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I Survived the Battle of D-Day, 1944 (I Survived #18) Dark Shadows Publishing
Edited by Leslie Mitchell at G2
Freelance editing and re-released
8/20/13. What do you do when the one you

love is also your worst enemy? Trapped in a destiny she does not want, Cassie finds herself lost and adrift, until he walks into her life, turning it upside down and awakening her in ways that she never dreamed possible. Cassie is stunned and devastated to learn that she belongs to a

long line of vampire slayers known as The Hunters. A murderous rampage by a group of elder vampires has left the Hunter line decimated and the remaining Hunters scattered around the world. With her friends Chris and Melissa's aid, Cassie struggles to rid the world of the monsters that murdered her parents. Though Cassie knows it is her fate, she chafes against her heritage, and is resentful of the shortened lifespan that has been placed upon her by the circumstances of birth. Struggling to get through every day, Cassie finds herself simply going through the motions of living. That is, until Devon arrives. Tall, dark, and mysterious his arrival turns the school, and

Cassie's life, upside down. Fighting against her fierce attraction to him, and the chaos he represents in her carefully ordered days, she is irresistibly drawn to him. Though worried that what she truly is will place Devon in danger, she is unable to fight her feelings for him. He is the one light, and the only source of hope she has in a world that revolves around death and fear. What she does not know is that Devon has some dark secrets of his own, secrets even more frightening and dangerous than hers. Secrets that threaten to tear them apart forever. Book 1 of 5 This is a young adult fictional story that includes some language, violence, and mild sexual situations.

Recommended for ages fifteen and up. Cover art by Cover art by EbookLaunch
Unconventional Warfare (Special Forces, Book 1)
 Vintage
 Discover the secret missions behind America's greatest conflicts. Danny Manion has been fighting his entire life. Sometimes with his fists. Sometimes with his words. But when his actions finally land him in real trouble, he can't fight the judge who offers him a choice: jail... or the army. Turns out there's a perfect place for him in the US military: the Studies and Observation Group (SOG), an elite volunteer-only task force comprised of US Air Force Commandos, Army Green Berets,

Navy SEALs, and even a CIA agent or two. With the SOG's focus on covert action and psychological warfare, Danny is guaranteed an unusual tour of duty, and a hugely dangerous one. Fortunately, the very same qualities that got him in trouble at home make him a natural-born commando in a secret war. Even if almost nobody knows he's there. National Book Award finalist Chris Lynch begins a new, explosive fiction series based on the real-life, top-secret history of US black ops. *Kindred (Book 1 the Kindred Series)*
 Createspace
 Independent Publishing Platform
 The seventh and final book in the #1 New York Times bestselling Field Party series--a

Southern soap opera filled with football, cute boys, and pick-up trucks--from USA TODAY bestselling author Abbi Glines. The couples from the previous books in the Field Party series gather for a special event ten years in the future that will impact each of their lives.

Taken Over (Book 2 the Ravening Series)

Hachette UK

Edited by Leslie

Mitchell at G2

Freelance Editing and rereleased

1/21/14. Devastated by the loss of Cade, struggling to survive in a world she no longer knows, Bethany is determined to exact revenge upon the aliens that have shredded her life, and the lives of her family and friends. Presented with an opportunity to

uncover the secret that Dr. Bishop feels her blood holds, and why she is different than the rest of the survivors, Bethany strikes out on a mission. With a small group of fellow survivors, Bethany is determined to gather the supplies necessary to discover what help she may be for humanity. Though she is haunted by memories of those she's lost, Bethany refuses to give up hope that one day they might be able to regain some semblance of their former lives. Chances of that are looking smaller and smaller as they are confronted with new, and even deadlier creatures looking for only one thing; the destruction of the human race. Young

Adult. This book contains some language, violence, and sexual situations. Recommended for ages sixteen and up. Cover art by EbookLaunch

Captured (The Captive Series Book 1) Harper Collins Edited by Leslie Mitchell at G2 Freelance Editing and re-released 8/20/13. For the past four years, Cassie has only known vampires as her enemy. With the revelation of Devon's true nature, she must come to terms with the fact that not everything she knows is right, especially when the true source of her Hunter powers is revealed. Slowly, Cassie begins to unravel the mystery that enshrouds Devon as the bond between

them intensifies. When a woman from his past walks into their present, Cassie realizes there are far more layers to Devon than she ever realized. Layers that may very well destroy her, and everyone she loves. Thrown off by the new arrival in their town, and struggling to survive, Cassie isn't prepared for the devastating blow that leaves the world she knows nothing but a pile of ashes. Ashes that may give rise to something else inside of her, something not entirely human. Book 2 of 5 in the completed Kindred Series. Recommended Reading Order: Kindred (Book 1) Ashes (Book 2) Kindled (Book 3) Inferno (Book 4) Phoenix Rising (Book 5) If you enjoy the

Kindred Series, you may also enjoy the spinoff Fire and Ice Series which is now complete. Recommended Reading Order: Frost Burn (Book 1) Arctic Fire (Book 2) Scorched Ice (Book 3) The Kindred Series is a young adult fictional story that includes some language, violence, and mild sexual situations. Recommended for ages fifteen and up. Cover art by Cover art by EbookLaunch [Blood Secret](#) Createspace Independent Publishing Platform An erotically charged, addictive thriller from the future queen of suspense. Living in Toronto for a year, Elena is leading the normal life she has always dreamed of, including a stable job

as a journalist and a nice apartment shared with her boyfriend. As the lone female werewolf in existence, only her secret midnight prowls and her occasional inhuman cravings set her apart. Just one year ago, life was very different. Adopted by the Pack when bitten, Elena had spent years struggling with her resentment at having her life stolen away. Torn between two worlds, and overwhelmed by the new passions coursing through her body, her only option for control was to deny her awakening needs and escape. But now the Pack has called Elena home to help them fight an alliance of renegade werewolves who are bent on exposing and

annihilating the Pack. And although Elena is obliged to rejoin her "family," she vows not to be swept up in Pack life again, no matter how natural it might feel. She has made her choice. Trouble is, she's increasingly uncertain if it's the right one. An erotically charged thriller, *Bitten* will awaken the voracious appetite of every reader, as the age-old battle between man and beast, between human and inhuman forces, comes to a head in one small town and within one woman's body.

Into the Woods Vintage Canada

Two boys in Little Rock get caught up in the storm of the struggle over public school integration.

Bound by Deception
(*The Alliance*, Book 7)

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After his father is killed in the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Adam moves with his family from Hawaii to California and begins to doubt his relationship with his Japanese-American best friend, Davi Mori, but when Davi calls upon Adam to complete an important task involving his own father at an internment camp, Adam has to come to terms with his feelings and make the right decision for the sake of a friend.

A Boy at War Brenda K. Davies

The minute she had opened the trunk, she knew there wasn't anything like hope in it. Just awful musty things, but each one with a kind of terrible dark halo around it.

She picked up that piece of old lace. She saw that stain -- pale, brownish in color. She knew it was blood. Somebody's blood. There was violence in that trunk, and dark secrets, and she did not want to know them. Curious about the old homestead where she now lives, Jerry finds an ancient trunk in the basement that contains, among other things, an old piece of bloodstained lace, some letters, and a battered doll. The objects in the trunk have stories to tell -- stories about the Spanish Inquisition spanning nearly five hundred years and stories of secrets locked deep in the bloodlines of Jerry's ancestors. Kathryn Lasky's powerhouse novel is a dramatic

historical saga that brings the reader face-to-face with some of the worst atrocities ever committed against humankind in the name of God. But above all, it is an unforgettable coming-of-age story about a girl who, in connecting with her own past and faith, is at last able to face her own demons and liberate not only herself but also future generations of her family from the long chain of suffering and silence.

Little Rock Nine

Sourcebooks, Inc.
BaleDreams of the darkness have haunted me since childhood. I always assumed one day I would uncover the answer to what the darkness hid... and that those answers would destroy me. However, after learning

who my mate is, I know it won't be the darkness that kills me... it will be him. No matter what happens, I plan to take Wrath with me when I die. Wrath wasn't prepared to discover my Chosen in the tempting, red-haired paliton, but now that I've found her, I'm not letting her go... even if she'd prefer to see me dead.

Determined to make Bale bow to my will, I wasn't expecting the turn of events that thrusts us into a situation far deadlier than any I've ever encountered. Nor was I expecting to fall for the infuriating beauty. She may want to kill me, but she will be mine... unless the answers to what lay within the darkness destroy us both first. Find out if Bale and Wrath turn

from enemies to lovers in the action-packed conclusion to the Hell on Earth series. ***The Hell on Earth series is a spinoff of the Road to Hell series. You do not have to read the Road to Hell Series to follow this one. Due to violence, language, and sexual content this book is recommended for readers 18+***

Love, Theodosia

Abrams

The Complete Kindred Series bundled together in one set.

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Cassie begins to unravel the mystery that enshrouds Devon as the bond between them intensifies. When a woman from his past walks into their present, Cassie realizes there are far more layers to Devon than she ever realized. Layers that may very well destroy her, and everyone she loves. Kindled (Book 3) Fueled by rage and a thirst for revenge, Cassie no longer recognizes the person she has become. Determined to destroy Julian, no matter what the cost, Cassie pushes away the ones that love her most. Though she tries to deny it and fights against it, Devon's love may be the only thing that can bring her back from the brink of madness she is teetering on. Just when

she's starting to come to terms with her grief, a startling revelation threatens to unravel everything she has always known. Her bond with Devon is severely tested as a new enemy rises to tear them apart. An enemy Cassie never could have foreseen, but one that may be even deadlier, and far more ruthless than any vampire she has ever faced. Torn from her friends and Devon, Cassie is stunned to find herself having to rely on the man she hates the most, Julian. Inferno (Book 4) Deadly. That is what her time imprisoned by The Commission has made her. Just how deadly, and exactly what was done to her, Cassie doesn't know, but she is terrified of the possibilities.

Though they try to hide it, Cassie knows the people she loves most are also afraid of what she might become. That may be the least of her problems as she comes face to face with the deserted town she was locked away in, and the destruction the Halflings have wrought upon it. Phoenix Rising (Book 5) On a mission to rescue the children, they set out on a journey from New York to Canada; a journey that will forever alter the course of their lives.***The Kindred Series is a young adult fictional story that includes some language, violence, and mild sexual situations. Recommended for ages fifteen and up.***
Ashes Penguin
 Bestselling author Alice

Hoffman tears a page from history and melds it with mysticism to create a spellbinding, highly acclaimed tale about the persecution of Jewish people during the sixteenth century. Estrella is a Marrano: During the time of the Spanish Inquisition, she is one of a community of Spanish Jews living double lives as Catholics. And she is living in a house of secrets, raised by a family who practices underground the ancient and mysterious way of wisdom known as kabbalah. When Estrella discovers her family's true identity--and her family's secrets are made public--she confronts a world she's never imagined, where new love burns and where friendship ends in flame and ash, where

trust is all but vanquished and betrayal has tragic and bitter consequences. Winner of numerous "best book" citations and infused with the rich context of history and faith, *Incantation* is a transcendent journey of discovery and loss, rebirth and remembrance that Newbery Award-winning author Lois Lowry described as "Magical and spellbinding...Painful and exquisitely beautiful."

Three Rivers Rising

Simon and Schuster
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 Freelance Editing and Re-released
 10/31/13. Deadly. That is what her time imprisoned by The Commission has made her. Just how deadly, and exactly what was

done to her, Cassie doesn't know, but she is terrified of the possibilities. Though they try to hide it, Cassie knows the people she loves most are also afraid of what she might become. That may be the least of her problems as she comes face to face with the deserted town she was locked away in, and the destruction the Halfings have wrought upon it. Destruction she must try to stop before even more innocent people die and the Halfings escape the town. However, the existence of the Halfings has also caught the attention of someone else, someone powerful and angry; someone determined to destroy her and everyone she loves. Book 4 of 5 in the

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Refugee (The Captive Series Book 3) Univ of South Carolina Press (15 stories featuring

vampires, werewolves, witches, psychic detectives, time travel romance and more!) Crush by Chrissy Peebles Rae of Hope by W.J. May Eternal Vows by Chrissy Peebles Seventh Mark by W.J. May Kindred by Erica Stevens Awakened by Brenda K. Davies Tuesday's Child by Dale Mayer Blur by Kristen Middleton The Core by Kate Thomas Enchanted Secrets by Kristen Middleton Captured by Erica Stevens Vampire in Denial by Dale Mayer Plus 3 BONUS books Ravenous by Erica Stevens The Zombie Chronicles by Chrissy Peebles Zombie Games (Origins) by Kristen Middleton As a courtesy, the authors inform you there are some stories with cliffhangers. These are

the first books or prequels to individual series. Some stories have been previously published. 15 thrilling stories in one volume These works of fiction are from some of today's most exciting authors. A star-studded anthology of thrilling, action-packed and totally swoon-worthy first books by your favorite young adult authors. We hope you enjoy these tales of dark fantasy, gothic tales, horror, fantasy adventure, science fiction, paranormal romance, and urban fantasy. Keywords: urban fantasy, paranormal elements, gothic, paranormal, vampire, quick read, serial, romance, romance, teen, young adult, vampire love story, vampires, young adult reads,

contemporary crushes, werewolves, witches, dark fantasy, supernatural, alpha wolf, alpha Teen & Young Adult, Paranormal Romance, Romance, Paranormal, Vampires, Love, Action & Adventure, Magic, Fantasy coming of age, dark fantasy, fantasy new adult, superhero fantasy ebooks, witches, vampires and witches, superhero, paranormal fantasy, paranormal romance, New Adult & College Romance Paranormal, new adult, new adult and college, New Adult & College Romance, Chrissy Peebles, Crush, The Crush Saga, supernatural, romance, mystery, superpowers, paranormal, series, Young Adult, fantasy. superhero, paranormal fantasy, paranormal romance, New Adult &

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The Secrets We Kept

Simon and Schuster
 Taken from her
 beloved family and
 woods, Aria's biggest

fear isn't death... it's becoming a blood slave for a member of the vampire race. No matter her fate, she must keep her identity hidden from the monsters imprisoning her. She's already branded a member of the rebellion, but the vampires can never learn the truth of her involvement. Hoping for death, Aria's world turns upside down when Braith steps forward to claim her. The powerful vampire delays her execution, but it's only a matter of time before he destroys her. Aria's determination to hate Braith only increases when she learns he's a member of the royal family responsible for reducing humans to nothing more than servants and slaves. However, his strange

kindness and unexpected gentleness slowly make her realize he's more than just a monster. Torn between her loyalties to the rebellion, and a growing love for her greatest enemy, Aria must decide between everything she's ever known and a love she never dreamed of finding. ***The Captive Series is mature YA/New Adult. This book contains some language, violence, and sexual situations. Recommended for ages sixteen and up.*** Recommended reading order for the completed Captive Series. Captured (Book 1) Renegade (Book 2) Refugee (Book 3) Salvation (Book 4) Redemption (Book 5) Broken (The Captive Series Prequel) Vengeance (Book 6)

Unbound (Book 7)
The Never Hero
Bantam
A YA romance—with a sparkling commercial voice and a dash of science—that explores a relationship over six years. The moment Spencer meets Hope the summer before seventh grade, it's something at first sight. The pair become fast friends, climbing trees and planning world travels. After years of being outshone by his older brother and teased because of his Tourette syndrome, Spencer finally feels like he belongs. But as Hope and Spencer get older and life gets messier, the clear label of “friend” gets messier, too. Through sibling feuds and family tragedies, new relationships and

broken hearts, the two grow together and apart, and Spencer, an aspiring scientist, tries to map it all out using his trusty system of taxonomy. He wants to identify and classify their relationship, but in the end, he finds that life doesn't always fit into easy-to-manage boxes, and it's this messy complexity that makes life so rich and beautiful.

Kindled Scholastic Inc.
When he's sent to Arizona to recruit more help for the Alliance, Logan doesn't expect to find himself in the middle of a murder scene... or to become the number one suspect. Determined to escape and find the true killer, he takes Elena hostage to break free of the hunter compound. Elena ran away from the hunter

way of life eight years ago, but that doesn't mean her hatred toward vampires lessened over time. When she finds herself at the mercy of one, she must decide if he truly is an enemy or if she can trust him. But just as things come together, and Elena and Logan are learning to trust one another, a bigger threat emerges. As hunters become the enemy, and everything they know unravels, can they stop what is coming... or is it already too late?

***The Alliance Series is a spin-off of the Vampire Awakenings series. You do not have to read the Vampire Awakenings Series to follow the Alliance Series. Due to violence, language, and sexual content this book is recommended for

readers 18+***
 Keywords: Paranormal romance friends psychic powers american vampire romance psychic powers new adult dark romance steamy romance novels action adventure contemporary vampire fantasy supernatural suspense contemporary fantasy fiction supernatural thriller novels strong heroine vampire thriller twists strong male lead vampires blood mate dark past romance mythical creatures strong heroine action mystery enemies to lovers angst steamy romance novels folklore mythical creatures epic love story romantic fantasy for adults love story *A Taxonomy of Love* Ember A Romeo & Juliet tale

for Hamilton! fans. In post-American Revolution New York City, Theodosia Burr, a scholar with the skills of a socialite, is all about charming the right people on behalf of her father—Senator Aaron Burr, who is determined to win the office of president in the pivotal election of 1800. Meanwhile, Philip Hamilton, the rakish son of Alexander Hamilton, is all about being charming on behalf of his libido. When the two first meet, it seems the ongoing feud between their politically opposed fathers may be hereditary. But soon, Theodosia and Philip must choose between love and family, desire and loyalty, and preserving the legacy their flawed fathers fought for or

creating their own. Love, Theodosia is a smart, funny, swoony take on a fiercely intelligent woman with feminist ideas ahead of her time who has long-deserved center stage. A refreshing spin on the Hamiltonian era and the characters we have grown to know and love. It's also a heartbreaking romance of two star-crossed lovers, an achingly bittersweet "what if." Despite their fathers' bitter rivalry, Theodosia and Philip are drawn to each other and, in what unrolls like a Jane Austen novel of manners, we find ourselves entangled in the world of Hamilton and Burr once again as these heirs of famous enemies are driven together despite every reason not to be.

The Last Field Party

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He knew it was a dumb stunt from the start. A midnight run through a cemetery to impress a couple of girls is hardly the stuff of legend, but Alex Carlisle longs to escape the crushing mediocrity of life after high school. Then he stumbles upon the ritual, and the cultists, and two bound and bloodied women. Alex intervenes and the ritual blows up in his face, leaving him bound to them both: Rachel and Lorelei, an angel and a succubus. It's hardly the sort of challenge a guy can face with dignity when he still lives at home with his mom. Alex never imagined falling for an immortal demon seductress, or that

he'd spend his nights dodging her co-workers, her old boss, and every other supernatural freak in Seattle. He never thought a woman like Lorelei could have a rival like Rachel, either. But then, nobody ever said adulthood would be easy. **WARNING:** "Good Intentions" contains explicit sexuality, violence, nudity, inappropriate use of church property, portrayals of beings divine and demonic bearing little or no resemblance to established religion or mythology, trespassing, bad language, sacrilege, blasphemy, attempted murder, arguable murder, divinely mandated murder, justifiable murder, filthy murder, sexual promiscuity,

kidnapping, attempted rape, arson, dead animals, desecrated graves, gang activity, theft, assault and battery, panties, misuse of the 911 system, fantasy depictions of sorcery and witchcraft, multiple references to various matters of fandom, questionable interrogation tactics, cell phone abuse, reckless driving, consistent abuse of vampires (because they deserve it), even more explicit sexuality, illegal use of firearms within city limits, polyamory, abuse of authority, hit and run driving, destruction of private property, underage drinking, disturbances of the peace, disorderly conduct, internet harassment, bearers of false witness, mayhem,

dismemberment, falsification of records, tax evasion, an uncomfortably sexy mother, bad study habits, and a very silly white guy inappropriately calling another white guy "nigga" (for which he will surely suffer).

A Boy No More

Delacorte Press
Sixteen-Year-Old
Cestia spends every summer with her family at the elite resort at Lake Conemaugh, a shimmering Allegheny Mountain reservoir held in place by an earthen dam. Tired of the society crowd, Celestia prefers to swim and fish with Peter, the hotel's hired boy. It's a friendship she must keep secret, and when companionship turns to romance, it's a love

that could get Celestia disowned. These affairs of the heart become all the more wrenching on a single, tragic day in May, 1889. After days of heavy rain, the dam fails, unleashing 20 million tons of water onto Johnstown,

Pennsylvania, in the valley below. The town where Peter lives with his father. The town where Celestia has just arrived to join him. This searing novel in poems explores a cross-class romance—and a tragic event in U. S. history.