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Known for her powerful female protagonists who refuse to back down in the face of evil, New York Times bestselling author Linda Davies somehow found herself in a situation that could have been ripped from the pages of one of her thrillers. In 2005, Linda was living happily with her family in Dubai. Ever the adventurer, she was on the maiden voyage of her new catamaran alongside her husband when the boat's captain unknowingly sailed into sharply contested waters in the Strait of Hormuz, off the coast of Iran. Soon the trio were surrounded by gun boats and boarded by armed Iranian marines. Over the next two weeks Linda was held hostage by one of the most feared regimes in the world, with no reason to expect anything but the worst. The story of her imprisonment and harrowing escape, which she has worked so hard in the past to forget, is told in candid and shocking detail. Crackling with tension, it is also laced through with black humor and insight. Iran is perhaps the most hated and the least understood country in modern society and Linda's account gives a rare, illuminating glimpse into the realities of the oppressive regime.

The focus of this book is on dealing with hostage and crisis negotiations and how this can be successfully accomplished in order to save lives. Typically, those encountered by correctional and law enforcement crisis negotiators fall into one of three broad categories: The Bad, the Mad, and the Sad – or, those with antisocial personality disorder; those who are severely mentally ill, insane or psychotic; or those who are contemplating suicide, respectively. This book outlines tactics and procedures for dealing with these three groups of individuals. Many excerpts will be found of siege dialogue and behind-the-scenes efforts of those in the command post and other locations whose efforts and energies play an integral role in this life-saving process. Some topics discussed include how using sleep deprivation should be avoided by hostage and crisis negotiators and how it can be used to advantage against the culprits; and how active listening skills (ALS) can be utilized and the mechanics of the process. These ALS guidelines show how being not only a good interviewer but also a good listener can be used to find a remedy to the situation. Team roles and responsibilities are also discussed in some detail. Using “hooks,” or topics/persons that can be used to extract the subject from the crisis, and “hot buttons,” or topics/persons that should be avoided from discussion, is also examined. Several “Lessons Learned” sections are also included after the dialogues, outlining what was

learned and achieved in the process and which pitfalls should be avoided. Crisis negotiations has also been included in the book because a growing number of subjects with whom crisis negotiators deal are not holding hostages. While it is not the purpose of this text to review all tactics and techniques of the negotiations process, many examples are provided of what does work and, on occasion, what does not. It will prove to be a very useful tool to corrections and police negotiators and crisis interveners who seek peaceful ends to these very volatile and dangerous situations.

AN INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER “A stunning debut.”

—Washington Post “Haunting [and] powerful.” —The New York Times “A modern-day classic.” —Jeffery Deaver, New York Times bestselling author of *The Bone Collector* “Fantastic, I loved it.” —Paula Hawkins, New York Times bestselling author of *The Girl on the Train* She thought she had escaped her past. But there are some things you can't outrun. Lex Gracie doesn't want to think about her family. She doesn't want to think about growing up in her parents' House of Horrors. And she doesn't want to think about her identity as Girl A: the girl who escaped, the eldest sister who freed her older brother and four younger siblings. It's been easy enough to avoid her parents--her father never made it out of the House of Horrors he created, and her mother spent the rest of her life behind

bars. But when her mother dies in prison and leaves Lex and her siblings the family home, she can't run from her past any longer. Together with her sister, Evie, Lex intends to turn the home into a force for good. But first she must come to terms with her siblings--and with the childhood they shared. What begins as a propulsive tale of escape and survival becomes a gripping psychological family story about the shifting alliances and betrayals of sibling relationships--about the secrets our siblings keep, from themselves and each other. Who have each of these siblings become? How do their memories defy or galvanize Lex's own? As Lex pins each sibling down to agree to her family's final act, she discovers how potent the spell of their shared family mythology is, and who among them remains in its thrall and who has truly broken free. For readers of *Room* and *Sharp Objects*, an absorbing and psychologically immersive novel about a young girl who escapes captivity—but not the secrets that shadow the rest of her life. "Betancourt's riveting account...is an unforgettable epic of moral courage and human endurance." -Los Angeles Times In the midst of her campaign for the Colombian presidency in 2002, Ingrid Betancourt traveled into a military-controlled region, where she was abducted by the FARC, a brutal terrorist guerrilla organization in conflict with the government. She would spend the next six and a half years captive in the depths of the Colombian jungle. Even Silence

Has an End is her deeply moving and personal account of that time. The facts of her story are astounding, but it is Betancourt's indomitable spirit that drives this very special narrative—an intensely intelligent, thoughtful, and compassionate reflection on what it really means to be human.

I may be a shy, lowly letter carrier, but when my beloved apartment building is threatened by a mysterious and reclusive billionaire, I'm willing to push the envelope. I'm going to march right up to Malcolm Blackberg's fortress of fierceness and deliver a cease-and-desist notice he can't refuse. Except as soon as I get inside his gilded doors, things go sideways—I'm mistaken for Malcolm's court-ordered emotional intelligence coach—they think I'm acting out a wacky postal carrier cosplay. They drag me in, a sacrificial lamb for the big bad. Make that big, smolderingly sexy bad. So I make up a lesson involving a story about our building. He doesn't seem happy. Can he tell that I have no idea what I'm doing? Before I know it I'm flying around the country, up close and personality testing the most devilishly exasperating man I've ever met. He's scary for sure...but the way he sometimes looks at me turns my knees to jelly, and has me writing love letters to his gorgeous eyes, his mouthwatering smile, his impressive...package. Our coaching sessions are getting hot-hot-hot, but I can't let my guard down. If he ever finds out I'm a first-class fake, I'll lose everything

I've ever loved in this world! *** **The stand-alone romcoms in this series can be read in any order!**
Book 1. Most Eligible Billionaire (Henry & Vicky) Book 2. The Billionaire's Wake-up Call Girl (Lizzie & Theo) Book 3. Breaking the Billionaire's Rules (Max & Mia) Book 4. The Billionaire's Fake Fiancée (Rex and Tabitha) Book 5. Return Billionaire to Sender (Noelle & Malcolm) enemies to lovers romantic comedy, laugh out loud romcom, humorous romance, funny sexy book, funny books, funny romance novels, hilarious romance, laugh-out-loud, romantic comedy bestsellers, best romantic comedy, top romcom, bestselling romantic comedy, top romantic comedy, top romcom, bestselling romcom 2020, best romantic comedy 2020, highest rated romantic comedy, funny books, funny romance novel, light reads, fun reads, funny reads, funny romance books.

A fearless young woman from a small African village starts a revolution against an American oil company in this sweeping, inspiring novel from the New York Times bestselling author of Behold the Dreamers. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY ESQUIRE • “Mbue reaches for the moon and, by the novel's end, has it firmly held in her hand.”—NPR We should have known the end was near. So begins Imbolo Mbue's powerful second novel, How Beautiful We Were. Set in the fictional African village of Kosawa, it tells of a people living in fear amid environmental degradation wrought by an American oil company.

Pipeline spills have rendered farmlands infertile. Children are dying from drinking toxic water. Promises of cleanup and financial reparations to the villagers are made—and ignored. The country's government, led by a brazen dictator, exists to serve its own interests. Left with few choices, the people of Kosawa decide to fight back. Their struggle will last for decades and come at a steep price. Told from the perspective of a generation of children and the family of a girl named Thula who grows up to become a revolutionary, *How Beautiful We Were* is a masterful exploration of what happens when the reckless drive for profit, coupled with the ghost of colonialism, comes up against one community's determination to hold on to its ancestral land and a young woman's willingness to sacrifice everything for the sake of her people's freedom.

While Ken Cooper lived with his wife and two children and worked as publicity director for a Christian college, he was leading a double life--as a felon. With a vivid, you-are-there style, this former gentleman bank robber takes readers on a journey through years of armed robberies, the dramatic shooting that ended his career, the horrors of prison, and a soul ultimately finding peace. Without fear or embellishment, Cooper openly shares the darkest moments in his life. Yet in these moments he finally meets God and ends up becoming a bright light in a horrendous prison system. From adrenaline-pumping true-life crime to an

experience of God's gentle love, readers won't be able to put down this gripping memoir of transformation and God's grace.

Paul Spire flies to Brazil to visit his parents, and ends up a hostage to the ruthless Senhor and his men. He has to escape and then face the dangers of the Amazon jungle.

I was innocent before him, and he wanted nothing more than to ruin me. And if I'm honest, I wanted him too, even knowing I shouldn't. I knew he was a bad man, it doesn't take more than a single look to know it. Dark eyes and a charming smile that's made to fool girls like me. Still, I caved; I gave into temptation. And then I saw something I shouldn't have. Wrong place, wrong time. The mafia doesn't let witnesses simply walk away. Regret has a name, and it's Vincent Valetti. He won't let them kill me, but he's not going to let me go either. Topics include: mafia romances, dark romance, dark romance mafia, alpha business man book, billionaire romance, billionaire romance series, possessive alpha romance, willow winters books, w. winters books, contemporary romance, contemporary, romance novels, survival romance, the best romance series ever, bestselling series, captive romance.

"What a box of tricks! This full-throttle thriller, dark and driving, rivals Agatha Christie for sheer ingenuity and James Patterson for flat-out speed. Swift, sharp,

and relentless.” — A. J. Finn, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Woman in the Window* A brilliant, edgy thriller about four strangers, a blizzard, a kidnapped child, and a determined young woman desperate to unmask and outwit a vicious psychopath. A kidnapped little girl locked in a stranger’s van. No help for miles. What would you do? On her way to Utah to see her dying mother, college student Darby Thorne gets caught in a fierce blizzard in the mountains of Colorado. With the roads impassable, she’s forced to wait out the storm at a remote highway rest stop. Inside are some vending machines, a coffee maker, and four complete strangers. Desperate to find a signal to call home, Darby goes back out into the storm . . . and makes a horrifying discovery. In the back of the van parked next to her car, a little girl is locked in an animal crate. Who is the child? Why has she been taken? And how can Darby save her? There is no cell phone reception, no telephone, and no way out. One of her fellow travelers is a kidnapper. But which one? Trapped in an increasingly dangerous situation, with a child’s life and her own on the line, Darby must find a way to break the girl out of the van and escape. But who can she trust? With exquisitely controlled pacing, Taylor Adams diabolically ratchets up the tension with every page. Full of terrifying twists and hairpin turns, *No Exit* will have you on the edge of your seat and leave you breathless.

Francine is stunned when she discovers she's been married—for the last ten years—to Benny, her surly, nerdy frenemy she worked with one summer in Vegas. How in the world did they end up married? Though there was a certain drunken night.... She tracks Benny down, sure he'll be as shocked about the marriage as she is, sure he'll be happy to dissolve their union ASAP so she can get the documents she desperately needs. She's surprised to find that Benny is now a cold, wolfish billionaire. And yes, he'll sign the paperwork...for a price: she has to spend the next three weeks playing his adoring wife. Most Eligible Billionaire (Henry & Vicky) The Billionaire's Wake-up Call Girl (Lizzie & Theo) Breaking the Billionaire's Rules (Max & Mia) The Billionaire's Fake Fiancée (Rex and Tabitha) Return Billionaire to Sender (Noelle & Malcolm) Just Not That Into Billionaires (Francine & Benny)

The bestselling author of *Demolition Angel* and *L.A. Requiem* returns with his most intense and intricate thriller yet. As the *Los Angeles Times* said, Robert Crais is “a crime writer operating at the top of his game.” His complex heroes and heroines, his mastery of noir atmosphere, and his brilliant, taut plots have catapulted him into the front rank of a new breed of thriller writers. *Hostage* proves his earlier success was no fluke. It's an unstoppable read. An ex-con with delusions of grandeur and his tagalong brother unwittingly team up with a

psychopath one wrong word away from meltdown. When their late afternoon joyride turns into a random act of violence, they take a family hostage in the affluent bedroom community of Bristo Camino. Enter Chief of Police Jeff Talley, a stressed-out former LAPD SWAT negotiator who is hiding from his past. Plunged back into the high-pressure world that he desperately wants to forget, Talley soon learns that his nightmare has only begun. The hostages are not who they seem, and the home contains secrets that even L.A.'s most lethal and volatile crime lord, Sonny Benza, fears. As Talley tries to hold himself together and save the people inside, the full weight of Benza's wrath descends on him, putting the police chief and his own family at risk. Soon, all involved are held hostage by the exigencies of fate and the only one capable of diffusing the standoff is the least stable of them all. Hostage is a blistering stand-alone thriller with superb characters in crisis, multistranded plotting, and pitch-perfect Southern California sensibility.

#1 NATIONAL BESTSELLER * INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "T. J. Newman has written the perfect thriller! A must-read." —Gillian Flynn "Stunning and relentless. This is Jaws at 35,000 feet." —Don Winslow "Falling is the best kind of thriller...Nonstop, totally authentic suspense." —James Patterson "Amazing...Intense suspense, shocks, and scares...Chilling." —Lee Child You just

boarded a flight to New York. There are one hundred and forty-three other passengers onboard. What you don't know is that thirty minutes before the flight your pilot's family was kidnapped. For his family to live, everyone on your plane must die. The only way the family will survive is if the pilot follows his orders and crashes the plane. Enjoy the flight.

"So funny and so freaking addictive! This series is my favorite guilty pleasure!"
~A Buckeye Girl Reads Blog I was a small town girl trapped in a desperate situation...until three hunky bank robbers took me hostage! True, I'd always dreamed of escaping that place, but not like that. Then I found out about their rules. These guys have more rules than a grammar class! But unlike grammar class, their rules are hot. And kinky. And super exciting to memorize. Except I'm never supposed to ask their real names. Or where they're from, or why they lead this life. And we can never, ever talk about tomorrow. Here's a secret: I'm starting to suspect my tough-as-nails outlaws might have tender-as-taffy hearts. And every night I go to sleep wishing this didn't have to end. "I heart this gang like crazy! I hope she never stops writing these books!" ~Goodreads reviewer "So dirty and omfg so funny! I wanted it to last forever!" ~Night Reader Reviews Named a "Best book of the year" at Penelope Romance Reviews & A Buckeye Girl Reads & Nominated for Year's Best by The Romance Reviews (menage &

more) "What a crazy sexy hot book! Three hot bank robbers take Melinda as a hostage and give her a thrill of a lifetime." ~Karlynp booklikes "A sexy book with a solid story...The Hostage Bargain is a quirky steamy read with heart." ~Yummy Men and Kick Ass Chicks Search Terms: free, freebie, free book, free books, book, books, free ebook, ebook, free novel, rich, quick read, read, short, serial, series, funny, female protagonist, novel, secret, suspense, thriller, alpha male, literature, story, stories, hero, fiction, box, box set, boxed, boxed set, romance, free romance, free romance ebook, free romance ebooks, free romance book, free romance books, billionaire, wealthy, millionaire, women's fiction, racy, legal, free romance novel, free romance books, free romance books, free books to read and download, second chances, freebie, romance freebie, free, free book, free books, free romance books, free romance books to download, free alpha male billionaire romance books, free bad boy romance books, free romance short stories, free second chance romance, free steamy romance books, free contemporary romance books, free hot romance books, women freebies, free fiction books for young adults, free love story and romance books, free office romance books, boss romance books free, beach reads, new adult, free romantic fiction, romance fiction books, wealthy, millionaire, billionaire, free romance books, billionaire romance, wealthy, free romance novel, alpha male, free novel,

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In a tense and riveting narrative, *The ISIS Hostage* details freelance photographer Daniel Rye's 13-month ordeal at the hands of the Islamic State after he was captured in Syria, and the misery inflicted upon him, and 19 other hostages, by their guards. This compelling account also follows Daniel's family and the nerve-wracking negotiations with his kidnappers. It traces their horrifying journey through impossible dilemmas, and offers a rare glimpse into the secret world of the investigation launched to locate and free not only Daniel, but also the American freelance journalist and fellow hostage James Foley. Written with Daniel's full cooperation and based on interviews with former fellow prisoners, jihadists, and key figures who worked behind the scenes to secure his release, *The ISIS Hostage* reveals for the first time the torment suffered by the captives

and tells a moving and terrifying story of friendship, torture, and survival. A special fiftieth anniversary edition of Kurt Vonnegut's masterpiece, "a desperate, painfully honest attempt to confront the monstrous crimes of the twentieth century" (Time), featuring a new introduction by Kevin Powers, author of the National Book Award finalist *The Yellow Birds* Selected by the Modern Library as one of the 100 best novels of all time *Slaughterhouse-Five*, an American classic, is one of the world's great antiwar books. Centering on the infamous World War II firebombing of Dresden, the novel is the result of what Kurt Vonnegut described as a twenty-three-year struggle to write a book about what he had witnessed as an American prisoner of war. It combines historical fiction, science fiction, autobiography, and satire in an account of the life of Billy Pilgrim, a barber's son turned draftee turned optometrist turned alien abductee. As Vonnegut had, Billy experiences the destruction of Dresden as a POW. Unlike Vonnegut, he experiences time travel, or coming "unstuck in time." An instant bestseller, *Slaughterhouse-Five* made Kurt Vonnegut a cult hero in American literature, a reputation that only strengthened over time, despite his being banned and censored by some libraries and schools for content and language. But it was precisely those elements of Vonnegut's writing—the political edginess, the genre-bending inventiveness, the frank violence, the transgressive wit—that have

inspired generations of readers not just to look differently at the world around them but to find the confidence to say something about it. Authors as wide-ranging as Norman Mailer, John Irving, Michael Crichton, Tim O'Brien, Margaret Atwood, Elizabeth Strout, David Sedaris, Jennifer Egan, and J. K. Rowling have all found inspiration in Vonnegut's words. Jonathan Safran Foer has described Vonnegut as "the kind of writer who made people—young people especially—want to write." George Saunders has declared Vonnegut to be "the great, urgent, passionate American writer of our century, who offers us . . . a model of the kind of compassionate thinking that might yet save us from ourselves." Fifty years after its initial publication at the height of the Vietnam War, Vonnegut's portrayal of political disillusionment, PTSD, and postwar anxiety feels as relevant, darkly humorous, and profoundly affecting as ever, an enduring beacon through our own era's uncertainties. "Poignant and hilarious, threaded with compassion and, behind everything, the cataract of a thundering moral statement."—The Boston Globe

An electrifying thriller featuring Eve Rossi, head of a secret division of the FBI—one made up of ex-convicts with extraordinary talents, oversized egos, and contempt for the rules NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY LIBRARY JOURNAL AND SUSPENSE MAGAZINE In the hushed quiet of early

morning Manhattan, in front of the towering bronze doors of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, a young woman holds a sign that reads: HELP ME. For one FBI agent, a madman's terrified hostages, and an entire city, a long and harrowing day is about to unfold. The hostage taker's identity is unknown. But he knows who FBI agent Eve Rossi is—and everything about her past. Along with her presence, he demands five witnesses: ordinary people with some hidden connection. Defying her superiors, Eve begins a deadly dance with an adversary whose intentions are surely sinister, whose endgame is anything but certain, and whose cunning keeps him one step ahead at every turn. As Eve manages a taut hostage situation, she relies on the combined skills of her team—a secret unit inspired by France's most notorious criminal and made up of ex-convicts with extraordinary talents, oversized egos, and contempt for the rules. Eve is up against a rapidly ticking clock. But the dangerous man calling the shots has a timetable of his own—and a searing question for his targets: What are you guilty of? As shocking revelations surface, so does another crisis nobody could anticipate—one not even Eve and her team may be able to stop. Praise for Hostage Taker “A high-voltage game of parry and thrust.”—New York Daily News “The perfect blend: an urban thriller as modern as tomorrow's New York Times, driven by a two-hundred-year-old idea, with a main character to die for. I hope we

see plenty more of Eve Rossi and her team.”—Lee Child, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Personal* “The concept is great. . . . The twists are good, and the emotion level climbs higher and higher. . . . Pintoff has serious potential to go into waters already charted by the likes of Lisa Gardner, Tami Hoag, and Allison Brennan.”—Sarah Weinman, *The Crime Lady* “Amazing . . . [Hostage Taker] will keep you awake nights. . . . The book boasts a dynamic heroine. . . . You will never look at the beauties of the complicated structure that is St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York quite the same again.”—Liz Smith, *New York Social Diary* “A high-velocity roller coaster of a thriller!”—Jeffery Deaver, New York Times bestselling author of *The Skin Collector* “A brilliant thriller from a gifted writer . . . Pintoff is one of the best crime writers at work today.”—Michael Koryta, New York Times bestselling author of *Those Who Wish Me Dead* “A gripping conclusion . . . tense and thoughtful . . . a sharp new crime series.”—*Nights and Weekends* “Pintoff skillfully ratchets up the tension and throws more than one curveball into this twisty, exciting read.”—*Booklist* (starred review) “Strong writing, a well-paced plot, and intriguing characters make this one of the best thrillers of the year. Fans of Lisa Gardner will find much to like here.”—*Library Journal* (starred review)

A Wrinkle in Time is the winner of the 1963 Newbery Medal. It was a dark and

stormy night—Meg Murry, her small brother Charles Wallace, and her mother had come down to the kitchen for a midnight snack when they were upset by the arrival of a most disturbing stranger. "Wild nights are my glory," the unearthly stranger told them. "I just got caught in a downdraft and blown off course. Let me sit down for a moment, and then I'll be on my way. Speaking of ways, by the way, there is such a thing as a tesseract." A tesseract (in case the reader doesn't know) is a wrinkle in time. To tell more would rob the reader of the enjoyment of Miss L'Engle's unusual book. *A Wrinkle in Time*, winner of the Newbery Medal in 1963, is the story of the adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe (athlete, student, and one of the most popular boys in high school). They are in search of Meg's father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government on the tesseract problem.

After an almost fatal car crash, novelist Paul Sheldon finds himself being nursed by a deranged fan who holds him captive.

Awe and exhilaration--along with heartbreak and mordant wit--abound in *Lolita*, Nabokov's most famous and controversial novel, which tells the story of the aging Humbert Humbert's obsessive, devouring, and doomed passion for the nymphet Dolores Haze. *Lolita* is also the story of a hypercivilized European colliding with the cheerful barbarism of postwar America. Most of all, it is a meditation on

love--love as outrage and hallucination, madness and transformation. When danger lurks behind a familiar face... Successful architect Rachel Granger loves her job and her life, but when a terrorist on the FBI's most wanted list targets her, there's only one man she can trust. She hasn't seen Jake in years but her former college friend told her he'd always be there for her and she definitely needs him now. Even though her feelings for him go far deeper than friendship and just being around him risks her heart, she would do anything to keep those she loves safe from a madman bent on unleashing hell. Only one man from her past can help FBI Special Agent Jake Evers made the biggest mistake of his life when he let Rachel slip through his fingers over two years ago. It doesn't matter that he hasn't seen her since then—if she needs him, he'll be there. When he learns that she's the target of a domestic terror cell, he'll do everything in his power to keep her safe. He's never gotten over her and won't risk losing her again now that she's reappeared in his life. But the threat is more widespread than they realized and now it's a race against time to keep her and scores of innocent civilians alive.

Never beg. Never grovel. Nice guys wind up in the friend zone. I wrote the book on scoring with hot women - literally. I'm the patron saint of players, the Tony Robbins to clueless guys. My rules are rock-solid and my men's style empire

spans the globe. Then she walks in. My high school nemesis. The one who inspired the most important rule of all--Love ruins a man. Just walk away. * ****A standalone romantic comedy from NYT bestselling author Annika Martin!!****

This is the expanded second edition Other stand-alone romcoms in this series can be read in any order! Book 1. Most Eligible Billionaire (Henry & Vicky) Book 2. The Billionaire's Wake-up Call Girl (Lizzie & Theo) Book 3. Breaking the Billionaire's Rules (Max & Mia) Book 4. The Billionaire's Fake Fiancée (Rex and Tabitha) Book 5. Return Billionaire to Sender (Noelle & Malcolm)

A stunning debut novel with an intriguing literary hook: written in part as a letter from a victim to her abductor. Sensitive, sharp, captivating! Gemma, 16, is on layover at Bangkok Airport, en route with her parents to a vacation in Vietnam. She steps away for just a second, to get a cup of coffee. Ty--rugged, tan, too old, oddly familiar--pays for Gemma's drink. And drugs it. They talk. Their hands touch. And before Gemma knows what's happening, Ty takes her. Steals her away. The unknowing object of a long obsession, Gemma has been kidnapped by her stalker and brought to the desolate Australian Outback. STOLEN is her gripping story of survival, of how she has to come to terms with her living nightmare--or die trying to fight it.

Between robbing banks and making Isis obey their wickedly dirty commands, the

kinky bank robbers seem to have it all. Or do they? The gang's desire for a normal life leads them to start an actual business—a detective agency. But when a drug kingpin hires them to solve a baffling mystery, the gang is driven deep into the Los Angeles underworld—and comes face to face with a dangerous enemy. And the mystery isn't the only thing unravelling—a sexy and forbidden new game is tearing the gang apart. Can they pull back together before it's too late? Or is the world's sexiest four-way doomed to destruction?

In April 2005, Ashley Smith made headlines around the globe when she miraculously talked her way out of the hands of alleged courthouse killer Brian Nichols after he took her hostage for seven hours in her suburban Atlanta apartment. In this moving, inspirational memoir, the 26-year-old widowed mother of a six-year-old girl shares for the first time the little-known details of her traumatic ordeal, and expands on how her faith and the bestselling book *The Purpose-Driven« Life* helped her survive and bring the killer's murderous rampage to a peaceful end. Just as she told her 6'1", 210-pound captor that his ultimate "purpose" in life was to end up spending the rest of his life in prison, preaching the teachings of Jesus Christ to his fellow inmates, Smith believes her own purpose is to spread that message of love to the rest of us. Juxtaposing the minute-by-minute tale of her experience with the never-before-told tragedies and triumphs of her own life, *Unlikely Angel* is a gripping tale of downfall and redemption, involving addiction, violence, death, loss, faith, and love. It is a story that will leave no reader untouched.

An award-winning journalist's extraordinary account of being kidnapped and tortured in Syria

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by al Qaeda for two years—a revelatory memoir about war, human nature, and endurance that’s “the best of the genre, profound, poetic, and sorrowful” (The Atlantic). In 2012, American journalist Theo Padnos, fluent in Arabic, Russian, German, and French, traveled to a Turkish border town to write and report on the Syrian civil war. One afternoon in October, while walking through an olive grove, he met three young Syrians—who turned out to be al Qaeda operatives—and they captured him and kept him prisoner for nearly two years. On his first day, in the first of many prisons, Padnos was given a blindfold—a grime-stained scrap of fabric—that was his only possession throughout his horrific ordeal. Now, Padnos recounts his time in captivity in Syria, where he was frequently tortured at the hands of the al Qaeda affiliate, Jebhat al Nusra. We learn not only about Padnos’s harrowing experience, but we also get a firsthand account of life in a Syrian village, the nature of Islamic prisons, how captors interrogate someone suspected of being CIA, the ways that Islamic fighters shift identities and drift back and forth through the veil of Western civilization, and much more. No other journalist has lived among terrorists for as long as Theo has—and survived. As a resident of thirteen separate prisons in every part of rebel-occupied Syria, Theo witnessed a society adrift amid a steady stream of bombings, executions, torture, prayer, fasting, and exhibitions, all staged by the terrorists. Living within this tide of violence changed not only his personal identity but also profoundly altered his understanding of how to live. Offering fascinating, unprecedented insight into the state of Syria today, *Blindfold* is “a triumph of the human spirit” (The New York Times Book Review)—combining the emotional power of a captive’s memoir with a journalist’s account of a culture and a nation in conflict that is as urgent and important as ever. I never knew when he’d come to me. Only that he would.

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-- ONE WRONG TURN. ONE RIGHT MAN. -- Colin. Rule-follower. Future doctor. Witness to murder. Captive. Taron. Survivalist. Mute. Murderer. Captor. Like every other weekend, Colin is on his way home from university, but he's taunted by the notion that he never takes risks in life and always follows the beaten path. On impulse, he decides to take a different route. Just this one time. What he doesn't realize is that it's the last time he has a choice. He ends up taking a detour into the darkest pit of horror, abducted by a silent, imposing man with a blood-stained axe. But what seems like his worst nightmare might just prove to be a path to the kind of freedom Colin never knew existed. Taron has lived alone for years. His land, his rules. He'd given up on company long ago. After all, attachment is a liability. He deals with his problems on his own, but the night he needs to dispose of an enemy, he ends up with a witness to his crime. The last thing Taron needs is a nuisance of a captive. Colin doesn't deserve death for setting foot on Taron's land, but keeping him isn't optimal either. It's only when he finds out the city boy is gay that an altogether different option arises. One that isn't right, yet tempts him every time Colin's pretty eyes glare at him from the cage. * "When Taron looped the heavy metal collar around the slender neck and closed the padlock, his body throbbed with the excitement of knowing he owned this boy. Was it wrong? Yes, yes it was. Was it so, so good? Definitely." Themes: prepping, alternative lifestyles, disability, crime, loneliness, enemies to lovers, forced proximity, fish out of water, opposites attract, abduction, Stockholm syndrome, family issues Genre: Dark, thriller M/M romance Heat level: Scorching hot, emotional, explicit scenes Length: ~ 70,000 words (Standalone) This book is part of CRIMINAL DELIGHTS. Each novel can be read as a standalone and contains a dark M/M romance. Warning: These books are for adult readers who enjoy stories where lines between right and wrong get blurry. High

heat, twisted and tantalizing, these are not for the fainthearted.

Radio show host, Robert Russell sheds the light on the bad advice that may be holding your retirement captive from success. You will discover how to: pay less money to the government by utilizing tax saving techniques. Understand strategies like "The Super Roth," "Vertical Diversification," "Personal Pension Planning" and "The Tax-Efficient Frontier".

“Truly thrilling. Daniel Levin brilliantly conveys both the menace and the evil of Middle Eastern intrigue, and some victories of human kindness over cruelty and despair.” —Daniel Kahneman, New York Times bestselling author of *Thinking, Fast and Slow* “In laying bare the raw human toll of the ferocious and cruel Syrian conflict, *Proof of Life* asks the reader to make a choice between cynicism and compassion.” —Ayaan Hirsi Ali, New York Times bestselling author of *Infidel* Daniel Levin was at his office when he got a call from an acquaintance with an urgent, cryptic request to meet in Paris. A young man had gone missing in Syria. No government, embassy, or intelligence agency would help. Could he? Would he? So begins a suspenseful, shocking, and at times brutal true story of one man’s search to find a missing person in Syria over twenty tense days. Levin, a lawyer turned armed-conflict negotiator, uses his extensive contacts to chase leads throughout the Middle East, meeting with powerful sheikhs, drug lords, and sex traffickers in his pursuit of the truth. He also discovers remarkable people who retain their essential goodness and spirit in the face of adversity. In *Proof of Life*, Levin dives deep into a shadowy world where few have access—an underground industry of war where everything is for sale, including arms, drugs, and even people. He offers a fascinating study of how people use leverage to get what they want from one another and where no one does a favor without wanting something in return, whether it’s immediately or years down the road.

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Proof of Life is a fast-paced thriller wrapped in a memoir, a must-read for anyone interested in power dynamics, international affairs, the Middle East, or our growing number of forever wars. Soon to be a Netflix film starring Millie Bobby Brown! In this feminist, suspenseful thriller the daughter of a con artist is taken hostage in a bank heist—and will need to tap into all her skills in order to survive. A BUSTLE, REFINERY29, COSMOPOLITAN, BUZZFEED and MARIE CLAIRE MOST ANTICIPATED BOOK of 2021 Nora O'Malley's been a lot of girls. As the daughter of a con-artist who targets criminal men, she grew up as her mother's protégé. But when her mom fell for the mark instead of conning him, Nora pulled the ultimate con: escape. For five years Nora's been playing at normal. But she needs to dust off the skills she ditched because she has three problems: #1: Her ex walked in on her with her girlfriend. Even though they're all friends, Wes didn't know about her and Iris. #2: The morning after Wes finds them kissing, they all have to meet to deposit the fundraiser money they raised at the bank. It's a nightmare that goes from awkward to deadly, because: #3: Right after they enter the bank, two guys start robbing it. The bank robbers may be trouble, but Nora's something else entirely. They have no idea who they're really holding hostage . . .

“Dark, sexy, and intense, Prisoner is an emotional ride that does not let go until the end. I loved it!” ~ Kristen Callihan, USA Today bestselling author HE SEETHES WITH RAW POWER THE FIRST TIME I SEE HIM—pure menace and rippling muscles in shackles. He’s dangerous. He’s wild. He’s the most beautiful thing I’ve ever seen. So I hide behind my prim glasses and my book like I always do, because I have secrets, too. Then he shows up in the prison writing class I have to teach and he blows me away with his honesty. He tells me secrets in his stories, and it's getting harder to hide mine. I shiver when he gets too close, with only the cuffs

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and the bars and the guards holding him back. At night, I can't stop thinking about him. But that's the thing about an animal in a cage—you never know when he'll bite. He might use you to escape. He might even pull you into a forest and hold a hand over your mouth, so you can't call for the cops. He might make you come so hard, you can't think. And you might crave him more than your next breath. ***** "Sexy, dark and thrilling. I loved every second!" ~

Katie Reus, New York Times bestselling author

Because nobody loves a two-for-one deal better than the kinky bank robbers! The Wrong Turn - A Kinky Bank Robbers novella When Isis consented to letting three hot, dominating bank robbers use her for their every delicious whim and pleasure, she was thinking about forbidden thrills. Dangerous fun. What she never expected was the deep bond the four of them might form. But when the group plans a daring heist during a night of kinky sex, she discovers how strong their emotions can grow—and how high the stakes can climb. Do the outlaws have what it takes to evade their enemies...and give each other what they truly need? The Deeper Game - A Kinky Bank Robbers novel Q: Who would stalk Isis? A: Somebody with a deathwish!! When the group carries out a daring heist after a night of hot sex, emotions spin out control. But then a threatening letter arrives for Isis, and she realizes just how ruthless, dangerous and brilliant her three men are. The stalker's threats unleash the robbers' most primal and possessive

instincts as they blaze a path of destruction through the criminal underground
"This book is just plain sizzling hot fun! I can't wait to read more about this group." ~ A Buckeye Girl Reads "I read this book in one night and just loved it to death. I need more kinky bank robbers NOW!!" ~Candylips Book Bang "...a delicious mix of snappy humor, wicked sexcapades and on-the-edge-of-your-seat suspense." ~Penelope's Romance Reviews

After being abducted when she was ten and abused for five years by her kidnapper, Ray, Alice's only hope of freedom is in death, but her only way to achieve such an escape is to help Ray find the next girl for his collection. The definitive account of the disappearance of forty-three Mexican students On September 26, 2014, a party of students from the Ayotzinapa Rural Teachers' College were en route to a protest when intercepted by local police. A confrontation ensued. Come the morning, the students were nowhere to be found. The crime that had transpired and the resultant cover-up brought the profound depths of corruption in the Mexican government and police force—as well as the vulnerability of ordinary Mexicans—into stark relief. Investigative reporter Anabel Hernández reconstructs the terrible events of that night and its aftermath, giving us the most complete picture available. Her sources are unparalleled. In researching this book, she secured access to internal

government documents that have not been made public and to surveillance footage the government has tried to hide and destroy. Hernández demolishes the Mexican state's official version of events, which the Peña Nieto government cynically dubbed the "historic truth." As her research shows, state officials at all levels, from police and prosecutors to the upper echelons of government, conspired to put together a fake case, concealing and manipulating evidence, and arresting and torturing dozens of "suspects," procuring forced confessions to back up the official lie. By following the role of the various Mexican state agencies through the events in such remarkable detail, *A Massacre in Mexico* shows with exacting precision precisely who is responsible for this monumental crime and who needs to be held accountable.

A taut, emotionally loaded, devastatingly powerful thriller from the acclaimed author of *In Darkness*

The complete three-book bundle! Includes *The Hostage Bargain*, *The Wrong Turn*, & *The Deeper Game* The When small town girl Melinda Prescott is taken hostage by three hot bank robbers, she quickly discovers that a life of bank heists, luxury hotels, and kinky menages is way more exciting than working on the family sheep farm. She should be scared of her dominating, fierce captors...but there's something wicked inside her that's craving to obey their

every dark desire. Melinda's an all-too willing captive to three smoldering sex maniacs...but is it all too good to be true? Will her delicious captors overcome their own demons enough to let her in...or is she going to end up a victim of the world's sexiest crime spree?

Instant #1 New York Times Bestseller A People Book of the Week, Book of the Month Club selection, and Best of Fall in Good Housekeeping, PopSugar, The Washington Post, New York Post, Shondaland, CNN, and more! “[A] quirky, big-hearted novel...Wry, wise, and often laugh-out-loud funny, it’s a wholly original story that delivers pure pleasure.” —People From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of A Man Called Ove comes a charming, poignant novel about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious strangers who find they have more in common than they ever imagined. Looking at real estate isn’t usually a life-or-death situation, but an apartment open house becomes just that when a failed bank robber bursts in and takes a group of strangers hostage. The captives include a recently retired couple who relentlessly hunt down fixer-uppers to avoid the painful truth that they can’t fix their own marriage. There’s a wealthy bank director who has been too busy to care about anyone else and a young couple who are about to have their first child but can’t seem to agree on anything, from

where they want to live to how they met in the first place. Add to the mix an eighty-seven-year-old woman who has lived long enough not to be afraid of someone waving a gun in her face, a flustered but still-ready-to-make-a-deal real estate agent, and a mystery man who has locked himself in the apartment's only bathroom, and you've got the worst group of hostages in the world. Each of them carries a lifetime of grievances, hurts, secrets, and passions that are ready to boil over. None of them is entirely who they appear to be. And all of them—the bank robber included—desperately crave some sort of rescue. As the authorities and the media surround the premises these reluctant allies will reveal surprising truths about themselves and set in motion a chain of events so unexpected that even they can hardly explain what happens next. Rich with Fredrik Backman's "pitch-perfect dialogue and an unparalleled understanding of human nature" (Shelf Awareness), *Anxious People* is an ingeniously constructed story about the enduring power of friendship, forgiveness, and hope—the things that save us, even in the most anxious times.

When eleven-year-old Kaci interrupts burglars in the process of robbing her house, she and her nosy elderly neighbor Mrs. Banducci are kidnapped and held hostage by the desperate and ruthless criminals.

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