agama, dan perbedaan sosial lainnya. Untuk memudahkan pembaca dalam memahami peran dan posisionalitas para pemikir perempuan tersebut, buku ini juga dilengkapi dengan profile box mengenai latar belakang mereka, juga keterhubungan gagasan mereka dengan berbagai problem empiris di Indonesia, beserta contoh analisis kasusnya.

For fans of the New York Times bestseller *I Quit Sugar* or Katie Couric's controversial food industry documentary *Fed Up*, *A Year of No Sugar* is a "delightfully readable account of how [one family] survived a yearlong sugar-free diet and lived to tell the tale...A funny, intelligent, and informative memoir." —Kirkus  
It's dinnertime. Do you know where your sugar is coming from? Most likely everywhere. Sure, it's in ice cream and cookies, but what scared Eve O. Schaub was the secret world of sugar—hidden in bacon, crackers, salad dressing, pasta sauce, chicken broth, and baby food. With her eyes opened by the work of obesity expert Dr. Robert Lustig and others, Eve challenged her husband and two school-age daughters to join her on a quest to quit sugar for an entire year. Along the way, Eve uncovered the real costs of our sugar-

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heavy American diet—including diabetes, obesity, and increased incidences of health problems such as heart disease and cancer. The stories, tips, and recipes she shares throw fresh light on questionable nutritional advice we've been following for years and show that it is possible to eat at restaurants and go grocery shopping—with less and even no added sugar. Year of No Sugar is what the conversation about "kicking the sugar addiction" looks like for a real American family—a roller coaster of unexpected discoveries and challenges. "As an outspoken advocate for healthy eating, I found Schaub's book to shine a much-needed spotlight on an aspect of American culture that is making us sick, fat, and unhappy, and it does so with wit and warmth."—Suvir Sara, author of *Indian Home Cooking* "Delicious and compelling, her book is just about the best sugar substitute I've ever encountered."—Pulitzer Prize-winning author Ron Powers

**PENULIS:** Clara Ng, Dewi Ria Utari, A Fuadi, Asma Nadia, Alberthiene Endah, Andrei Aksana, Indra Herlambang, Putu Fajar Arcana, Sitta Karina, Dewi Lestari, Dee, Avianti Armand, Happy Salma, Icha Rahmanti, Aan Mansyur, \*\*\* Tak ada yang lebih membahagiakan Datuk Batungkek Ameh selain mengabdikan kepada suku. Namun kepergiannya untuk memimpin upacara adat di Padang membawa misi lain. Haruskah ia terus mempertahankan wibawanya sebagai Datuk? Kisah ini merupakan salah satu cerita pendek dalam buku ini. Cerpen lain berkisah tentang keputusan Amelia untuk, "Aku akan menikah dengan dia. Tapi kamu adalah suamiku sepanjang hidup." Ikuti pula kisah Kei, seorang gadis Jepang

yang mempertanyakan kenapa ia harus bersekolah di Higa International School. Apa karena semua anak rekan bisnis ayahnya bersekolah di situ? Empat belas cerita di buku ini ditulis oleh empat belas penulis kontemporer Indonesia. Mereka datang dari beragam latar belakang, beragam tema, beragam gaya, dan beragam genre penulisan. \*) Seluruh royalti buku ini akan disumbangkan oleh para penulis kepada Pusat Dokumentasi Sastra HB Jassin

From its opening scene to its breath-catching climax, Liz Carlyle's newest novel is a vividly etched portrait of passion and intrigue. When a woman consumed by sinister secrets opens the door to a strikingly handsome stranger, a powerful desire rushes in -- and a love she could not have imagined. Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned, and Jonet Rowland is surely that. But she is also lovely, rich, and -- it is rumored -- an unrepentant adulteress. When her philandering husband, the marquis of Mercer, is murdered in his own bed, it's whispered that Jonet is a femme fatale in more ways than one. Shunned by society, the daring widow steels herself to fight for what truly matters -- her children. When his scheming uncle begs him to investigate the death of his brother, Lord Mercer, Captain Cole Amherst refuses. But it is soon apparent that treachery stalks two innocent boys, and Cole plunges into the viper's pit that is Jonet Rowland's life. Nothing could have prepared Cole for the lust Jonet inspires. But as danger

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swirls about them, he is tortured by doubt. Can an honorable soldier open his shuttered heart and let a wicked widow teach him how to truly love? The author, a gay Indonesian who feels he is "not much of a looker," immigrates to the USA and is inundated with shirtless joggers, same-sex public displays of affection, and the constant drive to psychoanalyze. In this poignant, witty, flippant, and trenchant collection of personal essays the author recounts his and two friends' paths to cross-cultural gay marriage and adjusting to very new lives in the USA. Yuska Lutfi Tuanakotta came from Indonesia to San Francisco in 2011 to study dance and creative writing, has two MFAs in Writing, has presented work at AWP, and was a 2014 Lambda Literary Foundation Fellow. When Handong, a ruthless and wealthy businessman, is introduced to Lan Yu, a nave, working-class architectural student the attraction is all consuming. Arrogant and privileged, Handong is unsettled by this desire, while Lan Yu quietly submits. Despite divergent lives, the two men spend their nights together, establishing a deep connection. When loyalties are tested, Handong is left questioning his secrets, his choices, and his very identity. Beijing Comrades is the story of a tumultuous love affair set against the sociopolitical unrest of late-eighties China. Due to its depiction of gay sexuality and its critique of the totalitarian government, it was originally published anonymously on an underground gay

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website within mainland China. This riveting and heartbreaking novel, circulated throughout China in 1998, quickly developed a cult following, and remains a central work of queer literature from the People's Republic of China. This is the first English-language translation of Beijing Comrades.

Berbekal secarik kertas aku berangkat. Dituliskan begitu tergesa oleh Kiev, arsitek yang menjadi kekasihku, di atas selembar kertas yang sembarang dirobek. Alamat tanpa nama jalan dan nomor, membawaku menjelajahi Ubud. Di sanalah aku memulai titik nol. Membaca isyarat-isyarat alam yang disampaikan sawah, sungai, lembah. Mempertemukanku dengan Raka, dosen seni dan pelukis, yang mengajariku tentang ketabahan yang sederhana, dan Nawang, dunia yang diam, yang memperkenalkanku kepada angin. Jawaban yang kukari malah menuntunku menemukan kertaskertas yang lain. Rahasia-rahasia, yang dikisahkan angin....

Collection of theme songs and compositions of Chossy Pratama, Indonesian musician during 20 years of his work.

Unleash the untamed passions of the underworld in these deliciously wicked tales of paranormal romance. Orla, youngest daughter of the Fairy Queen, is almost as famous for her powers of seduction as she is for her rebellious nature.

This is the story of an ordinary woman whose grief - and love - for her only son compelled her

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to do something extraordinary. When Margaret Davis's beloved son Steven was murdered by his own wife, a Philippino former prostitute, she travelled across continents to track down her son's killers and bring them to justice, and to rescue her grandchildren. Based on Margaret's own diaries, notes and emails, this tells not only the awful but utterly compelling story of her perilous journey, but also of how she has dealt with her crippling grief, and how she has striven to save and protect two small children caught up in the violent crossfire of their parents' failing marriage. It is a tale of two cultures that clashed, with terrible results. And it is a tale of how one mother, faced with her worst nightmare, has fought for justice for her son and some kind of healing for herself and the others left behind after his appalling death.

Supernova: The Knight, The Princess and the Falling Star presents a series of intertwined and unconventional love stories, straight and gay, with a bit of science and spirituality added to the mix. The major characters are young, urban, and technologically highly aware. They are caught up in major forms of contemporary social conflict. The work has been highly acclaimed. The poet Taufiq Ismail has written: "A renewal has taken place in Indonesian literature over the past decade. Supernova is an intelligent, unique and truly exciting exploration of science, spirituality and the nature of love." The literary critic Jacob Soemardjo suggests: "This is an attractive novel by a young writer. It is an intellectual work in the form of a work of pop art, set in the real world. It opposes old values with new ways of understanding, so that readers can see the world in a different way."

...ia potensi besar, imajinasinya kaya, bandingannya kuat. Tak percuma cucunya Sanoesi Pane dan Armijn Pane, pengarang kita ternama. Tinggallah ia menukik pada permasalahan besar kita, maka pastilah ia jadi sanjungan kita. Tapi pengarang jangan tergoda oleh pujian.

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Teruslah berjalan melanglang buana kehidupan! -- Ramadhan KH, sastrawan, budayawan  
Great book! Telling us love is for every one. Puitis dan romantis. Andrei selalu bisa membuat pembaca terhanyut dan penasaran. -- Ferry Salim, aktor ...young & talented novelist! -- Metro This Morning, Metro TV Penulis sastra yang buku-bukunya sukses dalam penjualan. -- Koran Tempo ... di tengah santernya novelis perempuan, Andrei Aksana menjawab pertanyaan Sapardi Djoko Darmono tentang sastrawan kontemporer laki-laki. -- Harian Bisnis Indonesia ...Lelaki Terindah... menjadi puncak catatan untuk novel mutakhir bertema kehidupan gay. -- Kompas

After class placements were decided, the school's two infamous 'problem youth' not only shared the same class, but the same desk. They're clearly good at studies, but pretend to be slackers. Fakers from head to toe who just keep walking farther down the path of their performance. Hear on the grapevine about the two big brothers who always fight over the last place in class. Basically, this is a serious comedy. About the little matters of growing up. When she's called to the murder scene, the last thing San Francisco Homicide detective Valerie Hart is expecting is for Katherine Glass to walk back into her life. Six years earlier, revulsion and fascination had gripped the nation in equal measure, as beautiful, intelligent, charming—and utterly evil—Katherine Glass had been convicted on six counts of Murder One. But the freshly-mutilated corpse in the ground-floor apartment bears all the hallmarks of Katherine's victims. And then there's the note, with its chilling implications. Addressed to Valerie. To stop the slaughter, Valerie has no choice. She must ask Katherine Glass to help her decipher the killer's twisted message. But that means re-entering the pitch-black labyrinth that is Katherine's mind, and this time Valerie isn't so sure which one of them will survive.

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Tujuh tahun lalu, karena harus mendekam di balik terali penjara, Revan meminta agar Ersad menjaga dan menikahi Ardini, kekasihnya. Revan percaya, cinta Ardini abadi untuknya. Juga sahabatnya, Ersad, tidak akan tega menyentuh Ardini. Kini, setelah bebas dari penjara, Revan hendak meminta kembali miliknya yang ia titipkan. Namun, ia justru mendapati Ersad sudah memiliki perasaan kuat dan enggan melepaskan Ardini. Selamanya. ÓKau telah melewati ribuan hari bersama Ardini, Er,Ó pinta Revan penuh permohonan. ÓKini izinkan aku memilikinya hanya untuk satu malam...Ó Tetapi bagaimana jika tak satu malam pun berhasil dimilikinya? Bagaimana jika tak seorang pun dapat meraih cinta Ardini yang utuh, karena perempuan itu tak pernah sanggup memilih salah satu di antara lelaki yang sama-sama dia cintai? Mestikah Ardini menyemai dua cinta sekaligus dalam hidupnya? Abadilah Cinta. Selamanya. Cinta memang tak akan pernah berakhir...

Prowling the seedy red-light districts, the underground club circuit and the house parties of wealthy Indonesian society, Moammar Emka offers a unique glimpse into the underbelly of modern, urban Jakarta. This is the book that took Indonesia by storm. Moammar Emka is Jakarta's answer to Carrie Bradshaw; this is ""Sex and the City"" Indonesian-style! "So candid, so penetrating and so beautifully written that it can make you feel cut open, emotionally exposed." —Sam Sacks, Wall Street Journal Harvard Square is the elegant and sexually charged story of a young émigré grad student, a Jew from Egypt, who meets a brash, magnetic Arab taxi driver—and how their friendship tests his loyalties and throws his life in America into doubt. André Aciman's writing has been hailed by Colm Tóibín as "fiction at its most supremely interesting," and here Aciman delivers a powerful tale of identity and the wages of assimilation.

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In popular debates about reproductive and sexual rights, formal religions, especially Islam, are seen as barriers providing institutional and ideological resistance to women's realization of reproductive and social autonomy. This book challenges this simplified view of Islam. Based on original fieldwork in Eastern Indonesia, the book explores the complex factors that affect how young Indonesian women form their sexual subjectivities, discusses the cultural and historical conditions under which single Muslim women repress or express their sexuality, and examines how the cultural context, including other factors besides Islam, simultaneously influence the ways in which young single women approach courtship, and issues of sexuality and reproductive health. It demonstrates that Islam is neither alone in trying to control female sexuality, nor entirely successful in doing so.

1915. Beth Healey hopes that she will be able to forget the ghastly war and celebrate her 18th birthday, but her twin brother Ned announces that he has signed up to fight. Beth applies to join the Army Post Office's new Home Depot. She soon makes friends with fellow post girls and meets the handsome James. But just as her life has finally begun, everything starts falling apart. Can Beth and her new friends find happiness at last?

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