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In the days before the Civil War, there lived a Louisiana people unique in Southern history. Though descended from African slaves, they were also descended from the French and Spanish who enslaved them. Called the Free People of Color, this dazzling historical novel chronicles the lives of four of them--men and women caught perilously between the worlds of master and slave, privilege and oppression, passion and pain.

The Vampire Lestat Titan Books (US, CA)

With *Pandora*, Anne Rice began a magnificent new series of vampire novels. Now, in the second of her *New Tales of the Vampires*, she tells the mesmerizing story of Vittorio, a vampire in the Italian Age of Gold. Educated in the Florence of Cosimo de' Medici, trained in knighthood at his father's mountaintop castle, Vittorio inhabits a world of courtly splendor and country pleasures--a world suddenly threatened when his entire family is confronted by an unholy power. In the midst of this upheaval, Vittorio is seduced by the vampire Ursula, the most beautiful of his supernatural enemies. As he sets out in pursuit of vengeance, entering the nightmarish Court of the Ruby Grail, increasingly more enchanted (and confused) by his love for the mysterious Ursula, he finds himself facing demonic adversaries, war and political intrigue. Against a backdrop of the wonders--both sacred and profane--and the beauty and ferocity of Renaissance Italy, Anne Rice creates a passionate and tragic legend of doomed young love and lost

innocence.

The Vampire Chronicles Collection

Bantam

An erotic novel of discipline, love and surrender from master storyteller Anne Rice. This sequel to *The Claiming of Sleeping Beauty* resumes Beauty's explicit, teasing exploration of the psychology of human desire and seduction. Now Beauty, having indulged in a secret and forbidden infatuation with the rebellious slave Prince Tristan, is sent away. Sold at auction, she will soon experience the tantalizing punishments of 'the village,' as her education in love, cruelty, dominance, submission and tenderness is turned over to the brazenly handsome Captain of the Guard. Once again Anne Rice's classic tale of pleasure and pain dares to explore the most primal and well-hidden desires of the human heart. This is the second of Anne Rice's classic *Sleeping Beauty* trilogy, with a new preface by the author.

Of Love and Evil Delacorte Press

Diana Gabaldon, #1 New York Times bestselling author of the *Outlander* series, delivers captivating tales of history, intrigue, and suspense that feature one of her most popular characters: Lord John Grey. This thrilling eBook collection—featuring three novels and one collection of novellas—follows Lord John as he defends his country, ferrets out spies, and unravels a haunting family mystery. **LORD JOHN AND THE PRIVATE MATTER** “Packed with vivid description and detail . . . transports readers to eighteenth-century London.”—BookPage London, 1757. Lord John Grey, a nobleman and a high-ranking officer in His Majesty's army, has just witnessed something shocking. But his efforts to avoid a scandal are interrupted when the Crown appoints

him to investigate the brutal murder of a comrade-in-arms. Obligated to pursue two inquiries at once, Major Grey finds himself ensnared in a web of betrayal that touches every stratum of English society—and threatens all he holds dear. LORD JOHN AND THE HAND OF DEVILS A Collection of Novellas “Gabaldon’s strengths are on full display.”—Kirkus Reviews In Lord John and the Hellfire Club, Lord John glimpses a stranger at a gentleman’s club—and is drawn into a maze of political treachery and a dangerous underground society. In Lord John and the Succubus, English soldiers in combat are rattled by a lethal creature that appears at night, and Lord John is called to investigate. In Lord John and the Haunted Soldier, Lord John is thrust into a baffling case that forces him to confront the prospect that a traitor is among the ranks of His Majesty’s armed forces. LORD JOHN AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE BLADE “First-rate . . . [Gabaldon’s] writing is always vivid and often lyrical.”—The Washington Post It’s been seventeen years since Lord John’s father was found dead, accusations of his role as a Jacobite agent staining the family’s name. Now, Lord John’s brother has mysteriously received a page of their father’s lost diary, convincing John that someone knows the Greys’ secrets. So he turns to the only man he can trust: the Scottish Jacobite Jamie Fraser. But when Jamie yields the missing piece of an astounding puzzle, Lord John must decide whether his family’s honor is worth his life. THE SCOTTISH PRISONER “Engrossing . . . masterfully paced, with exciting plot twists, swift reversals, and robust characterizations.”—The Globe and Mail London, 1760. Paroled prisoner Jamie Fraser has sworn off politics, fighting, and war. Until Lord John Grey

shows up with documents that expose a damning case of corruption against a British officer. But they also hint at a more insidious danger. Soon Lord John and Jamie are companions on the road to Ireland, a country whose dark castles hold dreadful secrets, and whose bogs hide the bones of the dead.

Called Out of Darkness Ballantine Books

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Ramses the Great returns in this “darkly magical” (USA Today) novel from bestselling author Anne Rice “The reader is held captive and, ultimately, seduced.”—San Francisco Chronicle Ramses the Great lives! But having drunk the elixer of live, he is now Ramses the Damned, doomed forever to wander the earth, desperate to quell hungers that can never be satisfied—for food, for wine, for women. Reawakened in opulent Edwardian London, he becomes Dr. Ramsey, expert in Egyptology. He also becomes the close companion of voluptuous, adventurous Julie Stratford, heiress to a vast shipping fortune and the center of a group of jaded aristocrats with appetites of their own to appease. But the pleasures Ramses enjoys with Julie cannot soothe him. Searing memories of his last reawakening, at the behest of Cleopatra, his beloved Queen of Egypt, burn in his immortal soul. And though he is immortal, he is still all too human. His intense longings for his great love, undiminished over the centuries, will force him to commit an act that will place everyone around him in the gravest danger. . . .

Pandora Vintage Canada

#1 New York Times Bestselling author - Surrender to fiction's greatest creature of the night - Book II of the Vampire Chronicles The vampire hero of Anne

Rice's enthralling novel is a creature of the darkest and richest imagination. Once an aristocrat in the heady days of pre-revolutionary France, now a rock star in the demonic, shimmering 1980s, he rushes through the centuries in search of others like him, seeking answers to the mystery of his eternal, terrifying existence. His is a mesmerizing story—passionate, complex, and thrilling. Praise for *The Vampire Lestat* "Frightening, sensual . . . Anne Rice will live on through the ages of literature. . . . To read her is to become giddy as if spinning through the mind of time, to become lightheaded as if our blood is slowly being drained away."—San Francisco Chronicle "Fiercely ambitious, nothing less than a complete unnatural history of vampires."—The Village Voice "Brilliant . . . its undead characters are utterly alive."—The New York Times Book Review "Luxuriantly created and richly told."—The Cleveland Plain Dealer

The wolf gift : a novel Anchor

The bold erotic masterpiece by #1 New York Times bestselling author Anne Rice writing as Anne Rampling. They call her the Perfectionist. A stunning, mysterious, and fearless sexual adventurer, Lisa is founder and supreme mistress of The Club—an exclusive island resort where forbidden fantasy meets willing flesh. Here eager participants who can afford life's most exquisite luxuries can experience the breathtaking pleasures of surrender and submission. Here nothing is taboo. A thrill-seeking photojournalist, Elliott risks his life daily in the most dangerous, war-torn regions on Earth. Now he has come to Paradise to explore his most savage and vulnerable sexual self, committed to the ultimate plunge into personal risk. Together, their journey to the limits of erotic pleasure will take them farther than they ever

dreamed they'd go . . .

Jennifer Blood (Vol. 2) #4 Dynamite Entertainment

When Ashlar learns that another Taltos has been seen, he is suddenly propelled into the haunting world of the Mayfair family, the New Orleans dynasty of witches forever besieged by ghosts, spirits, and their own dizzying powers. For Ashlar knows this powerful clan is intimately linked to the heritage of the Taltos. In a swirling universe filled with death and life, corruption and innocence, this mesmerizing novel takes us on a wondrous journey back through the centuries to a civilization half-human, of wholly mysterious origin, at odds with mortality and immortality, justice and guilt. It is an enchanted, hypnotic world that could only come from the imagination of Anne Rice . . . Praise for *Taltos* "Taltos is the third book in a series known as the lives of the Mayfair witches. . . Their haunted heritage has brought the family great wealth, which is exercised from a New Orleans manse with Southern gentility; but of course such power cannot escape notice . . . or challenge . . . Rice is a formidable talent. . . . [Taltos] is a curious amalgam of gothic, glamour fiction, alternate history, and high soap opera."—The Washington Post Book World "Anne Rice will live on through the ages of literature."—San Francisco Chronicle "An intricate, stunning imagination."—Los Angeles Times Book Review "Spellbinding . . . mythical . . . Anne Rice is a pure storyteller."—Cosmopolitan "Beautifully written."—Kirkus Reviews (starred review) "Her power of invention seems boundless. . . . She has made a masterpiece of the morbid, worthy of Poe's daughter. . . . It is hard to praise sufficiently the originality of Miss Rice."—The Wall Street Journal

Midnight Mass: The Art of Horror
Ballantine Books

In a gripping feat of storytelling, Anne Rice continues the extraordinary Vampire Chronicles that began with the now-classic *Interview with the Vampire*. For centuries, Lestat—vampire-hero, enchanter, seducer of mortals—has been a courted prince in the dark and flourishing universe of the living dead. Now he is alone. And in his overwhelming need to destroy his doubts and his loneliness, Lestat embarks on the most dangerous enterprise he has undertaken in all the years of his haunted existence. Look for a special preview of Anne Rice's Prince Lestat in the back of the book. The Vampire Chronicles continue in *Prince Lestat and the Realms of Atlantis*, available for pre-order now. Praise for *The Tale of the Body Thief* "Tinged with mystery, full of drama . . . The story is involving, the twists surprising."—People "Rice is our modern messenger of the occult, whose nicely updated dark-side passion plays twist and turn in true Gothic form."—San Francisco Chronicle "Fast-paced . . . mesmerizing . . . silkenly sensuous . . . No one writing today matches her deftness with the erotic."—The Atlanta Journal-Constitution "Hypnotic . . . masterful."—Cosmopolitan
The Lord John Series 4-Book Bundle
Vintage

Everyone's favorite wallaby, Rocko, must survive the zombie outbreak that's taken over his home of O-Town thanks to their social media addiction! THEY'RE COMING TO GET YOU, ROCKO! Welcome to the future of O-town where everyone's cell phone is glued to their hands, Heffer makes a living streaming video games online, and the latest app lets you avoid all contact with everyone else without even looking up from your gadget! But

even in the midst of this techno-utopia, there's something not quite right with Rocko's fellow citizens as the authorities call for a city-wide lockdown. While Rocko takes the two weeks as a time to chill and unplug from technology, the rest of the town seems to be going mad. When danger comes knocking at his door, the newly zen wallaby will have to choose whether to stay barricaded within his increasingly surrounded home or venture forth into a wasteland filled with mindless versions of his friends and neighbors. Writer Anthony Burch (*Borderlands 2*) and artist Mattia Di Meo (*Adventure Time/Regular Show*) send Rocko on a deadly journey to survive the zombie outbreak that's taken over his hometown! Collects *Rocko's Modern Afterlife* #1-5.

The Witching Hour Bantam

The gilded adventures of Ramses the Damned, iconic creation of the legendary bestselling author, continue in this breathtakingly suspenseful tale of a titanic supernatural power unleashed on the eve of war. A pharaoh made immortal by a mysterious and powerful elixir, Ramses the Great became counselor and lover to some of Egypt's greatest and most powerful rulers before he was awakened from centuries of slumber to the mystifying and dazzling world of Edwardian England. Having vanquished foes both human and supernatural, he's found love with the beautiful heiress Julie Stratford, daughter of Lawrence Stratford, the slain archeologist who discovered his tomb. Now, with the outbreak of a world war looming, Ramses and those immortals brought forth from the mists of history by his resurrection will face their greatest test yet. Russian assassins bearing weapons of immense power have assembled under one command: all

those who loved Lawrence Stratford must die. From the glowing jewels at their necks comes an incredible supernatural force: the power to bring statues to life. As Ramses and his allies, including the immortal queens Cleopatra and Bektaten, gather together to battle these threats, Ramses reveals that the great weapon may have roots in an ancient Egyptian ritual designed to render pharaohs humble before Osiris, the god of the underworld. The resulting journey will take them across storm-tossed seas and into the forests of northern Russia, where they will confront a terrifying collision of tortured political ambitions and religious fervor held in thrall to a Godlike power. But the true answers they seek will lie beyond the border between life and death, within realms that defy the imagination of even an immortal such as Ramses the Great. In *Ramses the Damned: The Reign of Osiris*, Anne Rice, revered and beloved storyteller ("queen of gothic lit, the maestro of the monstrous and the diva of the devious" --The Philadelphia Inquirer), in collaboration with her son, acclaimed bestselling novelist Christopher Rice ("a magician; a master" --Peter Straub), bring us another thrilling, seductive tale of high adventure, romance, history, and suspense. AN ANCHOR ORIGINAL **Lasher** Vintage Canada

The tale of *The Wolf Gift* continues . . . In Anne Rice's surprising and compelling best-selling novel, the first of her strange and mythic imagining of the world of wolfen powers ("I devoured these pages . . . As solid and engaging as anything she has written since her early Vampire Chronicles fiction"—Alan Cheuse, *The Boston Globe*; "A delectable cocktail of old-fashioned lost-race adventure, shape-shifting, and suspense"—Elizabeth

Hand, *The Washington Post*), readers were spellbound as Rice conjured up a daring new world set against the wild and beckoning California coast. Now in her new novel, as lush and romantic in detail and atmosphere as it is sleek and steely in storytelling, Anne Rice takes us once again to the rugged coastline of Northern California, to the grand mansion at Nideck Point, and further explores the unearthly education of her transformed Man Wolf. The novel opens on a cold, gray landscape. It is the beginning of December. Oak fires are burning in the stately flickering hearths of Nideck Point. It is Yuletide. For Reuben Golding, now infused with the Wolf Gift and under the loving tutelage of the Morphenkinder, this promises to be a Christmas like no other . . . The Yuletide season, sacred to much of the human race, has been equally sacred to the Man Wolves, and Reuben soon becomes aware that they, too, steeped in their own profound rituals, will celebrate the ancient Midwinter festival deep within the verdant richness of Nideck forest. From out of the shadows of Nideck comes a ghost—tormented, imploring, unable to speak yet able to embrace and desire with desperate affection . . . As Reuben finds himself caught up with—and drawn to—the passions and yearnings of this spectral presence, and as the swirl of preparations reaches a fever pitch for the Nideck town Christmas festival of music and pageantry, astonishing secrets are revealed; secrets that tell of a strange netherworld, of spirits other than the Morphenkinder, centuries old, who inhabit the dense stretches of redwood and oak that surround the magnificent house at Nideck Point, "ageless ones" who possess their own fantastical ancient histories and who taunt with

their dark magical powers . . .

The Feast of All Saints Ballantine Books

An enchanting, hypnotic trilogy of witchcraft, adventure, and romance from the beloved author of *Interview with the Vampire* and *The Vampire Lestat*, *The Mayfair Witches* is a wondrous journey through the centuries, across the globe, and between the human and demonic worlds. Now all three novels in Anne Rice's spellbinding series have been collected for the first time in this stunning eBook bundle: *THE WITCHING HOUR LASHER TALTOS*

On the screened porch of a great New Orleans house, now faded, a mute and fragile woman sits rocking. She belongs to a legendary dynasty of witches—a family that is itself haunted over the ages by a dangerous and seductive being named Lasher. Their story begins in our time, with a rescue at sea. Rowan Mayfair, a brilliant neurosurgeon aware of her abilities but oblivious to her ancient line, finds the drowned body of Michael Curry off the coast of California and brings him to life. In his brief interval of death, he has acquired a sensory power that mystifies and frightens him. Fiercely drawn to each other, Rowan and Michael set out to solve the mystery of her past and his unwelcome gift, and an intricate tale of evil unfolds: an evil unleashed in seventeenth-century Scotland, where the first “witch,” Suzanne of the Mayfair, conjures up the spirit that spells her own destruction and torments each of her descendants in turn. Praise for Anne Rice and *The Mayfair Witches* “Behind all the velvet drapes and the gossamer winding sheets, this is an old-fashioned family saga. . . . Rice's descriptive writing is so opulent that it almost begs to be read [by] candlelight.”—*The Washington Post Book World* “[A] huge and sprawling tale of horror.”—*The New York Times Book*

Review “Lush prose, dense atmosphere, steamy sex, Gothic tension . . . Rice stages her scenes in a wide variety of times and locales, tapping deeply into the richest veins of mythology and history.”—*San Francisco Chronicle*

“Spellbinding . . . mythical . . . Rice is a pure storyteller.”—*Cosmopolitan* “Rice sees things on a grand scale. . . . There is a wide-screen historical sweep to the tale as it moves from one generation of witches to the other.”—*The Boston Globe* “An intricate, stunning imagination.”—*Los Angeles Times Book Review* “It is hard to praise sufficiently the originality of Miss Rice. . . . She has made a masterpiece of the morbid, worthy of Poe's daughter.”—*The Wall Street Journal*

Ballantine Books

In a feat of virtuoso storytelling, Anne Rice unleashes Akasha, the queen of the damned, who has risen from a six-thousand-year sleep to let loose the powers of the night. Akasha has a marvelously devious plan to “save” mankind and destroy the vampire Lestat—in this extraordinarily sensual novel of the complex, erotic, electrifying world of the undead. Look for a special preview of Anne Rice's *Prince Lestat* in the back of the book. *The Vampire Chronicles* continue in *Prince Lestat* and *The Realms of Atlantis*, available for pre-order now. Praise for *The Queen of the Damned* “Mesmerizing . . . a wonderful web of dark-side mythology.”—*San Francisco Chronicle* “With *The Queen of the Damned*, Anne Rice has created universes within universes, traveling back in time as far as ancient, pre-pyramidal Egypt and journeying from the frozen mountain peaks of Nepal to the crowded, sweating streets of southern Florida.”—*Los Angeles Times*

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Christ the Lord: The Road to Cana

Ballantine Books

From the author of the extraordinary Vampire Chronicles comes a huge, hypnotic novel of witchcraft and the occult through four centuries.

Demonstrating, once again, her gift for spellbinding storytelling and the creation of legend, Anne Rice makes real for us a great dynasty of witches--a family given to poetry and to incest, to murder and to philosophy; a family that, over the ages, is itself haunted by a powerful, dangerous, and seductive being. On the veranda of a great New Orleans house, now faded, a mute and fragile woman sits rocking . . . and *The Witching Hour* begins. It begins in our time with a rescue at sea. Rowan Mayfair, a beautiful woman, a brilliant practitioner of neurosurgery--aware that she has special powers but unaware that she comes from an ancient line of witches--finds the drowned body of a man off the coast of California and brings him to life. He is Michael Curry, who was born in New Orleans and orphaned in childhood by fire on Christmas Eve, who pulled himself up from poverty, and who now, in his brief interval of death, has acquired a sensory power that mystifies and frightens him. As these two, fiercely drawn to each other, fall in love and--in passionate alliance--set out to solve the mystery of her past and his unwelcome gift, the novel moves backward and forward in time from today's New Orleans and San Francisco to long-ago Amsterdam and a chateau in the France of Louis XIV. An intricate tale of evil unfolds--an evil unleashed in seventeenth-century Scotland, where the first "witch," Suzanne of the Mayfair,

conjures up the spirit she names Lasher . . . a creation that spells her own destruction and torments each of her descendants in turn. From the coffee plantations of Port au Prince, where the great Mayfair fortune is made and the legacy of their dark power is almost destroyed, to Civil War New Orleans, as Julien--the clan's only male to be endowed with occult powers--provides for the dynasty its foothold in America, the dark, luminous story encompasses dramas of seduction and death, episodes of tenderness and healing. And always--through peril and escape, tension and release--there swirl around us the echoes of eternal war: innocence versus the corruption of the spirit, sanity against madness, life against death. With a dreamlike power, the novel draws us, through circuitous, twilight paths, to the present and Rowan's increasingly inspired and risky moves in the merciless game that binds her to her heritage. And in New Orleans, on Christmas Eve, this strangest of family sagas is brought to its startling climax.

The Mayfair Witches Series 3-Book Bundle

Ballantine Books

A crashed wedding. A scorned vampire. A necromancer's fury ... Damian Vesik is no hero. At least, not according to the magical community that turns a blind eye to his battles against evil. So he chalks it up as one more thankless mission when he's forced to stop his vampire sister from murdering her ex's entire bridal party... Infiltrating the ceremony to protect the innocent, Damian uncovers something more sinister than a massacre. With the help of his berserker fairy friend, he'll need to prevent an unholy union between ancient demons and the walking dead. Damian has one chance to stop his sister and ruin the wedding before one hell of

an afterparty dooms the world. Days Gone Bad is the first book in the savagely funny Vesik urban fantasy series. If you like gritty action, undead enemies, and plenty of snark, then you'll love Eric R. Asher's heart-stopping tale. Read Days Gone Bad to dance with darkness today!

The Plains of Passage (with Bonus Content) DC Comics

Contract killer Toby O'Dare accepts a seraph's offer to leave his violent existence in order to save lives, and finds himself transported to thirteenth-century England and challenged to defend falsely accused Jewish citizens.

Visions from the Upside Down Ballantine Books

The New York Times bestseller from Margaret George—a captivating novel about history's most enthralling queen, the legendary Elizabeth I. England's greatest monarch has baffled and intrigued the world for centuries. But what was the Virgin Queen really like? Lettice Knollys—Elizabeth's flame-haired, look-alike cousin—thinks she knows all too well. Elizabeth's rival for the love of Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, and mother to the Earl of Essex, Lettice has been intertwined with Elizabeth since childhood. This is a story of two women of fierce intellect and desire, one trying to protect her country and throne, the other trying to regain power and position for her family. Their rivalry, and its ensuing drama, soon involves everyone close to Elizabeth, from the famed courtiers who enriched the crown to the legendary poets and playwrights who paid homage to it with their works. Filled with intimate portraits of the personalities who made the Elizabethan age great—Shakespeare, Marlowe, Dudley, Raleigh, Drake—Elizabeth I provides an unforgettable glimpse of a

woman who considered herself married to her people. A queen who ruled as much from the heart as from the head.

Exit to Eden Ballantine Books

The Road to Cana, Anne Rice's second book in her hugely ambitious life of Christ, begins before his baptism in the Jordan and concludes with the miracle at Cana. It is a novel in which we see Jesus, the man, living quietly in Nazareth as he has for many years. He is still known as Yeshua Bar Joseph. And he is enduring a winter of no rain, endless dust and looming trouble in Judea. Legends of a virgin birth have long surrounded Yeshua, yet for decades he has lived no differently than the others who come to the synagogue on the Sabbath. All who know and love him find themselves waiting for some sign of the path he will eventually take. And at last we see this quiet man emerge from his baptism to confront his destiny—and the Devil. We see what occurs when he takes the water of seven great limestone jars and transforms it into cool red wine; when he is recognized as the anointed one; when he is urged to call all Israel to take up arms against Rome and follow him as the prophets have foretold. Like Out of Egypt, the first novel in Anne Rice's series on the life of Christ, The Road to Cana is based on the gospels and on the most respected New Testament scholarship. The book's power comes from the profound feeling its author brings to the writing and the subtlety with which she summons up the presence of Jesus.

Blood Communion KaBOOM!

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highly imaginative writer. She humanizes prehistory and gives it immediacy and clarity."—The New York Times Book Review "Storytelling in the grand tradition . . . From the violent panorama of spring on the steppes to musicians jamming on a mammoth-bone marimba, Auel's books are a stunning example of world building. They join the short list of books, like James Clavell's Shogun and Frank Herbert's Dune, that depict exotic societies so vividly that readers almost regard them as 'survival manuals.' "—Vogue "Jean Auel has established herself as one of our premier storytellers. . . . Her narrative skill is supreme."—Chicago Tribune "Pure entertainment at its sublime, wholly exhilarating best."—Los Angeles Times "Readers who fell in love with little Ayla will no doubt revel in her prehistoric womanhood."—People "Lively and interesting, enhanced greatly by the vividly colored backdrop of early humanity . . . Auel is a prodigious researcher."—The Washington Post Book World "Among modern epic spinners, Auel has few peers. . . . She deftly creates a whole world, giving a sense of the origins of class, ethnic, and cultural differences that alternately divide and fascinate us today."—Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

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