

### Isis A Love Story

A former intelligence agent stands accused of terrorism, held without charge in a secret overseas prison. His memoir is in the hands of a brilliant but erratic psychologist who has an agenda of his own, and her annotations paint a much darker picture. As the story unravels, we are forced to assess the truth for ourselves, and decide not only what happened on that fateful assignment, but who is the real terrorist.

Isis Evans enters the family business with her wrestling superstar cousins, the Doom Brothers. Paired with the biggest wrestling faction and long-time crush, Gage Stone, she struggles to submit to the alpha male of the Justice faction. She soon discovers being the new girl at International Wrestling Xtream isn't what she expected when Gage tries to control her. Her curiosity gets the best of her as she learns her handsome tormentor has a secret that could fulfill her desire for following rules. Gage has private desires lead by ego and commitment issues stemming from a failed marriage that could threaten his future and a chance at love. While Isis struggles with admitting her desire to be dominated, Gage has plans to make her his submissive. She finds that their battle of wills may have a deeper meaning for both of them. Isis must choose between love and submission

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if she wants to have a life with Gage she had always dreamed of.

A medieval Islam historian's incisive portrait of ISIS, revealing the group's deep ideological and intellectual roots in the earliest days of Islam With tremendous speed, the Islamic State has moved from the margins to the center of life in the Middle East. Despite recent setbacks, its ability to conquer and retain huge swaths of territory has demonstrated its skillful tactical maneuvering, ambition, and staying power. Yet we still know too little about ISIS, particularly about its deeper ideology. In this eye-opening book, David J. Wasserstein offers a penetrating analysis of the movement, looking closely at the thousand-year-old form of Islamic apocalyptic messianism the group draws upon today. He shows how ISIS is not only a military and political movement but also, and primarily, a religious one with a coherent worldview, a patent strategy, and a clear goal: the re-creation of a medieval caliphate. Connecting the group's day-to-day activities and the writings and sayings of its leaders with the medieval Islamic past, Wasserstein provides an insightful and unprecedented perspective on the origins and aspirations of the Islamic State.

After many decades of neglect, the last forty years have seen a renewed scholarly appreciation of the literary value of the Greek novel. Within this renaissance of interest, four monographs have been published to date which

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focus on individual novels; I refer to the specialist studies of Achilles Tatius by Morales and Laplace and those of Chariton of Aphrodisias by Smith and Tilg. This book adds to this short list and takes as its singular focus Xenophon's Ephesiaca. Among the five fully extant Greek novels, the Ephesiaca occupies the position of being an anomaly, since scholars have conventionally considered it to be either a poorly written text or an epitome of a more sophisticated lost original. This monograph challenges this view by arguing that the author of the Ephesiaca is a competent writer in artistic control of his text, insofar as his work has a coherent and emplotted focus on the protagonists' progression in love and also includes references to earlier texts of the classical canon, not least Homer's Odyssey and the Platonic dialogues on Love. At the same time, the Ephesiaca exhibits stylistically an overall simplicity, contains many repetitions and engages with other texts via a thematic, rather than a pointed, type of intertextuality; these and other features make this text different from the other extant Greek novels. This book explains this difference with the help of Couégnas' view of 'paraliterature,' a term that refers not to its status as 'non-literature' but rather to literature of a different kind, that is simple, action-oriented, and entertaining. By offering a definition of the Ephesiaca as a paraliterary narrative, this monograph sheds new light on this novel and its position within the Greek novelistic corpus,

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whilst also offering a more nuanced understanding of intertextuality and paraliterature.

Do you believe that the key to finding your soul mate is only in your stars? That you and your partner must have compatible Sun signs if romance is going to thrive? Not so! The truth is that many couples who seem ideally matched astrologically don't sustain a loving relationship. While most astrology books may tell you that true love is a matter of fate, Diane Eichenbaum's *Soul Signs in Love* shows you that you have the freedom to create the relationship that's right for you. Eichenbaum reveals that relationships involve a combination of factors: destiny, an understanding of each partner's sign, and the willingness to work through the highs and lows of love's natural progression. Each of the twelve signs of the Zodiac corresponds to a phase of a romance, from passionate courtship, represented by fiery Aries, to the commitment and soul bonding of watery Pisces. Each Sun sign has its gifts (the discernment of Virgo or the enthusiasm of Sagittarius, for example) and its corresponding challenges (the self-doubt of Taurus or the unpredictability of Aquarius) that it brings to a relationship. By understanding that the choice to love and grow with your partner is yours and yours alone, *Soul Signs in Love* shows you how to enjoy and revel in the unfolding process of discovery and revelation that underlies lasting love.

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"A rare and riveting first-hand account of the terror and torture inflicted by ISIS on young Iraqi Yazidi women, and an inspiring personal story of bravery and resilience in the face of unspeakable horrors. In the early summer of 2014, Farida Khalaf was a typical Yazidi teenager living with her parents and three brothers in her village in the mountains of Northern Iraq. In one horrific day, she lost everything: ISIS invaded her village, destroyed her family, and sold her into sexual slavery. The Girl Who Escaped ISIS is her incredible account of captivity and describes how she defied the odds and escaped a life of torture, in order to share her story with the world. Devastating and inspiring, this is an astonishing, intimate account of courage and hope in the face of appalling violence"--

An experiential guide to the ancient healing rituals of the Black Madonna • Reveals the practices and rites of the still-living cult of the Black Madonna in the remote villages of Southern Italy, including the healing rites of the tarantella dance • Details shamanic chants, rhythms, and songs and how to use them for self-healing, transformation, and recovery from abuse, trauma, depression, and addiction • Explores the many sacred sites of the Madonnas and connects them to other Great Goddesses, such as Isis, Aphrodite, Cybeles, and the Orisha Yemanja and Ochun • Includes access to 12 audio tracks The mysteries of the Black Madonna can be traced to pre-Christian times, to the ancient devotion to

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Isis, the Earth Goddess, and the African Mother, to the era when God was not only female but also black. Sacred sites of the Black Madonna are still revered in Italy, and, as Alessandra Belloni reveals, the shamanic healing traditions of the Black Madonna are still alive today and just as powerful as they were millennia ago. Sharing her more than 35 years of research and fieldwork at sacred sites around the world, Belloni takes you on a mystical pilgrimage of empowerment, initiation, and transformation with the Black Madonna. She explains how her love for Italian folk music led her to learn the ancient tammorriata musical tradition of the Earth Goddess Cybele and the Moon Goddess Diana and discover the still-living cult of the Black Madonna in the remote villages of Southern Italy. She vividly describes the sensual shamanic drumming and ecstatic trance dance rituals she experienced there, including the rites of the tammorriata, the transgender rite of Femminielli, and the erotic “spider dance” of the tarantella, which has been used for centuries in the Mediterranean for healing. Sharing chants, rhythms, and sacred songs, she details how she uses these therapeutic musical and trance practices to heal women and men from abuse, trauma, depression, and addiction and shows how these practices can be used for self-healing and transformation, including her personal story of using the tarantella to overcome cervical cancer. Revealing the profound transformative power of the

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Black Madonna, Belloni shows how She is the womb of the earth, the dark side of the moon, and the Universal Mother to all. Truly alive for all to call upon, She embraces and gives everyone access to Her divine strength and unconditional love.

From author Krystal Armstead comes *When They See Us Together 2*, an exhilarating, urban romance sequel full of heartbreak, betrayal, and more drama. Not all storms come to disrupt your life. Some come to clear your path. Sometimes there are things you will only learn in a storm, and Isis is living proof. Isis's situation is complicated because yes, if she's married to Wayne, then, technically, she has a marriage visa. But as the adopted child of his father's concubine, she's technically Wayne's family's property. There's no way Wayne will give her up without a fight—a fight that Samir was all too ready to fight despite his brothers' opinions. Bringing chaos into Samir's life was the last thing Isis wanted to do, but he refuses to let her battle her storms alone. Friends become enemies, enemies become friends, and the ones she never imagined would turn against her let her down in ways unimaginable. When this storm is over, no one will ever be the same.

Falling in love with the man she intended only to use for his political power, Cleopatra becomes determined to maintain her hold on the throne of Egypt

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despite Rome's persistent attacks, until her famous suicide. Reprint. LJ. Filled with murder, intrigue, civil war and great battles, the tragedy of Cleopatra and Antony has long held a fascination for the world for two millennia. Now Diana Preston has gone back to the original sources and delved into the real history behind the propaganda and the myth, to breathe new life into this epic love story. She emerged as innocent as any newborn. The party of starbursts and sparkles came to a standstill. In awe, millions of heavenly beings paused. Shine Star, Princess of the Universe, was the most precious and rare of all creations. As an expression of perfect happiness, thus was the king's daughter born. A magical love story unfolds in Vikrant Malhotra's wondrous debut, *The Stories of Goom'pa: Book One*. Meet Goom'pa. He is a Poofy, a small furry creature who resides on Earth in a place called Palidon, on the edge of the Miron National Forest. His world is a quiet one-until he spies Shine Star, a glorious star in the sky and the daughter of Prime Ray, the king of the universe. Enchanted by her elegance, Goom'pa knows he is willing to do anything to win the love of this celestial beauty. As the two meet and fall in love, Shine Star's father worries about his only daughter. Exploiting that concern is the Star Lord, Rath, who wants nothing more than to wrestle control of the universe away from Prime Ray. Will Goom'pa and Shine Star find a way to be together? Or will Rath's evil plan doom them all?

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Shamanic practices to access your spiritual blueprint, communicate with the universal mind, and transform in to your highest spiritual self • Explains how to tune in to imaginal cells to heal the past, activate the shaman within, and download information from the future • Includes shamanic breathwork practices and rituals to open access to your spiritual blueprint--the hologram of who your highest, best self is meant to be--and be more potent and powerful in the present We are in a highly transitional time on Earth as old structures break down in preparation for the new world that is coming. The accelerated pace of this time of spiritual evolution is forcing each of us to awaken the shaman within and reach our highest potential as quickly as possible. We no longer have the luxury of learning only from the past--we must also download information from the future in order to be fully present, fully conscious, in our most embodied and best self now. Incorporating the wisdom teachings of Seneca Wolf Clan Grandmother Twylah Nitsch with shamanic journeys and shamanic breathwork practices, Linda Star Wolf and Anne Dillon explain how to heal the past, learn from the future, and activate the imaginal cells within our human energy field. Imaginal cells are the energies of what has already happened and will happen stored in the blueprint of the invisible world. By tuning in to these imaginal cells, you can open access to your spiritual blueprint--the hologram of who your highest, best self is meant to

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be--and accelerate your evolutionary potential in this lifetime. Including information received by Star Wolf from the future, the book explores how to develop a communication link with the universe, receive guidance from the universal mind, and draw information from the future to be more potent and powerful in the present, live in harmony with one another and the planet, and fully prepare yourself for the new world to come.

Within the Temple of Isis will appeal to those interested in the occult and finding spiritual truths. The story begins in the temple of Isis. There is a love story running throughout the book. Topics covered in this work are soul-transfer, soul-marriage, astrology, and the mystic rights practiced by the ancient priests of Egypt. This is a beautiful little book that brings a spiritual message to its reader through the message in the story.

Life, death, and rebirth, Isis's and Osiris's future hinges on all three. A century ago, the Dragon Kingdom of Nebty was lost to darkness. Invaded by demon hordes hellbent on stealing two powerful scepters, the Demon King claimed the preternatural realm as his own. To survive, the dragons fled their beloved home and sought refuge in the human realm. Having lived most of their lives in human form, Queen Isis and Rock Dragon Osiris, mere children during the Great Exodus, find themselves clinging to their culture and the ties that bind what's left

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of Dragonkind. Safe and assured that they are free from the threat of demons, their love flourishes. Yet, on one horrific night, their lives are shattered by tragedy and betrayal. They learn that no realm is beyond the brutal reach of the Demon King. Scores must be settled. Love must be remembered. And a lost nation must be reclaimed.

From the former New York Times bureau chief in Baghdad comes the gripping and heroic story of an elite, top-secret team of unlikely spies who triumphed over ISIS. The Spymaster of Baghdad tells the dramatic yet intimate account of how a covert Iraqi intelligence unit called “the Falcons” came together against all odds to defeat ISIS. The Falcons, comprised of ordinary men with little conventional espionage background, infiltrated the world’s most powerful terrorist organization, ultimately turning the tide of war against the terrorist group and bringing safety to millions of Iraqis and the broader world. Centered around the relationship between two brothers, Harith al-Sudani, a rudderless college dropout who was recruited to the Falcons by his all-star younger brother Munaf, and their eponymous unit commander Abu Ali, The Spymaster of Baghdad follows their emotional journey as Harith volunteers for the most dangerous mission imaginable. With piercing lyricism and thrilling prose, Coker’s deeply-reported account interweaves heartfelt portraits of these and other unforgettable

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characters as they navigate the streets of war-torn Baghdad and perform heroic feats of cunning and courage. The Falcons' path crosses with that of Abrar, a young, radicalized university student who, after being snubbed by the head of the Islamic State's chemical weapons program, plots her own attack. At the near-final moment, the Falcons intercept Abrar's deadly plan to poison Baghdad's drinking water and arrest her in the middle of the night—just one of many covert counterterrorism operations revealed for the first time in the book. Ultimately, *The Spymaster of Baghdad* is a page-turning account of wartime espionage in which ordinary people make extraordinary sacrifices for the greater good. Challenging our perceptions of terrorism and counterterrorism, war and peace, Iraq and the wider Middle East, American occupation and foreign intervention, *The Spymaster of Baghdad* is a testament to the power of personal choice and individual action to change the course of history—in a time when we need such stories more than ever.

"A memoir of Nadia Murad's time as a captive of the Islamic State, her escape, and her human rights activism"--

A gripping narrative by an Iran-born Kurdish journalist who joined the ranks of the Kurdish army as a sniper in the fight against ISIS In 2002, at the age of nineteen, Azad, a young Iranian-Kurdish man, was conscripted into Iran's army and forced to fight

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against his own people. Refusing to go to war against his fellow Kurds, Azad deserted and smuggled himself to the United Kingdom, where he was granted asylum, became a citizen, and learned English. But more than a decade later, having returned to the Middle East as a social worker in the wake of the Syrian civil war, Azad found that he would have to pick up a weapon once again. In September 2014, after twenty-four days of intensive training as a sniper, Azad became one of seventeen volunteer marksmen deployed by the Kurdish army when ISIS besieged the city of Kobani in Rojava, the newly autonomous region of the Kurds. In *Long Shot*, Azad tells the inside story of how the Kurdish forces fought nine months of bloody street battles against the Islamic State. Vastly outnumbered, the Kurds would have to kill the jihadis one by one, and Azad takes readers on a harrowing journey behind rebel frontlines to reveal the sniper unit's essential role in fighting, and eventually defeating, ISIS. Weaving the brutal events of war with personal and political reflection, Azad meditates on the incalculable price of victory—the permanent effects of war on the body and mind; the devastating death of two of his closest comrades; the loss of hundreds of volunteers who died in battle. But as Azad explains, these were sacrifices that saved not only a city but a people and their land. Rojava was freed, and ISIS, which once threatened the world, never fully recovered. At once wrenching and redemptive, *Long Shot* is a dramatic account of modern war that tells the story of how, against all odds, a few thousand men and women achieved the impossible and kept their dream of freedom alive.

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Isis knows her marriage was made for the good of the people, but that doesn't stop her longing for more. When Osiris is crowned as the first Pharaoh of the Two Lands, she takes it as a chance to change things between them. As the two get to know one another, they discover that they have more in common than they ever thought, and things start to change for the better between them. Can the two rulers fall in love? - Queen Of The Two Lands is a fantasy romance, and prequel to the Forgotten Gods series, and follows Isis and Osiris as they go from a loveless marriage to a power couple who will do anything for one another. It is based on Egyptian mythology and set in the past.

? Many of Bob Dylan's most well-known works date from the 1960s, and can be seen as critical indicators of the changes in American society then and since. This book explores the unthreading of ideas about masculinity, femininity, sexuality, and identity through the lens of some of Dylan's most popular love songs. The author revealingly employs specific aspects of cultural theory to explore the appeal of Bob Dylan's music both now and during the time it was written.

Passion, joy, and longing abound in seven original classic love stories, newly retold by a master storyteller. Wolkstein has vividly re-created unforgettable myths of love, published together in a single collection for the first time. Includes "Inanna and Dumuzi", "Shiva and Sati", "The Song of Songs", "Psyche and Eros", and more.

"My name is Mary. I come from Magdala. Well, actually, I come from a lot more than

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Magdala, but the time I walked on Earth, the time you heard about, I was born in Magdala. I come from a much greater place than that, however, and so do you." Travel through the ages and hear reflections on love, life, and one of the greatest stories of all time from one of the most amazing women of all time. Mary Magdalene offers us insight into her life with Yeshua (Jesus) and gives her perspective on the events that occurred then and on up to our present day. Mary and Yeshua were very special, as we all are very special. They were very awake beings - very aware of the connection of all life and the divinity within...but these attributes are available to us all. Through the lyrical, poetic, passionate, sometimes funny, always heart-centered unfolding of her story, Mary reminds us how to access these qualities to create a beautiful life for each one of us and all of us...the life she and Yeshua lived.

The contributions to this volume in the African Theatre series make clear that the role of women in the theatre across the continent has changed as control is mainly held by literate elites and women's traditional standing has been lost to men.

Inspired by true events, *ISIS: A Love Story* weaves real-life details of the Syrian Civil War into a fictional romance between two of its combatants. The story is concise but complete- written to be taken in one sitting. The unlikely protagonists are two star-and-crescent-crossed ISIS Fighters - Majnun and Ali fighting a jihad across Syria during the Syrian Civil War. As bombs boom around them so does their battlefield bromance. When a chance encounter starts to grow into something more the two young radicals

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struggle to reconcile their identities. Passions and tensions swell, tearing Majnun and Ali between the two things they are - battle-hardened Salafi mujahideen and gay lovers. Forced to confront these conflicting identities, the star-and-crescent crossed ISIL fighters have to decide what matters more - Islamic extremism- or each other. Painted not as a view from outside looking in but from the inside looking around, the tale strips away the absolutism of the black flag and relayers it into shades of grey. With an unprecedented view, *ISIS: A Love Story* showcases a time and place, love and war, beauty and barbarity, and life and death. The first of its kind, this exciting straight-from-the-headlines narrative offers an unparalleled view of ISIS through the eyes of ISIS. It's like nothing you've ever read.

Explores the vision of paradise found in traditional religions, offering a series of prayers and meditations designed to unleash creativity, passion, and freedom.

Hairnigans. Friendship. Big Dreams. The previously scheduled life Maya Hatton planned has been interrupted for an emergency broadcast announcement. A news station manager threatens to destroy over twenty years of brand and image building with a new contract from hell. Her husband Roddreccus moved into the rental property and refuses to move home without explanation. Instead of finding confidence, fun, and freedom as she enters her mid-fifties she's faced with crises. Fans believed she had it all together but her dream team lost a member, a villain hijacked her fairy tale marriage and now she needs to remember how to be the Maya everyone thinks she is or lose the

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best thing she ever had. Natural Sistahs series is written by an African American author whose chosen her natural hair since 1998. While one of many indie published black authors she considers her books appropriate for the women's fiction category though most would be shelved in the black fiction, black books, African American women's fiction, or black women's fiction section in most physical bookstores.

Rescued from ISIS is the inspiring and terrifying tale of one man's journey to the Middle East to save his child from radical Islam, and its surprising worldwide repercussions. Dimitri Bontinck lived every parent's worst nightmare. His teenage son, introduced to Islam by his girlfriend, fell into the clutches of a radical mosque. Dimitri watched helplessly as his son, Jay, transformed from a gentle boy to a soldier in training, wearing traditional robes and following a strict diet. Completely brainwashed, Jay snuck out of the house and traveled to Syria, all but vanishing. Too late, Dimitri learned that their country, Belgium, was the leading hotbed of Islamic radicalization. Large numbers of teenagers were being lured into this world and expertly indoctrinated into radical Islam. One by one, they disappeared into the Middle East, most never to be seen again. With no one to help him, Dimitri--a white, Christian-raised atheist--set off on his own to save his son. Using only his military training, a lot of courage, and a little luck, he gradually embedded himself deeper and deeper into the Middle East. After months of searching and several close calls—including being thrown in a jail cell and beaten—he was able to find his son and bring him home. The world was shocked at his

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unprecedented success, and he started receiving pleas from families around the world, asking that he rescue their children, as well. Increasingly fearful for his own life but unable to ignore these cries for help, Dimitri accepted his newfound role as The Jihadi Hunter.

Read the book that Kirkus Review called: "A complex, witty page-turner, ideal for YA fans of scandal and romance." Seventeen-year-old Isis Blake hasn't fallen in love in three years, nine weeks, and five days, and after what happened last time, she intends to keep it that way. Since then she's lost eighty-five pounds, gotten four streaks of purple in her hair, and moved to Buttcrack-of-Nowhere, Ohio, to help her mom escape a bad relationship. All the girls in her new school want one thing—Jack Hunter, the Ice Prince of East Summit High. Hot as an Armani ad, smart enough to get into Yale, and colder than the Arctic, Jack Hunter's never gone out with anyone. Sure, people have seen him downtown with beautiful women, but he's never given high school girls the time of day. Until Isis punches him in the face. Jack's met his match. Suddenly everything is a game. The goal: Make the other beg for mercy. The game board: East Summit High. The reward: Something neither of them expected. Previously published as *Lovely Vicious*, this fully revised and updated edition is full of romance, intrigue, and laugh-out-loud moments. The *Lovely Vicious* series is best enjoyed in order. Reading Order: Book #1 Love Me Never Book #2 Forget Me Always Book #3 Remember Me Forever

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In August 2014, Farida, like any ordinary teenage girl, was enjoying the summer holidays before her last year at school. But Farida lived in the mountains of northern Iraq - and what happened next was unimaginable. Her village was an ISIS target. ISIS jihadists murdered the men and boys, including her father and brother, before taking Farida and the other women prisoner. This is the story of what happened to Farida after she was captured: the beatings, the rapes, the markets where ISIS sold women like cattle, and Farida's realisation that the more resistant she became, the harder it was for her captors to continue their atrocities against her. So she struggled, she bit, she kicked, she accused her captors of going against their religion, until, one day, the door to her room was left unlocked. She took her chance and, with five younger girls in her charge, fled into the Syrian desert. Farida showed incredible courage in the face of the unthinkable, and now with *The Girl Who Beat ISIS* she bravely relives her story to bear witness. Searing and immediate, this is the first memoir by a young woman that shows first-hand what life is like for innocents caught up in the maelstrom of day-to-day life with ISIS.

"Ingenious... Builds to one of the most memorable final scenes I've read in a novel this century." --The New York Times  
WINNER OF THE 2018 WOMEN'S PRIZE FOR FICTION  
FINALIST FOR THE 2019 INTERNATIONAL DUBLIN LITERARY AWARD  
LONGLISTED FOR THE MAN BOOKER PRIZE  
The suspenseful and heartbreaking story of an immigrant family driven to pit love against loyalty, with devastating

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consequences Isma is free. After years of watching out for her younger siblings in the wake of their mother's death, she's accepted an invitation from a mentor in America that allows her to resume a dream long deferred. But she can't stop worrying about Aneeka, her beautiful, headstrong sister back in London, or their brother, Parvaiz, who's disappeared in pursuit of his own dream, to prove himself to the dark legacy of the jihadist father he never knew. When he resurfaces half a globe away, Isma's worst fears are confirmed. Then Eamonn enters the sisters' lives. Son of a powerful political figure, he has his own birthright to live up to--or defy. Is he to be a chance at love? The means of Parvaiz's salvation? Suddenly, two families' fates are inextricably, devastatingly entwined, in this searing novel that asks: What sacrifices will we make in the name of love?

The essential “on the ground” report on the fastest-growing new threat in the Middle East, from the winner of the 2014 Foreign Affairs Journalist of the Year Award Born of the Iraqi and Syrian civil wars, the Islamic State astonished the world in 2014 by creating a powerful new force in the Middle East. By combining religious fanaticism and military prowess, the new self-declared caliphate poses a threat to the political status quo of the whole region. In *The Rise of Islamic State*, Patrick Cockburn describes the conflicts behind a dramatic unraveling of US foreign policy. He shows how the West created the conditions for ISIS's explosive success by stoking the war in Syria. The West—the US and NATO in particular—underestimated the militants' potential until it

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was too late and failed to act against jihadi sponsors in Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Pakistan.

Keisha and Isis grew up on the southside of Chicago They both lived different lifestyles. Keisha is a nineteen year old who did anything she can to get money while falling in love with a big time drug dealer name Smoke who would have thought he would bring so much drama into her life causing everybody around her to be disloyal. Isis is a seventeen year old who didn't know much about the streets. She didn't have anybody in her corner and was forced to figure out life on her own turning to one of the corner boys in her time of need she didn't know if he would be there for her or destroy her. Keisha and Isis was dealt the same cards when fighting for the men they love was their only option who will come out on top when the tables turn.

Reporters Derry Danaher and Amadee Beauchene fall in love while working at the Milwaukee Ledger when sorrowful events change everything.

An exploration of the way Adam and Eve introduced the idea of love into the world, and how they continue to shape our deepest feelings about relationships, family, and togetherness. Since antiquity, Adam and Eve have stood at the center of every conversation about men and women. Yet instead of celebrating them, history has blamed them for bringing sin, deceit, and death into the world. In this fresh retelling of their story, Bruce Feiler travels from the Garden of Eden in Iraq to the Sistine Chapel in Rome, discovering how Adam and Eve should be hailed as exemplars of a long-term,

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healthy, resilient relationship. At a time of discord and fear over the strength of our social fabric, Feiler shows how history's first couple can again be role models for unity, forgiveness, and love.

After her beloved brother Harvey dies after saving her from her rageful governess, Isis Villiers learns that the family burial crypt on the grounds holds mystical powers to raise the dead.

Beneath the clear blue skies of Maldives, a beast slouches towards Syria to be born... Zahi has led a perfectly normal life until one day she heads out for a family vacation but finds herself in the conflict stricken sands of Syria. Unknowingly signed up for Jihad along with her family, Zahi is now the newest recruit of the Islamic State. In a hostile environment with no support and where a single misplaced word could mean death, she is able to make contact with her brother back home. Thus is set in motion a web of deception, courage and tragedy as she attempts to escape. Based on the little known and insidious operations of the Islamic State this book is a startling account of how the Islamic State has perfected a cross-country operation that converts thousands to a depraved cause. Taken from real life events, this gritty account describes in horrifying detail not only the very real and very elaborate functioning of the Islamic State but the motivations that operate behind it. An authentically written portrait of life in the Islam State, this book will force you to tread carefully as it shatters your illusions. Combining research and accurate information with the heady pace of a political intrigue, this is a

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ticket that you cannot miss out on. In a world that is rocked by the violence of a rising Islamic fundamentalism, A Ticket to Syria is that disturbing thriller which is actually true. 2013 GOLD MEDAL WINNER: Reader's Favorite International Book Award for Christian Romance. The Missing Piece by international bestselling author Carol McCormick. "Fresh dialogue, realistic characters, a powerful message. McCormick does a great job creating her characters and portraying the struggles they endure," The Romance Readers Connection How does a man pick up the pieces when his world crashes around him? Misplaced priorities shattered his marriage. Problems almost crushed him. Love motivated him to mend the damage, once he found all the pieces. After only a few months of marriage, Lorraine left Dylan on a wintry night after he'd spent one too many nights out with the guys. Unable to cope with the loss, Dylan escapes the painful feelings by drinking them away. This decision costs him a year-and-a-half of his life after he stops in a little mountain town and ends up in the local jail. When he's released, he returns home in search of a job to get his life...and his wife back. The Missing Piece is not only a love story about a man who loves a woman, but is also a love story about a merciful God who loves mankind, even when he falls. The novel is an emotionally-charged journey of hope and redemption with a touch of spunk, a hint of humor, and a few twists along the way. A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER The extraordinary story of the women who took on the Islamic State and won "The Daughters of Kobani is an unforgettable and nearly

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