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Trigger Point

Heart of Darkness is a short novel by Polish novelist Joseph Conrad, written as a frame narrative, about Charles Marlow's life as an ivory transporter down the Congo River in Central Africa. The river is "a mighty big river, that you could see on the map, resembling an immense snake uncoiled, with its head in the sea, its body at rest curving afar over a vast country, and its tail lost in the depths of the land." In the course of his travel in central Africa, Marlow becomes obsessed with Mr. Kurtz. The story is a complex exploration of the attitudes people hold on what constitutes a barbarian versus a civilized society and the attitudes on colonialism and racism that were part and parcel of European imperialism. Originally published as a three-part serial story, in Blackwood's Magazine, the novella Heart of Darkness has been variously published and translated into many languages. In 1998, the Modern Library ranked Heart of Darkness one of the hundred best novels in English of the twentieth century.

The Answer Is . . .

At a US research facility funded by the military and clandestine agencies a super-virus has been created as a first strike military weapon. During its conception the anti-virus has furthered the possibilities of medical research by decades. Such is its potential, treachery has struck from within. If the virus is released, then the anti-virus will be worth billions to the pharmaceutical industry. Isobel Bartlett worked on the project and knows its potential. After the suspicious death of her mentor, and upon hearing part of an audacious plan to make money from the project she flees the facility with the information needed to culture the viruses to seek help from a contact with the FBI. Up against rogue government forces, she is helped by Agent Rob Stone of the Secret Service who has been tasked by the president to investigate a disbanded assassination program after his investigation led him to the bio research facility. The two are hunted mercilessly by an assassin from Washington to the streets of New York. Only when the hunt reaches the wild forests of Vermont can ex-

special forces soldier Stone take the fight to the enemy.

The Five

MI5 agents have been executed and more agents have been abducted with no terms received from the kidnappers. An MI5 analyst is missing having accessed and downloaded prohibited security data. The trial of notorious radical cleric Mullah Al-Shaqqaf collapses, his extradition falls apart. A man known to have funded ISIS, recruit fighters for Syria and coerce teenagers to martyr themselves. Again he walks free. The hunt for a nuclear warhead stolen ten years ago has led Russian intelligence to London. One man connects them all When retired MI6 operative Alex King is contacted by the deputy director of MI5 with a proposition, he feels compelled to act. His brief is illegal, his actions unprecedented. The law and the courts have failed. Time and events are against the nation's intelligence services and the battle can no longer be fought by the rules. Britain's enemies will soon find the game has changed. As MI5 agent Caroline Darby investigates with the help of a seasoned Scotland Yard detective she soon starts to look through the elaborate misdirection and discovers the horrifying truth Author Bio A P Bateman is an Amazon #1 best selling author. Both of his novels have reached the top 4 positions in the paid top 100 categories, with The Contract Man reaching no 1. A P Bateman has previously worked as a private investigator and trained and worked in close protection with ex-military, police and special forces. He has studied karate most of his life and still enjoys training. Having trained on US SWAT ranges in the past with serving police officers gives him a unique insight into weapons and tactics which adds realism to his writing.

The Man Who Would Be King (□□□□□□)

In New York City, follows the breakup of teenaged best friends Cleo and Layla, told in alternating timelines.

Unforgotten

She wants her husband gone. The hit man she's hired is just the man to make that happenor is he? From the minute he walks in the place, she has her reservations. Maybe she should have waited. Maybe she should have paid the other guy. Now it's too late and her husband is the last of her problems. Now there's only one way out. The Contract--It's time to rewrite the small print. A Quick Read short story crime thriller.

Carrie

Follows the life of the Polish aristocrat who believed in freedom, fought in the American Revolution, and was appointed chief

of the Engineering Corps of the Northern army.

Rogue

Explores the homogenization of American culture and the impact of the fast food industry on modern-day health, economy, politics, popular culture, entertainment, and food production.

Gangs of America

When an MI6 agent is found to be keeping records of his missions to protect himself from betrayal he unwittingly makes himself a priority target. But how do you silence the most dangerous man imaginable? Send him into hell on earth While Alex King is sent into Northern Iraq to tidy the loose ends of a botched mission, the archipelago of Indonesia is under communist threat from within its own military. A consortium of worried businessmen call for desperate measures and seek the services of an assassin. But what if MI6 could be duped into taking care of their problems for them? With secret links to China the communist contingent threatens Britain's trade initiatives with the largest mineral producing country on the planet. In the dark world of intelligence it seems that everybody has their price.

Breaking Bones

From National Book Critics Circle Award-winning author Ariel Sabar, the gripping true story of a sensational religious forgery and the scandal that shook Harvard. In 2012, Dr. Karen King, a star professor at Harvard Divinity School, announced a blockbuster discovery at a scholarly conference just steps from the Vatican: She had found an ancient fragment of papyrus in which Jesus calls Mary Magdalene "my wife." The tattered manuscript made international headlines. If early Christians believed Jesus was married, it would upend the 2,000-year history of the world's predominant faith, threatening not just the celibate, all-male priesthood but sacred teachings on marriage, sex and women's leadership. Biblical scholars were in an uproar, but King had impeccable credentials as a world-renowned authority on female figures in the lost Christian texts from Egypt known as the Gnostic gospels. "The Gospel of Jesus's Wife"--as she provocatively titled her discovery--was both a crowning career achievement and powerful proof for her arguments that Christianity from its start embraced alternative, and far more inclusive, voices. As debates over the manuscript's authenticity raged, award-winning journalist Ariel Sabar set out to investigate a baffling mystery: where did this tiny scrap of papyrus come from? His search for answers is an international detective story--leading from the factory districts of Berlin to the former headquarters of the East German Stasi before winding up in rural Florida, where he discovered an internet pornographer with a prophetess wife, a fascination with the Pharaohs and a tortured relationship with the Catholic Church. VERITAS is a tale of fierce intellectual rivalries at the

highest levels of academia, a piercing psychological portrait of a disillusioned college dropout whose life had reached a breaking point, and a tragedy about a brilliant scholar handed a piece of scripture that embodied her greatest hopes for Christianity--but forced a reckoning with fundamental questions about the nature of truth and the line between reason and faith.

Fast Food Nation

Chronic overwhelm is one of the biggest problems of our age. Stress, ill health, absenteeism from work and deteriorating relationships seem to be inexorably on the rise. The metaphors in this book point to the solution to these problems and more. They will not provide tips, techniques or strategies, but reveal a simple truth about how the human experience works. A truth which is hidden in plain sight, but invisible to most. The truth is, our experience works in one way, and it works this way whether you know it or not, in the same way that being ignorant of gravity will not save your phone from falling if you drop it. What an understanding of this truth will do for you is improve your life in innumerable and surprising ways. It will take things off your mind, because once you know that something only works one way, all other options are no longer possibilities. It's a bit like viewing a police line-up, and you don't even have to consider five of the six faces, because you already know who the guilty party is. With a clearer mind, a world of possibilities opens up. Stress fades. Creativity rises. Solutions to the most difficult problems are suddenly within reach. Relationships go from strength to strength. Interested in unlocking more of your true potential? Then read on! "Phil Hughes has written a beautiful book, with every page pointing the reader to wisdom. Open it anywhere, and you'll find what you need." Jamie Smart Sunday Times bestselling author, speaker and executive coach "A unique book, a really lovely way to delve deeper into the human experience. Ideal for the night table, the loo, or the subway" Ken Manning, Ph.D. Author of Invisible Power: Insight Principles at Work "Phil has a way of describing the indescribable that I know will help you see things in a new way." Amy Johnson, Ph.D. Author of Being Human and The Little Book of Big Change: The No-Willpower Approach to Breaking Any Habit

The Hot Zone

The eighth book in the bestselling Dan 'Spider' Shepherd series. Kidnapping is one of the cruellest crimes - lives are put at risk for cold, hard cash. But when Somali pirates seize the crew of a yacht off the coast of Africa, they bite off more than they can chew. One of the hostages has friends in high places and Spider Shepherd is put on the case. He goes deep undercover in an audacious plan to bring an end to the pirate gang's reign of terror. But as Shepherd closes in on his quarry he realises that there's much more at stake than the lives of the hostages and that the pirates are involved in a terrorist plot that will strike at the heart of London.

Dead Man Running

David Diegert confronts the corrupting power of extreme wealth.

Image of a Man

A newly formed terrorist group has declared war on the world's richest people. The choice is simple. The rich can give away their wealth to escape an assassin's bullet, or they can die. When the wealthiest five people are dead, a new death list will be publicly declared. When a British billionaire is assassinated, MI5 agent Alex King is sent to investigate. With the killings carried out by a sniper of tremendous skill, King's dark past makes him the best man for the task. King soon discovers attempts to corrupt the investigation and investment links to a prominent cabinet member. Only when an attempt is made on his own life, does King suspect there is more to the group's declaration than first appeared. King faces an impossible task. With multi-billionaires giving so much of their wealth to charities, the terrorist group are regarded by many as heroes of a new world order. As King closes in, the fight becomes personal.

The Contract

Alex McKnight--hero of Steve Hamilton's bestselling, award-winning, and beloved private eye series--is back in a high-stakes, nail-biting thriller, facing the most dangerous enemy he's ever encountered. On the Mediterranean Sea, a vacationer logs on to the security-camera feed from his home in Scottsdale, Arizona. Something about his living room seems not quite right--the room is bright, when he's certain he'd left the curtains closed. Rewinding through the feed, he sees an intruder. When he shifts to the bedroom camera, he sees the dead body. Martin T. Livermore is the key suspect in the abduction and murder of at least five women, but he's never been this sloppy before. When the FBI finally catches him in Scottsdale, he declares he'll only talk to one person: a retired police officer from Detroit, now a private investigator living in the tiny town of Paradise, Michigan. A man named Alex McKnight. Livermore means nothing to McKnight, but it soon becomes clear McKnight means something to Livermore and that Livermore's capture was only the beginning of an elaborate, twisted plot with McKnight at the center. In a hunt that will take him across the country and to the edge of his limits, McKnight fights to stop a vicious killer before he can exact his ultimate revenge. And his grand finale will cut closer to home than he ever could have imagined.

The Ares Virus

A passenger plane explodes. Eighty-three people die. One man is responsible. When a routine operation ends in tragedy,

decorated ex-Royal Marine, Ryan Kaine, becomes the target of a nationwide manhunt. The police want him on terrorism charges. A sinister organisation wants him dead. Kaine is forced to rely on two women he hardly knows: one, a country vet who treats his wounds, the other an IT expert with a secret of her own. Battling overwhelming guilt, life-threatening injuries, and his own moral code, Kaine hunts the people who turned him into a mass-murderer. Can Kaine's combat skills, instincts, and new-found allies lead him to the truth and redemption?

Pardonable Lies

Doomed from the start Nikos Demakis and Cassia Andrade were married under a billion-dollar company merger contract. Nikos isn't ready to give up his playboy lifestyle, and Cassia is far from the glittering socialite that their elite circle expects. Events force them to live separate lives. Ten years later, Nikos is ready to give it all up and settle down with the wife he only sees once a year. Cassia is also ready to settle down just not with Nikos. Will Cassia once again surrender herself to the man who scarred her forever? Or will she give up her inherited fortune to leave and never look back? Will they still be able to fulfill the terms of their billion-dollar marriage contract, when death and danger stalk them at every turn?

It's All in the Mind, You Know!

A RECOMMENDED SUMMER READ BY THE NEW YORK TIMES, USA TODAY, TIME, AND NEWSWEEK Longtime Jeopardy! host and television icon Alex Trebek reflects on his life and career. Since debuting as the host of Jeopardy! in 1984, Alex Trebek has been something like a family member to millions of television viewers, bringing entertainment and education into their homes five nights a week. Last year, he made the stunning announcement that he had been diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer. What followed was an incredible outpouring of love and kindness. Social media was flooded with messages of support, and the Jeopardy! studio received boxes of cards and letters offering guidance, encouragement, and prayers. For over three decades, Trebek had resisted countless appeals to write a book about his life. Yet he was moved so much by all the goodwill, he felt compelled to finally share his story. "I want people to know a little more about the person they have been cheering on for the past year," he writes in *The Answer Is...: Reflections on My Life*. The book combines illuminating personal anecdotes with Trebek's thoughts on a range of topics, including marriage, parenthood, education, success, spirituality, and philanthropy. Trebek also addresses the questions he gets asked most often by Jeopardy! fans, such as what prompted him to shave his signature mustache, his insights on legendary players like Ken Jennings and James Holzhauer, and his opinion of Will Ferrell's Saturday Night Live impersonation. The book uses a novel structure inspired by Jeopardy!, with each chapter title in the form of a question, and features dozens of never-before-seen photos that candidly capture Trebek over the years. This wise, charming, and inspiring book is further evidence why Trebek has long been considered one of the most beloved and respected figures in entertainment.

The Flight Attendant

Veritas

Recuperating in Cornwall after being injured in a terrorist attack, DCI Ross O'Bryan discovers a dark secret. An unthinkable crime that has been covered up. Tasked with investigating, it soon becomes apparent he has found himself immersed in a world of deception, police corruption and organised crime. O'Bryan has his own dark secrets too. In a place where he has no alliances and is viewed with suspicion, it is only a matter of time before he is found out. For so many years the dramatic and rugged coastline of Cornwall had been the scene to smuggling, deception and murder, now O'Bryan will find out how little has changed.

Hell's Mouth

When his mission is shut down from political pressure, deniable MI5 operative Alex King seeks revenge for a team member and takes on the man responsible. But in Washington DC, the political landscape changes so quickly that his enemy is now more powerful than anyone could have imagined. Secret Service agent Rachel Beam has been given a sensitive case without the usual hierarchy protocols. As she digs deeper, what at first looks like a rogue MI5 agent committing a crime spree on US soil, seems more like someone creating a trail and sending a message. But for whom? From the streets of Washington DC and the home of the Secret Service, to the wilds of Alaska and its remote gold mining country, King has to stay one step ahead of a tenacious agent and an assassin who will stop at nothing to put a stop to his pursuit for retribution.

She Me We (new Size)

A second-chance, enemies-to-lovers contemporary romance.

A Hologram for the King

This anthology of tales by Rudyard Kipling contains some of the most memorable and popular examples of the genre of which he is an undisputed master. The Man Who would be King (later adapted as a spectacular film) is a vivid narrative of exotic adventure and disaster.

When You Were Everything

Willie Stark, a well-intentioned idealistic back-country lawyer is unable to resist greed, power, and lust for politics during his rise and fall as an American demagogue.

The Peasant Prince

In the third novel of this bestselling series from, London investigator Maisie Dobbs faces grave danger as she returns to the site of her most painful WWI memories to resolve the mystery of a pilot's death. A deathbed plea from his wife leads Sir Cecil Lawton to seek the aid of Maisie Dobbs, psychologist and investigator. As Maisie soon learns, Agnes Lawton never accepted that her aviator son was killed in the Great War, a torment that led her not only to the edge of madness but to the doors of those who practice the dark arts and commune with the spirit world. In accepting the assignment, Maisie finds her spiritual strength tested, as well as her regard for her mentor, Maurice Blanche. The mission also brings her together once again with her college friend Priscilla Evernden, who served in France and who lost three brothers to the war—one of whom, it turns out, had an intriguing connection to the missing Ralph Lawton. Following on the heels of Jacqueline Winspear's triumphant *Birds of a Feather*, *PARDONABLE LIES* is the most compelling installment yet in the chronicles of Maisie Dobbs, "a heroine to cherish" (Marilyn Stasio, *The New York Times Book Review*).

Fair Game

Imagine a killer with the infectiousness of the common cold and power of the Black Death. Imagine something so deadly that it wipes out 90% of those it touches. Imagine an organism against which there is no defence. But you don't need to imagine. Such a killer exists: it is a virus and its name is Ebola. *The Hot Zone* tells what happens when the unthinkable becomes reality: when a deadly virus, from the rain forests of Africa, crosses continents and infects a monkey house ten miles from the White House. Ebola is that reality. It has the power to decimate the world's population. Try not to panic. It will be back. There is nothing you can do

Ryan Kaine: on the Run

Secrets and Lies Everyone has them. Big ones. Little ones. For Trevor Mayne and Jamie Vaughn, secrets and lies are how they've made their fourteen year friendship work. Don't talk about it. Ignore it and it won't be real. Pretend like everything's fine between the two of them. Jamie can't live like this anymore. He's in love with Trevor, his best friend who just happens to be straight. Tired of hiding his feelings, he decides to walk away. From their friendship. From his hometown. From his

business. But before Jamie gets a chance to leave, a freak accident leaves Trevor with amnesia. A new blank perspective leaves him confused about the inconsistencies of what he's told his life should be vs. the feelings that he knows he has. Now those secrets and lies, that should be safer than ever, are suddenly front and center and changing everything between them. Their world is at risk because their secrets and lies aren't the only ones at play here. There's a bigger lie out there and it could just destroy everything as they get closer and closer to the secret hidden in depths of the Snowcroft forest.

The Curtain - a Novel

Rex Feral kills for hire. Some consider him a criminal. Others think him a hero. In truth, he is a lethal weapon aimed at those he hunts. He is a last recourse in these times when laws are so twisted that justice goes unserved. He is a man who feels no twinge of guilt at doing his job. He is a professional killer. Learn how a pro gets assignments, creates a false identity, maizes a disposable silencer, leaves the scene without a trace, watches his mark unobserved and more. Feral reveals how to get in, do the job and get out without getting caught.

The Silent Man

'I want to know what I am, what I want, what I can do, what is real, what is lovely.' The post-war British artist Keith Vaughan (1912-77) was not only a supremely accomplished painter; he was an impassioned, eloquent writer. Image of a Man is the first book to provide a comprehensive critical reading of Vaughan's extraordinary journal, which spans thirty-eight years and sixty-one volumes to form a major literary work and a fascinating document of changing times. From close textual analysis of the original manuscripts, this book uncovers the attitudes and arguments that shaped and reshaped Vaughan's identity as a man and as an artist. It reveals a continual process of self-construction through journal-writing, undertaken to navigate the difficulties of conscientious objection, the complications of desire as a gay man, and the challenges of making meaningful art. By focussing on Vaughan's journal-writing in the context of its many influences and its centrality to his art practice, Image of a Man offers not only a compelling new critical biography of a significant yet underappreciated artist, but also a sustained argument on the constructed nature of the 'artist' persona in early and mid-twentieth-century culture - and the opportunities afforded by journal and diary forms to make such constructions possible.

Shadows of Good Friday

In the last days before signing the peace agreement, an IRA splinter cell mounts an operation on the British mainland using English criminals. This unprecedented move intrigues MI6 and they assume command of MI5's surveillance operation. A career criminal is released from prison and aims to win back the wife and child his sentence has cost him, but before he

can, he is forced back into his old world. The stakes have changed and his family have become leverage for the most ruthless people imaginable. A woman imprisoned in an abusive relationship, desperate to escape with her son and rekindle her past becomes the pawn in a deadly world of deception, violence and retribution. A clandestine wing of the secret intelligence service tests its newest recruit. Alex King has trained and operated in the shadowy world of intelligence and now he must kill for his country, but before he can, he needs to discover more about the men he has been sent to kill.

Code of the Assassin

When you want to take power, call the SAS A right-wing billionaire is standing for Parliament. To help him, he enlists the help of former SAS soldier, Gabriel Wolfe. Gabriel left the Army after a covert mission went disastrously wrong and has sworn never to cause another man's death. It quickly becomes clear that Sir Toby Maitland's ambitions extend far beyond a seat as an MP. When an ex-contact in Swedish Special Forces, now working for MI5, contacts Gabriel, he realises he has little choice but to try to stop his employer's juggernaut in its tracks. Drugs, guns and plastique Gabriel finds himself embroiled in deals with Hells Angels and a South African arms dealer in the US before the true nature of Sir Toby's plan is revealed. This is a fast-paced thriller in the same vein as early James Bond, through Robert Ludlum's Bourne books to Lee Child's Jack Reacher series. Expect fast cars, gunplay, nailbiting suspense and enough hardware to start a small war. Watch out, there's a new guy in town If you like your action hot and heavy and your heroes cool under fire, you'll love Gabriel Wolfe. But be warned, beneath the calm surface deep currents are flowing. Currents that threaten to take him under every single day of his life. "Action, double-crosses, villains galore a rattling good thriller! Early Bond meets Jack Reacher - a thrilling debut outing for a new action hero."Damien Seaman, author of Berlin Burning and The Killing of Emma Gross.

Hit Man

Meet the beautiful Tonya and company that are use to drawing the attention of men wherever she go but unlike many women, the attention does not fascinate her. They are all dogs in her opinion and deserve what they get, that is they deserve what she gives them as unsuspecting men follow the beautiful lady home expecting to get to know her better. Tonya meets a young man in the local grocer and unlike many of the men that she meets, she is a little impressed by his swag and would like to get to know him better but has she met her match?Davin is a young handsome man that is focused on going into the local grocers one day to pick up a steak and beer for an evening of watching sports and talking jive with the fellows until he set eyes on the beautiful Tonya as she is walking into the store. He forgets all about the steaks, watching sports and the fellows as he follows her around the store for an opportunity to get her name and number. He has never had a problem getting to know any female that he set his sights on but could getting to know this young lady prove to be a mistake?Follow Tonya and Davin in this fast paced mini novella as the surprises unfold on each of them and you too

will be hanging on the edge of your seats waiting to see how the drama unfolds.

A Star Is Bored

Have you met Henry Maddox? He knows you - not personally of course he really only knows your data. But from that data he actually may know you better than you think you know yourself. Henry knows where you've been and what you've bought. He knows all of your friends. Henry not only knows your behaviors, he understands your tendencies. And from those tendencies, he can predict what you're going to do before you've actually done it. Who is Henry Maddox? He is a 21st century marketing consultant and he specializes in highly personal and irresistibly persuasive advertising. Henry's strategies combine modern data mining (Big Data) techniques with other advanced and controversial marketing practices (Market Fragmentation, Cross Promotion, and Conglomerate Propagandizing) to the point where consumers don't even know they are being sold. Businesses love Henry because he not only moves product, he actually controls their customers. But when Henry is forced to face how his techniques affect real people, he realizes he has inadvertently given corporations the power to destroy society for their own ends. THE CURTAIN explores the effect that increasingly sophisticated marketing techniques have on communities, families, and individuals. In an age of digital distractions, who remembers the transcendent morality that has allowed past civilizations to prosper? When corporations have the influence and motive to define people by what they consume, are we as individuals losing the substance of who we really are? THE CURTAIN is entertaining, fun, thought provoking, educational, and frightening. Ord's storytelling is brilliant and his research extraordinary. THE CURTAIN is a must read for anyone that watches television or movies, listens to the radio, accesses the internet, logs into social media, has a smart phone, participates in loyalty card programs, or uses GPS technology. In short, THE CURTAIN is for everyone.

Heart of Darkness

The corporation has become the core institution of the modern world. Designed to seek profit and power, it has pursued both with endless tenacity, steadily bending the framework of law and even challenging the sovereign status of the state. Where did the corporation come from? How did it get so much power? What is its ultimate trajectory? After he sold his successful computer book publishing business to a large corporation, Ted Nace felt increasingly driven to find answers to these questions. In Gangs of America he details the rise of corporate power in America through a series of fascinating stories, each organized around a different facet of the central question: "How did corporations get more rights than people?" Beginning with the origin of the corporation in medieval Great Britain, Nace traces both the events that shaped the evolution of corporate power and the colorful personalities who played major roles. Gangs of America is a uniquely accessible synthesis of the latest scholarly research, a compelling historical narrative, and a distinctive personal voice.

All the King's Men

A National Book Award Finalist, a New York Times bestseller and one of the most highly-acclaimed books of the year, *A Hologram for the King* is a sprawling novel about the decline of American industry from one of the most important, socially-aware novelists of our time. In a rising Saudi Arabian city, far from weary, recession-scarred America, a struggling businessman named Alan Clay pursues a last-ditch attempt to stave off foreclosure, pay his daughter's college tuition, and finally do something great. In *A Hologram for the King*, Dave Eggers takes us around the world to show how one man fights to hold himself and his splintering family together in the face of the global economy's gale-force winds. This taut, richly layered, and elegiac novel is a powerful evocation of our contemporary moment--and a moving story of how we got here.

The Billion-Dollar Marriage Contract

The Contract Man

The New York Times bestselling author of *The Ghost War* and *The Faithful Spy* CIA agent John Wells has spent years in the company of evil men. He's paid the price and is beginning to doubt if he can ever live a normal life. And when a powerful adversary from his past finds him, Wells must once again enter the fray. For his country. For his soul. For revenge.

Lies and Retribution

Stephen King's legendary debut, about a teenage outcast and the revenge she enacts on her classmates. Carrie White may be picked on by her classmates, but she has a gift. She can move things with her mind. Doors lock. Candles fall. This is her power and her problem. Then, an act of kindness, as spontaneous as the vicious taunts of her classmates, offers Carrie a chance to be a normal until an unexpected cruelty turns her gift into a weapon of horror and destruction that no one will ever forget.

Snowcraft Lost

"A Star is Bored is an absolute knockout. Riotously funny and wickedly tender." — Taylor Jenkins Reid, New York Times bestselling author of *Daisy Jones and the Six* People Magazine Best Book of Summer 2020 - Named a Must-Read Summer book by *Town & Country* - Named One of the 14 Best Books of Summer 2020 by *Harper's Bazaar* - One of *Library Journal's* 2020 "Titles to Watch" - One of the 30 Best Beach Reads According to *Parade Magazine* *The Devil Wears Prada* meets

Postcards From the Edge in a hilariously heartfelt novel influenced in part by the author's time assisting Carrie Fisher. Charlie Besson is tense and sweating as he prepares for an insane job interview. His car is idling, like his life, outside the Hollywood mansion of Kathi Kannon, star of stage and screen and People magazine's worst dressed list. She needs an assistant. He needs a hero. Kathi is an icon, bestselling author, and an award winning actress, most known for her role as Priestess Talara in a blockbuster sci-fi film. She's also known in another role: crazy. Admittedly so. Famously so. Fabulously so, as Charlie quickly discovers. Their three year odyssey is filled with late night shopping sprees, last minute trips to see the aurora borealis, and an initiation to that most sacred of Hollywood tribes: the personal assistant. But Kathi becomes much more than a boss, and as their friendship grows, Charlie must make a choice. Will he always be on the sidelines of life, assisting the great forces that be, or can he step into his own leading role? Laugh-out-loud funny, and searingly poignant, Byron Lane's A Star is Bored is a novel that, like the star at its center, is enchanting and joyous, heartbreaking and hopeful.

In The Unlikely Event

A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER A WALL STREET JOURNAL BESTSELLER A USA TODAY BESTSELLER A NATIONAL INDIEBOUND BESTSELLER From the author of The Guest Room, a powerful story about the ways an entire life can change in one night: A flight attendant wakes up in the wrong hotel, in the wrong bed, with a dead man - and no idea what happened. Cassandra Bowden is no stranger to hungover mornings. She's a binge drinker, her job with the airline making it easy to find adventure, and the occasional blackouts seem to be inevitable. She lives with them, and the accompanying self-loathing. When she awakes in a Dubai hotel room, she tries to piece the previous night back together, counting the minutes until she has to catch her crew shuttle to the airport. She quietly slides out of bed, careful not to aggravate her already pounding head, and looks at the man she spent the night with. She sees his dark hair. His utter stillness. And blood, a slick, still wet pool on the crisp white sheets. Afraid to call the police - she's a single woman alone in a hotel room far from home - Cassie begins to lie. She lies as she joins the other flight attendants and pilots in the van. She lies on the way to Paris as she works the first class cabin. She lies to the FBI agents in New York who meet her at the gate. Soon it's too late to come clean - or face the truth about what really happened back in Dubai. Could she have killed him? If not, who did? Set amid the captivating world of those whose lives unfold at forty thousand feet, The Flight Attendant unveils a spellbinding story of memory, of the giddy pleasures of alcohol and the devastating consequences of addiction, and of murder far from home.

The Silencer

"Intriguing and cleverly constructed. One of the best thriller writers out there" Stephen Leather, Sunday Times Bestselling Author When a disgraced Metropolitan detective is thrown a lifeline with a posting to Cornwall, he expects his life of

dangerous undercover work will be replaced by monotony and a backlog of cases more suited to a junior detective. However, after a young girl goes missing and a local man is accused, DI Jackson is thrown into a world of deception, murder and confusion. How can social outcast Thomas Jago be accused of such terrible crimes and yet always have an alibi? Jackson is surprised when his teenage daughter turns up, breaking the custody order imposed after his divorce. Time is of the essence with a missing girl to find, but Jackson can't neglect his own daughter, and finds his world thrown into further chaos when he discovers a former enemy has placed a price on his head, with an assassin who won't quit.

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