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### Comet's Tale

The future of your freedom depends on whether you assert your rights within the digital spaces you inhabit. But, as corporations and countries square off onÑand overÑthe internet, the likely losers are us.

### The Fort

"A rich, multilayered reading experience, and an easy recommendation for book clubs." —Library Journal (starred review) Life comes down to a series of choices. To hold on To let go to forgetto forgive Which road will you take? For eighteen years, Jude Farraday has put her children's needs above her own, and it shows—her twins, Mia and Zach, are bright and happy teenagers. When Lexi Baill moves into their small, close-knit community, no one is more welcoming than Jude. Lexi, a former foster child with a dark past, quickly becomes Mia's best friend. Then Zach falls in love with Lexi and the three become inseparable. Jude does everything to keep her kids out of harm's way. But senior year of high school tests them all. It's a dangerous, explosive season of drinking, driving, parties, and kids who want to let loose. And then on a hot summer's night, one bad decision is made. In the blink of an eye, the Farraday family will be torn apart and Lexi will lose everything. In the years that follow, each must face the consequences of that single night and find a way to forgetor the courage to forgive. Vivid, universal, and emotionally complex, Night Road raises profound questions about motherhood, identity, love, and forgiveness. It is a luminous, heartbreaking novel that captures both the exquisite pain of loss and the stunning power of hope. This is Kristin Hannah at her very best, telling an unforgettable story about the longing for family, the resilience of the human heart, and the courage it takes to forgive the people we love. "You cannot read Night Road and not be affected by the story and the characters. The total impact of the book will stay with you for days to come after it is finished."

—The Huffington Post

## **A Handbook of Florida**

Seeking to become immortal like the other Goddess Girls, Medusa searches for a magical necklace, an effort that is compromised by her mean reputation, her snaky hair, and unexpected consequences.

## **Sprig Muslin**

A burial environment is a complex and dynamic system. It plays host to an abundance of interdependent chemical, physical, and biological processes, which are greatly influenced by the inclusion of a body and its subsequent decay. However, while taphonomy continues to emerge as a valuable forensic tool, until now most of the attention has been on the cadaver rather than the grave itself. *Soil Analysis in Forensic Taphonomy: Chemical and Biological Effects of Buried Human Remains* is the first book to concentrate entirely on the telling impact of soil and its components on the postmortem fate of human remains. Examining the basic physicochemical composition of the soil as it relates to forensic science and taphonomy, leading experts from across the world— · Offer an introduction to the nature, distribution, and origin of soil materials in forensic comparisons · Discuss

the action of biological soil components, including invertebrates, fungi, and bacteria · Address rates and processes of decomposition and time of death estimates · Detail methods for characterizing and fingerprinting soils · Provide extensive information on the decomposition of hair Edited by Mark Tibbett, a soil microbiologist and David Carter, a forensic scientist, this unique resource provides an up-to-date overview of fundamental scientific principles and methods used in forensic taphonomy from a soils-based perspective. It provides an understanding of the processes at work, as well as practical methods and advice for those involved with active investigation.

### **Night Road**

“When the truth about her past is disclosed...the effect works like gangbusters.”  
–New York Times Book Review A girl's letters to her best friend reveal two lives derailed by anorexia in this haunting debut that's Laurie Halse Anderson's *Wintergirls* meets *The Sixth Sense*. Zoe knows she doesn't belong in a hospital—so why is she in one? Twin Birch isn't just any hospital. It's a strange mansion populated by unnerving staff and glassy-eyed patients. It's a place for girls with serious problems; skinny, spindly girls with eating disorders who have a penchant for harming themselves. Zoe isn't like them. And she can't figure out why she was sent here. Writing letters to her best friend Elise keep her sane, grounded in the memories of her past—but mired in them, too. Elise never writes back. Zoe is lost

without her, unsure of how to navigate tenuous new friendships and bizarre rules without Elise by her side. But as her letters intertwine with journal entries chronicling her mysterious life at Twin Birch, another narrative unfolds. The hidden story of a complicated friendship; of the choices we make, the truths we tell others, and the lies we tell ourselves. The story of a friendship that has the potential to both save—and damage beyond repair. And Zoe finds she must confront the truth about her past once and for all, before she can finally let go. Nora Price's debut young adult book is a heart-wrenching meditation on the bonds of friendship with a gripping psychological twist.

### **Breaking Point**

A determined duck pleads for grapes at the most unlikely of places: a lemonade stand. The story and song in this comical, musical picture book will delight both adults and children, who can play the song aloud while learning important lessons about persistence and compassion.

### **Corrosion**

Following the tattoo industry's latest trend, creating tattoos that include the ashes of a customer's dead relatives, leads to trouble for Mike, who just began a new

relationship with a body piercer, when his tattoos are linked to a serial killer.

## **Special Topics in Calamity Physics**

Bringing together the most up-to-date information on all aspects of primary and revision total ankle replacement (TAR), this definitive text focuses on TAR procedures and prostheses available for use in North America with additional “lessons learned” from the international community. The text is evidence-based, includes bullet points for quick reference, and is heavy on step-by-step photographs during surgery. Accordingly, the chapter content over four main sections is a purposeful mix of theory, data, and tips/pearls with detailed photographs, tables, and references. Section One provides an introduction to and history of TAR, including a discussion of fixed versus mobile bearings, TAR versus arthrodesis, and current indications and contraindications for primary TAR. Section Two focuses on primary TAR, covering a number of contemporary systems, such as INBONE, INFINITY, SALTO TALARIS and STAR. Secondary procedures with TAR comprise Section Three, including management of wound healing complications, soft tissue injuries, and varus and valgus malalignment. Section Four discusses revision TAR, covering topics such as infected replacements, component subsidence, and limb salvage as well as issues surrounding specific implant failures. Comprehensive yet practical, Primary and Revision Total Ankle Replacement will be the gold standard for books on this topic for many years to

come and will provide invaluable instruction to orthopedic surgeons, podiatrists and foot and ankle clinicians worldwide.

### **The Hand of the Devil**

Ashley Reeves is a young journalist at freak-of-nature magazine Missing Link. His future's bright, even if he does spend most of his time investigating hoaxes. When he receives a letter promising him a once-in-a-lifetime story, he jumps at the opportunity. The only thing is, his life is exactly what it might cost him. The letter is from Reginald Mather, a man who at first seems no more than an eccentric collector of insects, happy to live in isolation on a remote island. But when Ashley finds himself stranded with Mather and unearths the horrific truth behind the collector's past, he is thrown headlong into a macabre nightmare that quickly spirals out of control. Ashley's life is in danger. . . . And Mather is not the only enemy. . . . Gruesome, compelling, and terrifying, *The Hand of the Devil* will make you never want to leave the house without bug spray again.

### **ALWAYS HUMAN**

During one month in the autumn of election year 2000, scores of movie-business strivers are focused on one goal: getting a piece of an elusive, but surely huge,

television saga, the one that opens with Huns sweeping through Mongolia and closes with a Mormon diviner in the Las Vegas desert; the sure-to-please-everyone multigenerational TV miniseries about diviners, those miracle workers who bring water to perpetually thirsty (and hungry and love-starved) humankind. Among the wannabes: Vanessa Meandro, hot-tempered head of Means of Production, an indie film company; her harried and varied staff; a Sikh cab driver, promoted to the office of -theory and practice of TV; a bipolar bicycle messenger, who makes a fateful mis-delivery; two celebrity publicists, the Vanderbilt girls; a thriller writer who gives Botox parties; the daughter of an L.A. big-shot, who is hired to fetch Vanessa's Krispy Kremes and more; a word man who coined the phrase -- inspired by a true story; and a supreme court justice who wants to write the script. A few true artists surface in the course of Moody's rollicking but intricately woven novel, and real emotion eventually blossoms for most of Vanessa's staff at Means of Production, even herself. *The Diviners* is a cautionary tale about pointless ambition; a richly detailed look at the interlocking worlds of money, politics, addiction, sex, work, and family in modern America; and a masterpiece of comedy that will bring Rick Moody to a still higher level of appreciation.

## **Nanomaterials for Fuel Cell Catalysis**

The first-ever standalone superspecial in the Goddess Girls series—let the games begin! Athena, Medusa, Artemis, and Persephone are sick and tired of being left

out of the annual boys-only Olympic Games. Their solution? The Girl Games! But as the Goddess Girls work to make their dream into a reality, they come up against plenty of chaos and competition. Told in alternating points of view, this superspecial is packed with Olympic spirit!

### **Princess Academy: The Forgotten Sisters**

The mesmerizing New York Times bestseller by the author of *Night Film* Marisha Pessl's dazzling debut sparked raves from critics and heralded the arrival of a vibrant new voice in American fiction. At the center of *Special Topics in Calamity Physics* is clever, deadpan Blue van Meer, who has a head full of literary, philosophical, scientific, and cinematic knowledge. But she could use some friends. Upon entering the elite St. Gallway School, she finds some—a clique of eccentrics known as the Bluebloods. One drowning and one hanging later, Blue finds herself puzzling out a byzantine murder mystery. Nabokov meets Donna Tartt (then invites the rest of the Western Canon to the party) in this novel—with visual aids drawn by the author—that has won over readers of all ages.

### **The Fort**

Celebrate the 10th anniversary of the New York Times best-selling *Gallagher Girls*

series with this new edition, featuring an exclusive epilogue from Ally Carter ! After staking out, obtaining, and then being forced to give up her first boyfriend, Josh, all Cammie Morgan wants is a peaceful semester. But that's easier said than done when you're a CIA legacy and go to the premier school in the world . . . for spies. Cammie may have a genius I.Q., but there are still a lot of things she doesn't know. Like, will her ex-boyfriend even remember she exists? And how much trouble is she really in after what happened last semester? And most of all, why is her mother acting so strangely? Despite Cammie's best intentions to be a normal student, danger seems to follow her. She and her friends learn that their school is going to play host to some mysterious guests—code name: Blackthorne. Then she's blamed for a security breach that leaves the school's top secret status at risk. Soon, Cammie and her friends are crawling through walls and surveilling the school to learn the truth about Blackthorne and clear Cammie's name. Even though they have confidence in their spy skills, this time the targets are tougher (and hotter), and the stakes for Cammie's heart—and her beloved school—are higher than ever.

### **Zoe Letting Go**

The 6-carbon lactone known as ascorbic acid (vitamin C) is an important water-soluble vitamin. It is essential for preserving optimal health and it is used by the body for many purposes, including collagen biosynthesis, melanin reduction and enhanced immunity. This book addresses some important issues related to various

methods which are employed to encapsulate ascorbic acid. A comparison of the characteristics of ascorbic acid nano and microparticles prepared by different methods is also given. Furthermore, the biomedical significance of human vitamin C metabolism is examined, in the light of polymorphisms in xenobiotic enzymes deduced from genetic, biochemical and epidemiological results to estimate optimal nutrition. Additionally, Vitamin C exerts a protective role against some types of cancer. For that reason, this book investigates the protective effect of vitamin C. Possible pro- and antioxidant effects of vitamin C is also presented and their extrapolation on human health is discussed. Other chapters in this book include a review of the role of vitamin C in the physiology of several diseases, good dietary sources of vitamin C, a study of the effects of environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) on vitamin C status in exposed populations and the role of vitamin C in human reproduction and its effect on people who suffer from epileptic seizures.

### **Handbook of Vitamin C Research**

Corrosion, Volume 1: Metal/Environment Reactions is concerned with the subject of corrosion, with emphasis on the control of the environmental interactions of metals and alloys used as materials of construction. Corrosion is treated as a synthesis of corrosion science and corrosion engineering. This volume is comprised of nine chapters; the first of which provides an overview of the principles of corrosion and oxidation, with emphasis on the electrochemical mechanism of corrosion and how

the kinetics of cathodic and anodic partial reactions control the rate of overall corrosion reaction. Attention then turns to the effects of environmental factors such as concentration, velocity, and temperature based on the assumption that either the anodic or cathodic reaction, but not both, is rate-controlling. The corrosion of ferrous and non-ferrous metals and alloys, as well as rarer and noble metals, is considered. The reader is also introduced to high-temperature corrosion and mechanical factors that affect corrosion. This book concludes with topics of electrochemistry and metallurgy relevant to corrosion, including the nature of the electrified interface between the metal and the solution; charge transfer across the interface under equilibrium and non-equilibrium conditions; overpotential and the rate of an electrode reaction; and the hydrogen evolution reaction and hydrogen absorption by ferrous alloys. This book will be of value to students as well as workers and engineers in the field of corrosion.

### **Weavers**

When no one believes they saw a man holding a gun to Molly Peterson's back, Tim, Scott, and Luke search for the missing girl to save her themselves.

### **Remember Me**

This book translates knowledge about persuasion into evidence-based principles. Useful knowledge about persuasion has been obtained over the last 100 years from the experience of advertising experts and from empirical studies in advertising and other fields including psychology, consumer behavior, law, mass communication, politics, and propaganda. The principles in *Persuasive Advertising* provide understandable and easy-to-access guidance for all types of advertising. Including still media such as print and Internet, and motion media such as TV, streaming video, Internet, and radio. They also apply to other types of persuasive communications such as management reports, speeches, and press releases. Wharton School Professor J. Scott Armstrong spent over 16 years on this book. In recent years, he was assisted by Gerry Lukeman, Chairman Emeritus of Ipsos-ASI and Sandeep Patnaik, Research Director at Gallup and Robinson. Altogether, more than 80 people contributed to *Persuasive Advertising* by obtaining relevant studies, analyzing data, editing and reviewing, and surveying researchers to ensure that the book correctly summarizes their findings. *Persuasive Advertising* summarizes findings from about 3,000 empirical studies and 50 books. It also presents new findings from previously unpublished studies. . Along with the AdPrin Audit software on AdPrin.com, *Persuasive Advertising* enables advertisers as well as agencies to quickly and inexpensively identify ways to improve ads – or to determine which of a set of ads will be most effective. For example, it typically requires about an hour for an experienced user to obtain a persuasiveness index for a print ad along with a list of ways to improve the ad., By using these principles,

advertisers can improve their creativity and effectiveness. This book is supported by the AdPrin.com site: <http://advertisingprinciples.com/>

### **Philadelphia and Its Manufactures**

“The most prolific and successful historical novelist in the world today.” —Wall Street Journal “Readers who haven’t discovered Bernard Cornwell don’t know what they are missing.” —New York Times bestselling author Vince Flynn From the New York Times bestselling author of Agincourt, the Saxon Tales, and the beloved Richard Sharpe series, Bernard Cornwell’s *The Fort* plunges prow-first into the largest naval clash of the Revolutionary War. Fans of the Nathaniel Starbuck Chronicles and *The Burning Land* will thrill to Cornwell’s triumphant return to American historical fiction in this gripping story of courage, strength and patriotism.

### **The Girl Games**

Laos, 1978: Dr. Siri Paiboun, a 72-year-old medical doctor, has unwillingly been appointed the national coroner of the new socialist Laos. His lab is underfunded, his boss is incompetent, and his support staff is quirky, to say the least. But Siri’s sense of humor gets him through his often frustrating days. When the body of the

wife of a prominent politician comes through his morgue, Siri has reason to suspect the woman has been murdered. To get to the truth, Siri and his team face government secrets, spying neighbors, victim hauntings, Hmong shamans, botched romances, and other deadly dangers. Somehow, Siri must figure out a way to balance the will of the party and the will of the dead.

### **The Buenos Aires Broken Hearts Club**

Relates the story of an attorney who adopts a retired racing greyhound named Comet, and describes how both dog and owner helped each other come to terms with retirement, debilitating injuries, and trusting one another.

### **Tunnel Vision**

28-year-old Cassie Moore has always played it safe, living life according to a meticulously organized Master Plan. But when she loses her Perfect Job and finds her fiancé in bed with his ex on the same day, it's clear that The Plan has failed her. She awakens the next day from a drunken stupor to discover that she's booked herself on a six-month trip to Buenos Aires. She speaks not a word of Spanish, but she's already emailed the news to everyone she knows, so there's no turning back. Once in Buenos Aires, Cassie is reluctantly seduced by this glorious

city. Her exuberant landlady introduces her to the handsome but haughty Mateo, a man Cassie clashes with right from the start. She soon befriends other lovelorn travelers and together, they start a "Brokenhearts Club" at a local bar, attracting a cast of characters that includes Dan, a sweet handsome man who lives as carefully and predictably as Cassie. Before long, Cassie's making a new plan: 1. Learn Spanish. 2. Stop obsessing about impossible Mateo and fall for perfect-on-paper Dan. But staying on track isn't so simple anymore and Cassie finally realizes that sometimes life--and love-- defies her best-laid plans.

### **The Coroner's Lunch**

Global experts provide an authoritative source of information on the use of electrochemical fuel cells, and in particular discuss the use of nanomaterials to enhance the performance of existing energy systems. The book covers the state of the art in the design, preparation, and engineering of nanoscale functional materials as effective catalysts for fuel cell chemistry, highlights recent progress in electrocatalysis at both fuel cell anode and cathode, and details perspectives and challenges in future research.

### **Chasing AllieCat**

Attending Tivedon should have been the most exciting time in Jayl's young life. Along with his sister Myah, they journey to Tivedon and are quickly caught up in the excitement and eccentricities of the school and its teaching elders known collectively as 'The Circle of Tivedon'. Enemies and alliances are swiftly established between the other students that come from across the realm of Tiertyn. Yet, as they begin the next level of their scholastic study in the finer points of diplomacy and governance, grim tidings reach the castle walls. An ancient evil is on the rise threatening to plunge the land into darkness once again. Tensions begin to rise within the walls of Tivedon as unexplainable, dreadful events occur forcing the 'Circle of Tivedon' to act. The situation worsens as accusations of a traitorous plot involving friends of Jayl and Myah's from back home and a fellow student's sovereign land arrive at Tivedon. This development ensnares Myah in a conspiratorial and secretive undertaking at the behest of 'The Circle of Tivedon'. Jayl, who discovers a temperamental magical source within himself, becomes the unwitting focal point of Tivedon's elders' plans to defend Tiertyn against the army of the resurrected evil Lord Rymyarth. Unfortunately, before plans are complete, the suspicious death of one of Tivedon's elders followed by the murder of the befriended Captain of the Guard lands an unjustly accused Jayl into Tivedon's cells. It is here that Jayl learns of a long ago hidden talisman which will aid in their fight, which he must find and return. A hasty and harrowing escape from the school, which has fallen under the sway of the enemy, follows under the cover of darkness. With foes now swelling on all fronts, the elders must split the students into three

groups to have any hope of stemming the tide that threatens them. Myah, along with one of the two remaining Tivedon elders, make their way to the city of Sieli. Their hope is to vindicate her captured and accused friends as well as turn the favour of an opportunistic King to their cause. The second group, led by the other Tivedon elder, races to join defenders that are hastily forming the first line of defence against the massing army of Lord Rimyaroth. Lastly, and much to Jayl's chagrin, he is paired with two menacing and determined school rivals on his quest to find the talisman. A perilous mission, it remains the last vestige of hope to battle against the dark magic of Lord Rimyaroth. With the unlikely heroes and heroines heading in separate directions, three diverse journeys begin.

### **Fifteen Minutes**

His ex-wife is out to ruin him, his kids hate him, and he's flipping burgers at a McDonald's. Ken Richmond hits his breaking point when he puts a gun to his head and pulls the trigger. When his plan misfires — literally — he interprets the failed suicide as his calling to a higher purpose. Fueled by long-simmering hatred, Ken sets out on a murderous mission — but in order to get away with it, he'll have to leave a trail of blood through the city. Detectives Dick Van Endel and Phil Nelson start chasing Ken toward a special spot in hell. But can the detectives put an end to the fiend's sprees for good, before more bodies pile up?

## **The Duck Song**

On a damp October night, the body of young, beautiful Ashley Cordova is found in an abandoned warehouse in lower Manhattan. By all appearances her death is a suicide--but investigative journalist Scott McGrath suspects otherwise. Though much has been written about the dark and unsettling films of Ashley's father, Stanislas Cordova, very little is known about the man himself. As McGrath pieces together the mystery of Ashley's death, he is drawn deeper and deeper into the dark underbelly of New York City and the twisted world of Stanislas Cordova, and he begins to wonder--is he the next victim? In this novel, the dazzlingly inventive writer Marisha Pessl offers a breathtaking mystery that will hold you in suspense until the last page is turned.

## **Soil Analysis in Forensic Taphonomy**

Some mysteries are better left unsolved. It's been fifteen years since Mandy Reasoner was murdered--a crime for which her boyfriend, Duke, was convicted. But when high school students and best friends Betty and June discover that Mandy was June's long-forgotten aunt, they decide to pursue the mystery. Galvanized by the growing community who doubts the evidence against Duke and is rallying to free him, the two girls start on a path that will bring them not only to Duke himself

but smack into Nickel, a canny, tough-as-nails teenage P.I. attempting to keep his own life together. They make a good team, but Nickel is on his own mission of revenge, and the web of lies surrounding Mandy's murder is growing ever thicker. The closer they get to the truth, the less clear the path becomes. Will they survive the fight to bring Mandy's killer to justice? Award-winning author Aric Davis brings back his captivating anti-hero, Nickel, in *Tunnel Vision*, a work of edgy noir about unlikely friendship and long-overdue justice.

### **Night Film**

"The right and title to 'The Florida annual, 'of which four editions have been published, has been purchased, and the present handbook is designed to preserve its best features in a new form.'" Part I. The Atlantic Coast.

### **The Circle of Tivedon**

In 1962, on a rocky patch of sun-drenched Italian coastline, a young innkeeper looks out over the incandescent waters of the sea and spies a woman, a vision in white, approaching him on a boat. He learns that she is an American starlet who is said to be dying. And the story begins again in the present when half a world away, an elderly Italian man shows up on a movie studio's back lot searching for the

mysterious woman he last saw at his hotel decades earlier. What unfolds is a dazzling, yet deeply human, roller coaster of a novel, spanning fifty years and nearly as many lives including the starstruck Italian innkeeper and his long-lost love; the producer who once brought them together and his idealistic young assistant; the army veteran turned fledgling novelist and the rakish Richard Burton himself, whose appetites set the whole story in motion. Gloriously inventive and constantly surprising, Beautiful Ruins is a story of flawed yet fascinating people, navigating the rocky shores of their lives while clinging to their improbable dreams.

### **The Diviners**

Nine-year-old Cynthia Robinson's life was perfectly normal until the day she knew, without being told, of her parents' impending divorce. From there, things got stranger, and now not only does she have premonitions, but she can also read and influence the minds of those around her. Cynthia is not the only one with the ability to “weave”—all over the country, people with similar abilities struggle to balance their lives with their powers. Some with this gift are weavers with dark motives and grisly appetites who want to use people like Cynthia for their own purposes. Meanwhile, a top-secret government organization, the Telekinetic Research Center, has been looking for telekinetics to use for its own clandestine agenda. When TRC agents learn of Cynthia and her dangerous pursuers, will they come to her rescue?

Or will they capture her and take her power for themselves?

### **Beautiful Ruins**

For his entire adult life, ex-criminal Will Daniels has been running from his past. Now, in the wake of his son's gruesome death, he'll turn around and embrace it. After learning his boy got his head half blown off while helping a couple of punks rob a bank, Will tries — oh, how he tries — to just let the police handle the investigation. But as legal channels fall well short and Will's helpless fury mounts, it's only a matter of time before he dishes out a more personal brand of justice. Armed with a dark past and brutal skills, Will is perfectly equipped to hunt down his son's killers. Unfortunately, his violent quest for revenge may destroy him and everything he loves before it's over.

### **Twelve Years a Slave**

### **Rough Men**

First serialized on the popular app and website Webtoon, Always Human ran from 2015-2017 and amassed over 76,000 unique subscribers during its run. Now

reformatted for a print edition in sponsorship with GLAAD, *Always Human* is a beautifully drawn graphic novel about a developing relationship between two young women in a near-future, soft sci-fi setting. *Always Human* is drawn in a manga-influenced style and with an incredible color palette that leaps off the page! In the near-future, people use technology to give the illusion of all kinds of body modifications—but some people have “Egan’s Syndrome,” a highly sensitive immune system that rejects these “mods” and are unable to use them. Those who are affected maintain a “natural” appearance, reliant on cosmetics and hair dye at most to help them play with their looks. Sunati is attracted to Austen the first time she sees her and is drawn to what she assumes is Austen’s bravery and confidence to live life unmodded. When Sunati learns the truth, she’s still attracted to Austen and asks her on a date. Gradually, their relationship unfolds as they deal with friends, family, and the emotional conflicts that come with every romance. Together, they will learn and grow in a story that reminds us no matter how technology evolves, we will remain . . . always human. Rendered in beautiful detail and an extraordinary color palette, *Always Human* is a sweet love story told in a gentle sci-fi setting by a queer woman cartoonist, Ari North.

### **Nickel Plated**

A New York Times Bestseller In this third book in New York Times bestselling, Newbery Honor-winning author Shannon Hale's *Princess Academy* series, Miri goes

from student . . . to teacher! Miri has spent a year at the king's palace, learning all about being a proper princess. But instead of returning to her beloved Mount Eskel, Miri is ordered to journey to a distant swamp and start a princess academy for three sisters, cousins of the royal family. Unfortunately, Astrid, Felissa, and Sus are more interested in hunting and fishing than becoming princesses. As Miri spends more time with the sisters, she realizes the king and queen's interest in them hides a long-buried secret. She must rely on her own strength and intelligence to unravel the mystery, protect the girls, complete her assignment, and finally make her way home. Don't miss any of these other books from New York Times bestselling author Shannon Hale: The Princess Academy trilogy Princess Academy Princess Academy: Palace of Stone Princess Academy: The Forgotten Sisters The Books of Bayern The Goose Girl Enna Burning River Secrets Forest Born Book of a Thousand Days Dangerous Graphic Novels with Dean Hale, illustrated by Nathan Hale Rapunzel's Revenge Calamity Jack For Adults Austenland Midnight in Austenland The Actor and the Housewife

## **Persuasive Advertising**

Nickel lives by his wits on the streets, blackmailing pedophiles and selling marijuana, but when a young girl, Arrow, needs help finding her runaway sister, Nickel's investigation leads to the dark world of child traffickers.

## Consent of the Networked

Dumped with relatives in a small Minnesota town for the summer, Sadie Lester is relying on her mountain bike to save her from total boredom. Then she meets Allie, a spiky-haired off-road mountain biker who's training for a major race. Allie leads Sadie and Joe, a cute fellow cyclist, up and down Mount Kato, and the three become close friends. But the exhilarating rush comes to a halt when they find a priest in the woods, badly beaten and near death. After calling for help, Allie disappears from their lives. As they search for Allie and try to find out why she left so suddenly, Sadie and Joe discover more about Allie's past, including her connection to the priest. Only on the day of the big race does Sadie finally learn the complete, startling truth about Allie—and the terrible secret that forced her into hiding. A Junior Library Guild Selection Praise: "Using an authentic adolescent voice with an observant sense of humor, Davis creates an engaging, increasingly gritty (also brutal) bike-centric mystery (and romance)a suspenseful ride." —KIRKUS REVIEWS "Davis constructs a succinct, compelling story that combines romance, suspense, and the theme of overcoming challenges. The strong sense of place, character development, and love triangle dynamics should engage cycling enthusiasts as well as a broader audience." —PUBLISHERS WEEKLY "A wonderful, tough, and totally believable story . . . Hang on tight. This is quite a ride."—Chris Crutcher, author of *Angry Management* "Dangerous"—TERRY DAVIS, AUTHOR OF *VISION QUEST* "I love Chasing AllieCat. It's proof again of what a tremendous writer

Becky Davis is, smart, touching and generous in spirit. She creates in Sadie, Allie, Joe, Siren and these other characters a magnificent group of survivors, that everyone will love getting to know!" —TERRY TRUEMAN, AUTHOR OF THE PRINTZ HONOR NOVEL STUCK IN NEUTRAL

### **Medusa the Mean**

Zack Dylan has a dream. He wants to sing on the biggest stages, for the biggest crowds, and he'll do whatever it takes to make it come true. But Zack also made a promise to his college sweetheart when he left Kentucky to compete on the popular TV show Fifteen Minutes: If he made it, nothing would change him or his faith in God. Overnight, Zack becomes the nation's most popular contestant, a country singer comparable to a young Tim McGraw. As his star rises, Zack is often asked to compromise and quiet his beliefs. Just as he's on the verge of winning it all, his choices lead him to the brink of personal disaster. Meanwhile, a former Fifteen Minutes winner is searching for meaning amidst her own private losses. Can she warn Zack about the real price of fame? Or will Zack lose everything he loves for his fifteen minutes of glory?

### **A Good and Useful Hurt**

The basis for the Academy Award®-winning movie! Kidnapped into slavery in 1841, Northup spent 12 years in captivity. This autobiographical memoir represents an exceptionally detailed and accurate description of slave life and plantation society. 7 illustrations. Index.

### **Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy**

Two best friends test the limits of loyalty in a stirring new novel of friendship, betrayal, and forgiveness. Erica and Claire had vowed to stay best friends for life—until one indiscretion destroyed that bond forever. Twenty years later, tragedy reunites them in an unexpected way. Now they must confront the past, discover its untold truths, and rebuild a friendship destined to endure.

### **Primary and Revision Total Ankle Replacement**

The Tree of Meaning is a collection of thirteen lectures given by internationally-renowned poet, linguist and typographer Robert Bringhurst. Together these lectures present a superbly grounded approach to the study of language, focusing on storytelling, mythology, comparative literature, humanity and the breadth of oral culture. Bringhurst's commitment to what he calls 'ecological linguistics' emerges in his studies of Native American art and storytelling, his understanding of

poetry, and his championing of a more truly universal conception of what constitutes literature. The collection features a sustained focus on Haida culture (including the work of storytellers Skaay and Ghandl, and artist Bill Reid), on the process of translation, and on the relationship between beings and language. Spanning ten years of lecturing, *The Tree of Meaning* is remarkable not only for the cohesion of its author's own ideas but for the synthesis of such wide-ranging perspectives and examples of cultures both human and non-human. These thirteen lectures draw together a highly personalized and active study of Native American art and literature, world languages, philosophy and natural history. To each subject Bringhurst brings an ecologically conscious, humanitarian approach and an enthusiastic interest in the world around him. "When the border guards ask, I say I'm a writer," remarks Bringhurst. "If they ask still more, I'll say I write both poetry and prose. That's usually enough; they'll shake their heads and wave me on. I wouldn't attempt to tell them the truth, which is that writing is just a disguise. I do my work by talking to the air. Sooner or later the talk is disguised as writing and printing, because those are the simplest, least obtrusive ways of miming something spoken. "For poetry at least, speaking also seems to me a better delivery method than writing. Doing readings pays better than publishing books of poems. It reaches a wider audience too. It allows for nuances no typographer can match. And speaking is much older and more universal than writing. It seems to me a better venue, much of the time, for the evanescent, mutable agelessness that is apt to distinguish a poem. "So poems, where I come from, are spoken to be

written and written to be spoken. The Tree of Meaning is a book of critical prose composed in the same way. “The book has several themes: the nature of language; the nature of meaning; the destruction of the earth as we have known it, occurring side by side with the evident persistence of poetry and meaning. And the book has an agenda connected to these themes. That agenda is learning to read and understand a few significant examples of Native American oral literature: works preserved often by accident, often in damaged form, which have, I think, a lot to teach us all. “In cultures that have writing, the usual way of capturing oral literature is to write it down and put it in a book. We’ve done that with the Iliad, the Odyssey, the Beowulf; we do it now with the works of Cree and Crow and Haida storytellers, phonetically transcribed in the past century and a half. It makes good sense to me that a book about oral literature should be spoken before it is written, and written to be spoken, not just read.”

### **The Tree of Meaning**

A dashing man of honor En route to propose to his sensible acquaintance Lady Hester, Sir Gareth Ludlow finds young, pretty Amanda wandering unattended and knows it is his duty to bring her back to her family. This turns out to be a challenge as Amanda seems to possess an imagination as intriguing as it is dangerous. A shocking refusal Lady Hester stuns both him and her family when she refuses him. At her age, no one would expect her to turn down such an eligible suitor. But Lady

Hester has met the indomitable Amanda. How can the quiet, intelligent Hester hope to compete with such a lively young lady? WHAT READERS ARE SAYING: "Wonderful Heyer! You must read this one, really it's one of her best charming and funny." "Crisp, funny, and wonderful to read." "The best Regency-era romance novel ever written I had exactly the same reaction to Sprig Muslin that I had with Austen's Pride and Prejudice-an overwhelming sense of relief and satisfaction that it had ended in exactly the way I had wanted it to So excellently done and such fun!" "Hilarious. I recommend Georgette Heyer to anyone in need of a bit of cheering up."

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