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### The Mistress of Spices

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For seventeen-year-old Lena, living in the trailer park with the rest of town's throwaways isn't exactly paradise. Dealing with a drunken father who can't keep his fists to himself doesn't help matters either. The only good thing in her life, other than track, is the mysterious man who visits her dreams, promising to find her. When a chair burns her arms, Lena chalks it up to stress-induced crazy. Yet as bizarre incidents escalate, even being crazy can't explain it all away... until one day dream guy does find her. Tarek lost Lena seventeen years ago after she was accused of treason and marked Tainted. He finally discovers her reborn on Earth into a life of suffering as punishment for her crime. However, someone else has already found her... and wants her dead. Willing to sacrifice everything, he fights to keep her safe so she can live the only life she's ever known-even if that life doesn't include him.

*Before We Visit the Goddess* One Point Six Technology Pvt Ltd

'It was the summer that men first walked on the moon. I was very young back then, but did not believe there would ever be a future. I wanted to live dangerously, to push myself as far as I could go, and then see what happened when I got there.' So begins the mesmerising narrative of Marco Stanley Fogg - orphan, child of the 1960s, a quester by nature. Moon Palace is his story - a novel that spans three generations, from the early years of this century to the first lunar landings, and moves from the canyons of Manhattan to the cruelly beautiful landscape of the American West. Filled with suspense, unlikely coincidences, wrenching tragedies and marvellous flights of lyricism and erudition, the novel carries the reader effortlessly along with Marco's search - for love, for his unknown father, and for the key to the elusive riddle of his origins and his fate. 'Clever: very. Surprising: always - Auster is a master.' The Times [Sister of My Heart](#) Free Bird Books  
During a chance night

shift on the cops beat, newsroom assistant Madeleine Harrington stumbles on the corruption story of a lifetime - a plot that would reshape the entire city. She teams up with her dad, a downtrodden columnist at the paper, to unearth the mystery. The muckrakers find the plot goes deeper - and contains more skeletons among the city's powerbrokers - than they imagined.

**Stories** Phoenicia Publishing

I knew there was nothing poetic about death. I knew not that the most horrific battles are fought off the battlefield. Arjun: The idealist in a non-ideal world; the warrior whose deadliest opponent was his conscience. History forgot his voice, but misquoted his silence. My self-esteem originates from me and ends in me. Why does your honor depend on me? Find your own. Draupadi: The untamed tigress, the fragrant flame, the unbridled spirit. Power does not justify sin. Power is not virtue. Virtue is that which lasts in spite of power. Krishn: The enigma whose unique ideology churned the battlefield into a quest for Truth. The Missile ...The

Trajectory ... The Vision. The trio that makes for the core of The Mahabharata (Indian Epic). This is their saga. Insightful, visceral and candid. Find 'other' famous Arjuns; compare Arjun vis-a-vis Achilles and Alexander; Explore Myths of Mahabharata. All this and much more in 'Arjun: Without A Doubt'. First published in 2015 by Leadstart Publishing Pvt. Ltd. Genre: Epic/ Indian Mythology/ History/ Fiction Website: <http://sweetyshinde.wordpress.com>

The Familiars Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Can a weeping willow grow into a steel magnolia? Ellie Cochran doesn't think so. She is a lost soul if there ever was one. A life filled with unimaginable loss does that to a person. Tired of fighting for one that doesn't seem worth living any more, she knows it's time to make a decision. A stop for coffee is the last place she expects for that choice to be forced on her. But when the bullets start flying will she choose death—finally crossing over the threshold she's been hovering at for two seemingly endless years, or will she choose the

hope she sees in a tall, beautiful stranger's eyes? Nikolas Jensen didn't know grabbing a coffee before work would turn his world upside down. He didn't plan on making any life-altering decisions when he walked through those doors either. But that's exactly what he has to do. When death is staring you down from the barrel of a gun, do you save yourself, or a woman you just met? Their paths now stitched together by one traumatic morning, Nik and Ellie must pick up the broken pieces. Can they do it together or will Ellie's demons be too much for them both?

*A Novel* Simon and Schuster

As Kasey's health, life, and her relationship with Ashwin hang precariously in the balance, he must contend with his jealous ex-fiance, Silver Moon. As her jealousy increases to frightening and dangerous levels, Ashwin must find a way to deal with her, as well as figure out how to pull his beloved Kasey from the devastating grip of the tragedy that has befallen her. Will Silver Moon's heinous actions put an end to Ashwin's and Kasey's budding relationship, or will true love prevail?

*A Novel* The History Press

WINNER of the 2022 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WORKING WOMEN AWARD for BEST FICTION OF THE YEAR! LONGLISTED for 2022 DUBLIN LITERARY AWARD! She rose from commoner to become the last reigning queen of India's Sikh Empire. In this dazzling novel, based on true-life events, bestselling author Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni presents the unforgettable story of Jindan, who transformed herself from daughter of the royal kennel keeper to powerful monarch. Sharp-eyed, stubborn, and passionate, Jindan was known for her beauty. When she caught the eye of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, she was elevated to royalty, becoming his youngest and last queen—and his favorite. And when her son, barely six years old, unexpectedly inherited the throne, Jindan assumed the regency. She transformed herself from pampered wife to warrior ruler, determined to protect her people and her son's birthright from the encroaching British Empire. Defying tradition, she stepped out of the zenana, cast aside the veil, and conducted state

business in public, inspiring her subjects in two wars. Her power and influence were so formidable that the British, fearing an uprising, robbed the rebel queen of everything she had, but nothing crushed her indomitable will. An exquisite love story of a king and a commoner, a cautionary tale about loyalty and betrayal, a powerful parable of the indestructible bond between mother and child, and an inspiration for our times, Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni's novel brings alive one of the most fearless women of the nineteenth century, one whose story cries out to be told.

The Glass Palace Nova Press

"A new novel from the author of *Oleander Girl*, a novel in stories, built around crucial moments in the lives of 3 generations of women in an Indian/Indian-American Family"-- Createspace Independent Publishing Platform  
When Americans read in today's news that Qatar is funding rebel groups across the Middle East, few of us have any idea what Qatar is or how it is run. A nation of perhaps 250,000 locals served by 1.35 million foreign

workers, the emirate is burning its gas and oil revenue at a break-neck pace in an effort to build a position on the global stage. Is Qatar actually a suitable ally or a legitimate partner for the United States? Under Qatari labor law, foreign workers are actually owned, for all practical purposes, by their Qatari sponsors in a system akin to slavery. This book chronicles the experience of an American executive working in Qatar and delves into Qatar's feudal work-sponsorship system, showing that an economic great leap forward is not necessarily accompanied by modernization, despite superficial emblems; that prosperity and democracy need not go hand in hand; and that being a US ally may be totally unrelated to any notion of human rights or personal liberties. There are other Western expats still trapped in Qatar. Yet American workers, students and others blithely interact with Qatar as if it were a 'normal' (i.e., Westernized) nation where one may navigate with confidence. It is nothing of the sort. In the meantime Qatar, under the leadership of an emir who overthrew his own

father, is fostering international unrest across the entire Arab world, while racing to build a modern-looking city from scratch. Some of the economic, environmental and demographic assumptions underlying these plans are worthy of another 1000 tales from Arabia. American businessman Nasser Beydoun found out for himself how quickly the Qataris are moving when he embarked on an exciting new career path, leaving his hometown of Dearborn, Michigan, to move to Qatar to manage the opening of several chain restaurants as part of the sudden economic boom there. It didn't take long for the deal to turn sour, but Beydoun didn't realize the extent of his problem until he tried to leave the country — and was stopped at the border. In this book he paints a general picture of life in this fantastical realm while relaying his personal struggle to escape a legal runaround worthy of Kafka's novels. The Forest of Enchantments Simon and Schuster  
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developing the practice of everyday gratitude in our lives.

**Spanish - English First Books: Body**

HarperCollins Poems by Pamela Johnson Parker; winner of the 2009 qarrtsiluni chapbook contest.

*A Trip Through Time and Space* Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

When ancient gods ruled and Druids kept Faith alive, the Celts thrived as a democratic, matriarchal society. Then savage Roman soldiers swept across Europe, killing and enslaving. The Celts did not succumb without a fight. Their Old Ways survived centuries of ruthless domain until another menace loomed: a tortured god worshiped in cold stone buildings. The sacred shores of Avalon began to drift away, the mists threatened to hide the island from mortal eyes forever. Against the bleak backdrop of war, the gorgeous Scottish Highlands stood tall, sheltering its inhabitants from greedy invaders. Yet the reach of the eagle banners was long and the highlanders turned to the Goddess for protection. However, the sacred groves felt silent and grim

as Avalon faded away. Once sad, pealing bells began to sound strangely comforting while the high walls of monasteries offered an alluring barrier from violence. Caught in the middle of this centuries-old war, a young High Priestess might be Avalon's last chance. Wise beyond her years and powerful like no other Priestess in her lifetime, Rowen had served the Goddess faithfully, forsaking her family and the company of her soulmate. When the Lady of the Lake asks for another sacrifice, it might be one too many for her scarred heart. How could she obey the Goddess without betraying Caddaric? Could she trust Eochaid, who embodied everything she despised and hated? Would she be able to fulfill her duties without losing her soul? Caddaric had been Rowen's companion in countless lives; but, now, they existed in different realms. Beautiful Rowen lived in the mortal world while sweet Caddaric remained in the sacred isle of Avalon, watching over her. Could he step aside to allow another man - a flesh and blood man - to become her protector? Eochaid had sworn to protect the Old

Ways. The rude warrior never quite understood his faith yet his loyal heart belonged to the Goddess. A gorgeous, fiery High Priestess was not in his plans. He would risk his life to protect Rowen; but, would the Goddess safeguard his heart? Could he defend the bewitching maiden from himself? When stakes were so high that a simple mistake could cost their very world, a priestess, a Druid, and a warrior must learn to trust one another and the mysterious ways of the Goddess. Their success would save Avalon. Their failure would tear the island from the human realm forever, condemning it to oblivion. Failure was not an option. This is a standalone, historical/paranormal romance. Its mature themes - sexual violence, religion, and pagan rituals - might not be appropriate for audiences under 18.

Dirt CreateSpace  
 "A rich, sensual, bewitching adventure of good vs. evil with love as the prize." ~Publisher's Weekly on ETERNITY 300 years ago, Raven St. James was hanged for witchcraft. But she revives among the dead to find herself alive. She is an Immortal High Witch, one of the light. A note

from her mother warns that there are others, those of the Dark, who preserve their own lives by taking the hearts of those like her. Duncan Wallace's forbidden love for the secretive lass costs him his life. 300 years later, he loves her again, tormented by hazy memories of a past that can't be real. She tells him of another lifetime, claims to be immortal. Though he knows she's deluded, he can't stay away. And the Dark Witch after her heart is far closer than either of them know. If you liked the TV Series HIGHLANDER, you will LOVE this series. Don't miss Book 2, INFINITY. "A hauntingly beautiful story of a love that endures through time itself." ~New York Times Bestselling Author, Kay Hooper "This captivating story of a love that reaches across the centuries, becomes as immortal as the lover's themselves, resonates with timeless passion, powerful magic, and haunting heartbreak." ~BN.com's official review

**Save Me** Createspace Independent Publishing Platform  
 I lived in a world of darkness, never to see the light again. It's been eleven years since my

father cursed Crystal City, since he condemned me to a life of loneliness and misery. By taking away everything that my mother loved, he took everything that I knew and cared for. Everything, but the throne. Only what good was being a queen in a city of mindless killers? A city that would never see the sunlight until the day of my death. I truly had nothing to live for... ..Or so I thought. The night that Wolfe was dragged into my palace, I knew that my life would never be the same. We were childhood friends once, but we went our separate ways. He became captain of the pirates, and I ascended to the diamond throne. My once sworn protector had become my enemy, but we were both alone, and the connection we felt was almost unbearable to ignore. My heart only cracked after my father abandoned me, but Wolfe would completely shatter it. For someone that hasn't felt anything for years, that wasn't such a bad thing.

**The Unknown Errors of Our Lives** Anchor  
 The verbal section of the GRE is essentially a vocabulary test. With a few exceptions, if you know the word, you will

probably be able to answer the question correctly. Thus, it is crucial that you improve your vocabulary. Even if you have a strong vocabulary, you will still encounter unfamiliar words on the GRE. Many students write off questions, which contain words, they don't recognize. This is a mistake. This book introduces numerous techniques that decode unfamiliar words and prod your memory of words you only half-remember. With these techniques, you will often be able to squeeze out enough meaning from an unfamiliar word to answer a question correctly. Nevertheless, don't rely on just these techniques-- you must study word lists. Obviously, you cannot attempt to memorize the dictionary, and you don't need to. The GRE tests a surprisingly limited number of words, and this book has 4000 prime candidates. Granted, memorizing a list of words is rather dry, but it is probably the most effective way of improving your performance on the verbal section. All the words you need for success on the GRE!

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**Highland Celts Series -** Heart Centered Publishing

Environmentalists worry about too much carbon dioxide, but what's too little? What if global financiers manipulated the global warming crisis to gain control over humanity's resources, freedoms, and population? What if someone with the financial and technical abilities decided mankind was a virus and used carbon dioxide trapping technology to plunge population levels by crashing life-essential CO2 to new lows? These are questions Anna Picard must face in *The Carbon Trap*, the first book in *The Carbon Series*. At the height of the global warming crisis, the United Nations attempts to control all carbon emissions, and authorizes a series of programs it deems necessary to save humanity. A progressive US government enthusiastically endorses the UN Carbon Trapping program, and to help pay for it, will impose carbon taxes, draconian regulations, and... it will secretly sell Alaska. Anna Picard is an amoral fixer,

an employee of Agenda 21 member and global financier Alexis Swanson had trained to help recruit his corporate army and neutralize his enemies. It is her job to unleash a global hacker network to help destroy the carbon based industries and funnel insider-trading profits to Swanson. One of her recruits is Dr. Sven Johansson, a brilliant geneticist and President of Snath Biotechnology, who designs life forms to trap CO2. But Sven has more ambitious plans. At a UN conference in the Maldives held to impose draconian carbon regulations, not everyone is happy, some industrial executives realize data has been falsified. To protect her scheme, Anna frames one of the execs for murder. Her plans are complicated when she falls in love with Dr. Pete Heyward, the son of the man she framed for murder. Pete is a US Marine amputee who sees past her malevolent deeds and tries to rejuvenate the morality of her youth. After a series of genetically modified carbon trapping life forms is unleashed upon the Earth, Anna must confront the evils she helped unleash, and prevent an even bigger disaster from

unfolding that would destroy most life on Earth. This is a high-tech ecological thriller that takes the reader from the Maldives, to the French Riviera, and the heartland of Texas. It introduces cutting edge technologies and concepts, used for the first time in a novel, that reveal striking implications for society.

### **The Palace of Illusions**

Harper Collins

When Aldwyn, a young alley cat on the run, ducks into a mysterious pet shop, he doesn't expect his life to change. But that's exactly what happens when Jack, a young wizard, picks Aldwyn to be his magical

familiar. Finally off the tough streets, Aldwyn thinks he's got it made. He just has to convince the other familiars—the know-it-all blue jay Skylar and the friendly tree frog Gilbert—that he's the telekinetic cat he claims to be. But when Jack and two other wizards in training are captured by a terrible evil, it will take all of Aldwyn's street smarts, a few good friends, and a nose for adventure to save the day!

Moon Palace Faber & Faber

Trisha, a mid-level manager, dreams of grandeur: a sprawling professional network, a

close-knit family, corporate success and domestic bliss. Dev, next-in-line to CEO, hopes for total detachment from work and devises a cunning delegation system run by email-forwards. Their circumstances are challenged when a looming organizational restructure forces them to re-evaluate their personal goals and their on-again-off-again relationship. Set in an India stuck between tradition and modernity, Means to an End, follows Trisha and Dev, as they struggle to fulfill the expectations of their company, their family and the society.

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