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Smile Penguin

The first book of the #1 bestselling Thalia Series from USA Today bestselling author Jennifer Bene, acclaimed as "dark, intense, and emotionally harrowing..." ★★★★★ "I'll break you down. It may take time, but I will." "And if I don't break?" "You will." Taken from work one night, Thalia is thrust into the violent, controlling world of a man she thought had been the security guard for her building, but she quickly learns that this was only a cover to get to her, to take her. As her old life is erased, the guard pushes Thalia to recognize the darker sides of herself, while Thalia endeavors to hold on to who she is. Trapped alone with her abductor, can Thalia fight to retain her sense of self, or will his small glimpses of kindness cause her to finally submit to him? 'Security Binds Her' is a dark, brutal journey that leaves readers breathless and waiting to turn the page to find out if Thalia will break, or be lost forever to the darkness around her.

Striking a Balance Jennifer Bene

The extraordinary story of one woman's ten-year medical and

metaphysical odyssey that brought her physical, creative, emotional, and spiritual healing, by a MacArthur genius and two-time Pulitzer finalist. With a play opening on Broadway, and every reason to smile, Sarah Ruhl has just survived a high-risk pregnancy when she discovers the left side of her face is completely paralyzed. She is assured that 90 percent of Bell's palsy patients see spontaneous improvement and experience a full recovery. Like Ruhl's own mother. But Sarah is in the unlucky ten percent. And for a woman, wife, mother, and artist working in theater, the paralysis and the disconnect between the interior and exterior brings significant and specific challenges. So Ruhl begins an intense decade-long search for a cure while simultaneously grappling with the reality of her new face—one that, while recognizably her own—is incapable of accurately communicating feelings or intentions. In a series of piercing, witty, and lucid meditations, Ruhl chronicles her journey as a patient, wife, mother, and artist. She explores the struggle of a body yearning to match its inner landscape, the pain of postpartum depression, the story of a marriage, being a playwright and working mom to three small children, and the desire for a resilient spiritual life in the face of illness. Brimming with insight, humility, and levity, *Smile* is a triumph by one of

America's leading playwrights. It is an intimate examination of loss and reconciliation, and above all else, the importance of perseverance and hope in the face of adversity.

Leaving Cheyenne Simon and Schuster

For fans of *The Giver*, a futuristic thriller with a diverse cast. In Thalia's world, there is no more food and no need for food, as everyone takes medication to ward off hunger. Her parents both work for the company that developed the drugs society consumes to quell any food cravings, and they live a life of privilege as a result. When Thalia meets a boy who is part of an underground movement to bring food back, she realizes that there is an entire world outside her own. She also starts to feel hunger, and so does the boy. Are the meds no longer working? Together, they set out to find the only thing that will quell their hunger: real food. It's a journey that will change everything Thalia thought she knew. But can a "privy" like her ever truly be part of a revolution?

Wild Sweetness Liveright Publishing

When the goddess Artemis goes missing, she is believed to have been kidnapped. And now it's up to Percy and his friends to find out what happened. Who is powerful enough to kidnap a goddess?

The Story of a Face Simon and Schuster

Nine years she suffered, but no more. Her new name is Mia Harlow, and she is ready to live again. It took a near death experience, but Mia got away. She's rebuilt her life from the ground up, and after three long years, she's found a reason to live again. Everything is going great until her neighbor is attacked, and the past threatens to engulf Mia again. Just when she thinks all is lost, three amazing men waltz into her life. Their complementary personalities and differing strengths bind the broken pieces that her ex-husband left behind. While Mia is healing and learning what love is supposed to be, a serial killer is on the prowl. Molly Manhunter stalks the city looking for rapists. She ensnares them with the one thing they've been accused of abusing - sex, and uses it to extinguish their lives. Molly is determined to fight against the silence that gets swept under the rug of justice, and Mia is caught up in the search for her neighbor's abuser. Will the two women cross paths? When push comes to shove, will Mia's newfound bonds weather the storm? Can one woman break the Deafening Silence, or will she become another victim to the system? Deafening Silence book one in the Manhunter trilogy. It is a dark reverse harem romance about an abuse survivor. The MC will not choose between her love interests. Expect dark elements and explicit scenes. If such scenes will offend or trigger you, please do not buy this book.

Duane's Depressed Jennifer Bene

From the creator of the award-winning food blog, Butter and Brioche, comes a unique and beautifully designed full-color cookbook that brings wild flavors to desserts as told through the seasons. In *Wild Sweetness*, Thalia Ho captures the essence of the wild, and re-imagines it on the plate. She guides us through a tale of six distinct seasons and the flavors inspired by them: of bright, herbaceous new life in spring, to the aromatic florals that follow, of bursting summer berries, over-ripe fruit, warmth and spice in fall, then ending with winter and its smolder. In more than 95 recipes, Thalia opens our eyes and taste buds to a celebration of what the wild has to offer—a world of sweet escapism, using flavor to heighten our experience of food. Enthralling, unique, and inspired recipes you'll want to cook over and over again.

Split Infinity Jennifer Bene

The Thalia Series is a dark, gripping, and emotionally harrowing story that takes you on a rollercoaster ride from the deepest of dark romances all the way to the light. Featuring all five books:

Security Binds Her, *Striking a Balance*, *Salvaged by Love*, *Christmas at Purgatory*, and *Tying the Knot!* Also includes the short stories 'The Branding', 'A Kalen and James Flashback', and a never before released story titled 'James at The Auction'.

The Berrybender Narratives New Directions Publishing

She was a pawn coveted by kings. From the moment of her birth, Thalia has been groomed to become a Blood Maiden to a vampire. As a human born in one of the colonies of Karthia, Thalia's extremely rare blood type is her ticket out of the life of poverty and hardship that normally befalls her species. During her first Blood Fair, she intends to entice the Vampire Lord Konstantin into claiming her. But unable to resist an unexpected offer, her long years of hard work and carefully planned future are derailed by a stunning, silver-eyed Lycan named Drogo. Struck by a rare but deadly illness, King Drogo's only chance of survival relies on securing some golden blood. Yet, the moment he sees Thalia, the rabid emotions the clever female awakens in him surpass even his thirst for her unique blood. But the Lycan King's efforts to claim Thalia as his mate revive a century-old rivalry with his nemesis, Konstantin. As the realm braces for a cataclysmic event, the clash between the two most powerful males of Karthia escalates. Will the battle to claim Thalia bring about her ultimate demise?

Inheritance Beyond Publishing

If anyone discovered her secret, sassy Puerto Rican grad student Thalia Bareo could kiss her scholarships, opportunities, and any future career hopes goodbye. She'd be forced back home, stuck working at her father's auto shop... the very place she's worked so hard to leave behind. Thalia values her independence and has never needed a man to make her life complete. She's on the fast track to becoming one of the top minds in her field, her passion for museum curation and her desire to travel the world the driving force behind all of her decision making. But fate throws a wrench in her plans when Thalia's path crosses with two men who each stake a claim on her heart - two men who just happen to be professors at her university. Rivals at the posh New England school she attends, and neither having any idea they've taken an interest in the same plus-sized beauty, these men couldn't be more different from one another. Yet both desire Thalia's voluptuous body, as well as her intellectual mind, and offer her very different glimpses into futures she's never considered. With each of them, she discovers a hidden side of herself and must make an impossible choice now that her eyes have been opened. Is it just about the thrill of her 'education' or will this forbidden love change Thalia forever? ***Authors' Note: This is a full-length novel with lots of steamy romance, a HFN (Happy For Now) with a plus-size heroine. There will be a sequel to this book, concluding the tale of Thalia and her men. This book is NOT a threesome romance, though it contains sexual content and language. This book includes discussions of fat-shaming the main character experienced in her life. In later chapters of the book, there is a description of a thwarted sexual attack on a female character. Out of concern for our readers, a detailed content warning can be found at writercassmichaels.com on the book page for *Educating Thalia*, or at giselagreywrites.wordpress.com.*** Bonus content included ***

Lifespan of Starlight Hardie Grant Books

On the run from the government, Scout uses time-travel as a way to survive. But her decades-long disappearance is finally catching up with her... When Scout returns from her longest time-skip yet, her world has been turned upside down. Her friends are now co-operating with the authoritarian regime that Scout worked so hard to escape from - and they're prepared to hand her in. Her life depends on a virtual stranger, and with surveillance tighter than ever, evading capture will be next to impossible. Worst of

all, Mason is nowhere to be found. As Scout sets out on a desperate search for Mason, she discovers something shocking: living somewhere in the heart of the city is a mysterious woman who holds the key to travelling backwards in time. But who is she, and how did she learn to skip? Finding her could offer Scout a chance to shape a new future - if she can learn to let go of her past.

A Novel Routledge

It would take time. Time to destroy who she used to be... time for all her hope to die... time to truly make her a thing. But he would. Anthony took Beth to remake her into the perfect toy for his customers. Mindless, obedient, a broken thing without complications. But Beth is strong. She refuses to break, refuses to let Anthony erase her... even if that means losing in the end.

A Societal Perspective Jennifer Bene

Thalia doesn't want to go to Madame Aquila's Academy. She can't get any of her spells right, or even use the crystal ball. And the only thing she can do with her broomstick is sweep! Poor Thalia would give anything to go to plain old Ferntree Primary School with Lyneve and Tracy Dobbs from next door. But on graduation day, just as Thalia is about to become an official failure, she discovers she has at least one talent that no-one has noticed and Madame Aquila had better watch out! 7 yrs+

Thalia the Failure Liveright Publishing

After a terrible gymnastics class, Gemma wonders if her time on the gymnastics team is coming to an end, especially since her coach is not happy with her.

Sink Or Swim Hardie Grant Books

- Highly acclaimed, iconic author: Larry McMurtry is renowned for his elegiac prose, sharp wit, and engaging plotlines. His Thalia, Texas, series is among his most famous and Duane is an icon as much as his creator.
- The Thalia Finale: Readers have followed the life of Duane through *The Last Picture Show*, *Texasville*, *Duane's Depressed*, and *When the Light Goes*. Rhino Ranch, the final episode in Duane's saga, represents the end of an era and is the most unusual and compelling novel in the series.
- Irony, romance, and cycle of life: Duane comes back from a near-fatal heart attack to discover that his new neighbor has recently opened a rhino preserve on her property. As he watches his world change around him, he reminisces on love affairs past and the missed opportunities he now regrets. Rhino Ranch is a bittersweet and fitting end to this iconic series, a tribute to all of the emotion, hilarity, whimsy, and poignancy that readers have followed across decades.

A Novel New Directions Publishing

Thalia may be free, but can she learn to live after the darkness? Thalia and James have just met under the most insane of circumstances. He purchased her at an underground auction from a man who kidnapped her, tormented her, and sold her to the highest bidder. In their first few months together Thalia wants to view James as her savior, her knight in shining armor that she can stay with in safety, but she can't escape the trauma she went through and the lingering effects it has caused. James isn't sure, now that he has Thalia, if he can handle the depth of submission she displays. Can James help her strike a balance between who she is as a person and her newfound craving for submission, or will her urge to submit swallow her whole until James has no choice but to set her free?

Deafening Silence Chanda Hahn

Funny, sad, full of wonderful characters and the word-perfect

dialogue of which he is the master, McMurtry brings the Thalia saga to an end with Duane confronting depression in the midst of plenty. Surrounded by his children, who all seem to be going through life crises involving sex, drugs, and violence; his wife, Karla, who is wrestling with her own demons; and friends like Sonny, who seem to be dying, Duane can't seem to make sense of his life anymore. He gradually makes his way through a protracted end-of-life crisis of which he is finally cured by reading Proust's *Remembrance of Things Past*, a combination of penance and prescription from Dr. Carmichael that somehow works. Duane's *Depressed* is the work of a powerful, mature artist, with a deep understanding of the human condition, a profound ability to write about small-town life, and perhaps the surest touch of any American novelist for the tangled feelings that bind and separate men and women.

Titan's Curse, The (Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 3) Disney Electronic Content

A single-volume anthology of the four-part epic story about the Berrybender pioneer family follows the relocation of British aristocrats Lord and Lady Berrybender to 1830 Texas, where their idealistic plans are shaped by their daughter's relationship with frontiersman Jim Snow. By the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Lonesome Dove*.

Salvaged by Love Omnibus Books

From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Lonesome Dove* comes a powerful coming-of-age novel set in the American West. In Thalia, Texas, Larry McMurtry epitomizes small-town America and through characters reintroduced in *Texasville* and *Duane's Depressed*, captures the ecstasy and heartbreak of adolescence. *The Last Picture Show* is one of Larry McMurtry's most memorable novels, and the basis for the enormously popular movie of the same name. Set in a small, dusty, Texas town, *The Last Picture Show* introduced the characters of Jacy, Duane, and Sonny: teenagers stumbling toward adulthood, discovering the beguiling mysteries of sex and the even more baffling mysteries of love. Populated by a wonderful cast of eccentrics and animated by McMurtry's wry and raucous humor, *The Last Picture Show* is a wild, heartbreaking, and poignant novel that resonates with the magical passion of youth.

Horseman, Pass by The Thalia Series: The Complete Collection

Thalia knows three things; Her first name. That she barely escaped the clutches of the Septori with the help of a mysterious stranger. And that her run in with the Septori's iron butterfly machine did something to her. It changed her into something neither fully human nor Denai. Fearing her inner darkness and seeking answers to her past, Thalia finds refuge as a servant at the Citadel in Calandry, a school for the gifted Denai. When strange powers awaken within her she is forced to pretend to be one of them and goes from being a servant to student overnight. Her life becomes even more complicated when the handsome stranger who saved her from the Septori becomes her new fighting instructor. Thalia knows that the Septori are still looking for her, and they will stop at nothing to get her back. Dead or alive

Hungry Jennifer Bene

This significant critical anthology explores the life of Anna Komnene, the Byzantine context in which she wrote, and the impact of the *Alexiad* on her times and on subsequent historical works of literature.

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