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****This book can be read as a standalone**** For aspiring journalist Harlow Ransom, life is just a well-oiled machine, and if she plans well, all things will go accordingly. And that is exactly why Harlow lives her life by perfectly polished to-do lists that she refuses to stray from-even when she's celebrating her 21st birthday in Sin City. 1. Visit the Boom Boom Blues Lounge 2. See the water show at the Bellagio Things can't possibly go askew if she crosses things off her list one by one. But after a night of celebrating leads to waking up in bed with a sexy stranger and a ring on her finger, Harlow realizes that in no point in time did she ever have "Get Married" on her trusty to-do list. Yet that's exactly what she did. Professional snowboarder Trace Stone loves a good challenge-he's all about the win. And this time, he's going to find a way to win over the feisty, meticulous Harlow. The wedding may have been spontaneous and impulsive, but when he said "forever," he meant it. Now, the only thing he wants on Harlow's to-do list is him-from this day forward.

A Tough Mind and a Tender Heart

After all, even demons deserve a chance at love. With her angelic wings and his demonic horns they were never meant to come together. But his red eyes trap her and her seductive wings lure him. Their hot demon blood crashes. What starts as one night of carnal pleasure turns into an adventure of epic portions. Shades of Dungeons and Dragons twisted in wicked ways. Within days of meeting Lilah and Glaurakos fall across the path of an evil sorceress who traps them in a strange and

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dangerous "other world". The threats in the new world are perilous, yet their lust for each other is far more frightening. Will their bond be strong enough to make it out alive? Against all odds of the damned, can love grow between two half demons? This fantasy novel is a twisted romance at its core inspired by Dungeons and Dragons/Forgotten Realms, by best selling Paranormal Romance authors J.E. & M. Keep.

The Wise Heart

Book Info: Alex is a married man who is several years into his marriage to Michelle, and his life is the complete opposite of what he'd expected. Alex and Michelle are happily married until he discovers the secrets she's been hiding for over a decade. Kymoni is a woman who has been betrayed by two people closest to her, never quite recovering emotionally she has given up on love and began making plans to endure her life alone. Until one day she ran into her true destiny. Michelle Thomas is Alex's wife, a woman who always secretly enjoys having the upper hand in life and in her marriage, until her new boss Brian Ross comes along; a wealthy alpha male who secretly loves to dominate willing participants in his leisure time. Brian Ross has now acquired the company she works for, and soon discovers that Michelle will do anything for a cushy promotion and he has a plan that will give them both what they desire. As life throw curves to all involved, they all start to wonder if the path they are on is the right one. Is it worth being true to oneself, if it

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means sacrificing everything? This book is intended for mature audiences. The Tempted Hearts Series has four parts. Tempted Hearts Book 1 Tempted Hearts Book 2 Tempted Hearts Book 3 Hearts Tempted Book 4

Spirits of the Heart

Appeals From The Heart To God, is an inspirational poetry book written with you in mind. As you comb through each verse, I pray that your intimacy with Christ will be deeper. You will read poems about God and His business, families and their affairs, nature and its elements, love and its sacrifices and Heaven our new home. Life has many challenges, but remember, Jesus is only a prayer away. My cross may be heavier than yours today and may be lighter than yours tomorrow, still let's not forget that we all have a cross to bear, but thank God, prayer makes it lighter and faith makes it more bearable. Read, enjoy and be blessed.

Stray Hearts

Change is hard. Whether it's a good transition like a job promotion or a bad disruption like a devastating health diagnosis, it's stressful. Gina Brenna Butz shares her personal stories of struggling with change and encourages you to trust God. She writes with compassion as she urges you to rely on God's goodness, lean

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on Him for strength, rejoice that He is constant, and ultimately to find satisfaction in Him rather than in circumstances. Scripture helps you see change from the viewpoint of your heavenly Father. You can rest knowing He works all things together for the good of His children, even in seasons of stress-inducing change.

Hope for the Soul

Can you have a strong personality and still be a godly wife? YES! Do you ever get the idea that being a godly wife means you need to be a mousy doormat? Be as unnoticeable as a doorknob? Or have a personality transplant? Fierce Women: The Power of a Soft Warrior smashes that idea. No matter whether you're an extrovert or more introverted, Kimberly Wagner believes women are created to be a compelling force. You may not see yourself as beautifully fierce or even slightly strong, but what if God has placed a powerful fierceness within you, within every woman? Kim admits her fierceness became a source of conflict in her marriage, but the relationship dynamic totally changed when she discovered her fierce strengths could be used to encourage and inspire her husband. She invites you to come alongside as she takes an honest look at a destructive relationship dynamic and casts a vision for the transformation God can bring to troubled marriages. A True Woman Book; the goal of the True Woman publishing line is to encourage women to: Discover, embrace, and delight in God's divine design and mission for their lives Reflect the beauty and heart of Jesus Christ to their world Intentionally

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pass the baton of Truth on to the next generation Pray earnestly for an outpouring of God's Spirit in their families, churches, nation and world

Fierce Women

A guide to the transformative power of Buddhist psychology—for meditators and mental health professionals, Buddhists and non-Buddhists alike. You have within you unlimited capacities for extraordinary love, for joy, for communion with life, and for unshakable freedom—and here is how to awaken them. In *The Wise Heart*, celebrated author and psychologist Jack Kornfield offers the most accessible, comprehensive, and illuminating guide to Buddhist psychology ever published in the West. Here is a vision of radiant human dignity, a journey to the highest expression of human possibility—and a practical path for realizing it in our own lives.

Hearts

From the Texas plains to the Canadian wilderness, up Missouri's Big Muddy to Montana Territory, and from the California mountains to Colorado's cattle country *JOURNEY OF THE HEART* is a collection of eight sigh-worthy romances, all revolving around modes of transportation in the Old West. Award-winning and best-selling

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authors Melissa Lynne Blue, Anne Carrole, Stacey Coverstone, Debora Dennis, Tanya Hanson, Karen J. Hasley, Linda LaRoque, and Jacqui Nelson invite you to travel along on romantic adventures that will have you falling in love with the gamblers, marshals, ranchers, doctors, riverboat captains, rangers, preachers, and warriors of the Wild West. Whether on a paddleboat or train, stagecoach or horse, buggy or bicycle, the journey to love for these rugged men and their feisty, independent ladies will delight fans of historical western romance. All stories are rated Sweet.

Strong Women, Soft Hearts

What happens when a safety app isn't enough to protect a child? Is there really such a thing as a Grechtzoar? What really is the nature of happiness? How do we quantify it? These questions and more are answered in the pages of breakout author Emily Eckart's "Pale Hearts," a collection of short stories. Emily's writing has something for everyone, and her heartfelt stories leave the reader with a sense of longing for a place and time they may never have known.

Erin's Daughters

One teashop, two sisters, two heartwarming romance novellas.

Appeals from the Heart to God

Their passionate affair ended in heartbreak when he left without warning. When he returns unexpectedly, can their heat melt away the hurt of the past? Kashif Shadid has always craved adventure. With one last chance to win the Iditarod dog sled race before assuming his role as Sheikh, he's returned to the Alaskan wilderness to train at a legendary sled dog farm. But returning means coming face to face with Kristy Cohen, the woman who captured his attention years ago. He's thrilled once again by her icy beauty, but her farm is facing financial ruin. Kashif's eager to take control, however, getting her to agree with his plans may be a challenge. Kristy Cohen works hard to keep her sled dog farm afloat while raising her young daughter. Faced with declining revenues and a changing climate, Kristy's struggling, but she's not willing to turn her back on her business model. When Kashif Shadid shows up out of the blue pushing her to make changes, Kristy's response is as cold as the Alaskan snow. She fell for tall, handsome Kashif once before. After four years without a word from him, she won't be making that mistake again. This time, Kristy's guarding more than just her heart. With her farm and her daughter to consider, can she ever risk taking a chance on Kashif again?

Shattered Glass

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"Out of the frying pan, into the fire." Chris Seitz just can't catch a break. Driving west to escape the flooding that rocked his Georgia hometown, he finds himself stranded during a record monsoon in a rural Arizona town. With just a bag of clothes and the kitten he rescued from the flood, Chris has never felt more alone. Now the kitten has gotten lost, and Chris is nearing the end of his rope. "What good was an artist if he couldn't make his art?" Wandering around during a thunderstorm in the hopes of curing his crippling creative block, master potter Lucas Duncan is surprised to find something else—a terrified and lost cat. He's even more surprised to discover who the owner is: the handsome newcomer to town. "I didn't want to believe that I could feel that way about another man" Deep in the closet and ten years Chris's senior, Lucas wouldn't normally have a reason to associate with the young wanderer if not for Henry the cat, and the unyielding magnetism of fate. Can the undeniable connection between the two lost souls bring their stray hearts home?

If I Loved You

The story of everywoman's emotional and spiritual journey, helping her release stored up false hopes and preconceived notions by replacing them with the wonderful reality God is weaving into her life. Every morning we face the day with a set of expectations about how things will or should be. Author Paula Rinehart says, "The oddest part about our mental images is that we don't know they are

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there until the video of our lives plays out in a different fashion." Offering a radical shift in perspective, Paula guides readers to a fresh discovery that the story of our lives may look vastly different than what we anticipated-but that it's a good thing. Better Than My Dreams charts a course that enables a woman to jettison her old baggage and to discover that what God is creating might be better than she ever dreamed for herself, where fellowship with Christ, rather than fulfillment of dreams, is the real prize. This deeper awareness, that God knows what He's doing with our lives, allows us to truly let go and enjoy the trip as we learn to live, love, and embrace whatever comes. Better Than My Dreams helps women: face their fear of disappointment deal with life's disturbing interruptions own their own stuff find the freedom to love difficult people

Deepest Corner of the Heart

A woman's guide into a man's heart and mind offering invaluable insights, understanding, and the tools for building healthier relationships. Even in the best of relationships, over time, men and women drift apart because of the communication gaps they naturally possess. In What's He Really Thinking?, author and speaker Paula Rinehart gives incredible insight into these differences. In her conversational, almost poetic style, Rinehart unlocks some of the age-old mysteries of the male mind-set. With more than twenty years of counseling experience, Rinehart sheds a realistic light on: how men think why they do what

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they do what they struggle with She believes women who truly understand men have an ability to make an extraordinary impact on their lives. From scientific research to practical real-life stories, Rinehart removes the guess work and shows women how to become the relational geniuses they have always longed to be.

The Lady Knights of Barony

Offers a well rounded "training manual" filled with inspirational insight and practical advice for handling life's toughest battles with inner and outer strength.

Heart Seasons

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME IN GOD'S HEART: After 7 years of volunteering to serve the men, women, and children at a very popular outreach center in Atlanta, GA, I stumbled upon an amazing personal discovery. I came to the humble realization that homelessness is not simply a state of physical destitution. But homelessness is also a place of spiritual and emotional emptiness. It is very true that some live in a perpetual state of misfortune and need the relationship, the challenge, and the encouragement of others to "dare to hope" that their circumstances are only temporary. Many undoubtedly need financial relief to end their state of homelessness. Yet, each of us, whether well off or destitute, can attest to the fact

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that at one point or another we have felt abandoned and displaced. While serving as an outreach leader, I found a new family. I discovered though I had a physical dwelling, I too was in an emotional state of homelessness. While serving the homeless, I struggled to conquer my own issues with abandonment. I found myself desperately attempting to place the pieces of my own life in a recognizable order. And it was while serving that I found an extension of God's family that are far too often overlooked, disqualified, and misunderstood. Each month I would show up with a fresh sermon in hand-ready to inspire and motivate those whom "I thought" were in need of encouragement. But each time, I left with the discovery that I needed it more than any of them. I arrived ready to inspire, but left all the more inspired myself. HOPE FOR THE SOUL is inspired by the men, women, and children seeking love, purpose, and a reason to believe that a better experience of life exists. In this book, you too will discover that there is a secret place in God's heart to find all the rest, affirmation, and love you have been longing for. HOPE FOR THE SOUL is guaranteed to strengthen your ability to: *Speak life to every dead dream *Pursue your God-given power *Declare freedom from past failures *Perform at maximum capacity in His strength *Trust God and His promises to build a better life!!

Stripped Bounty

I lived in a world of darkness, never to see the light again. It's been eleven years

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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.

Compelling Interests

Have you ever felt like God was whispering to you? I have! One sunny day in the spring of 2012, I was sitting in my favorite comfy chair, writing in my journal. From out of the blue, I began experiencing a sensation I had never felt before. I felt a calming warmth in my heart and all of a sudden, I started writing down ideas on the blank pages in my notebook, one after the other, that just came to me. I was getting inspiration to tell a story from my personal journals. The first thing I wrote down was its title, "Heart Seasons." It would be a fictional story based on different

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seasons from my own real life and each season of the novel would be defined by the colors of the rainbow. Come join me on my "Journey of Miracles." Lilly Marie Eastbrook Rhodes A theme that runs throughout "Heart Seasons" is Lily's love of nutritious foods and cooking. After a spontaneous life threatening medical crisis suffered by the author, a new vision for future books was revealed. She has discovered two new life passions, in addition to writing, cooking and baking, and excitingly, they are food photography and blogging. Coming in the future, using a combination of her passions, Dianna Donnely has already begun preparing to create and publish a series of recipe books. Following her love of healthy wholesome foods, and a healthy happy lifestyle, they will be named "Real Food Meals Recipes." Until her first recipe book is published, please visit her website to view step-by-step instructions along with color pictures and recipe cards for printing favorites. Find them at: realfoodmeals.com Now, you are invited to enjoy the spiritual and inspirational, fiction based on real life story that is "Heart Seasons: The Rainbow Revelation."

Paul and Thecla

Autumn Whitherspoon was in no way prepared for the news she heard when she rushed to open her front door. Her heart sank as her life flashed quickly before her eyes. A new life was starring her in the face, possibly without the man she had known and loved her entire adult life, and the best part of her teen years. Autumn

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and Blake Whitherspoon, college sweethearts, pledged their lives together: But after 20 years of an inseparable union, tragedy strikes, forcing Autumn to face unnerving changes. Though challenges lie ahead for Autumn and their children, she knows that she has the immeasurable support. For many years Autumn had been pestered by her four tenacious friends, April, Ty, Sydney and Hillari, to move to Austin Texas, though they knew it was improbable. If a hurricane lifted Blake up and dropped him right in the heart of Austin, he would try to claw his way back to Arkansas. Autumn loved her life with Blake and their three children, and though she loved her friend as well, nothing and no one was more important. Now faced with life altering decisions, she decides to pay her friends a visit, without informing them of any her final plans. She knew that they would be thrilled that she had come . In the midst of her travel she encounters an unexpected incident and is saved by a Good Samaritan. An act of kindness and an act of gratitude, forever changes two lives. The mysterious Samaritan, whom only introduced himself as Matt, comes to her rescue. Matt, husband, father and a renowned artists and workaholic struggles to put his life back on track after the tragic lost of his wife and son, less than three years ago. He has several women in his life, including family members and friends. Though having a special love in his life is questionable. Matt swore to never love again, and had little hope of ever finding it. As soon as Matt and Autumn begin to piece their live back together, their past and present lives collide. And because of their love for God, they have to make heart-ripping choices, and it is only His love that keeps them anchored.

Tempted Hearts

She's Shattered Ashton Granger is a perfect wife to her husband. She has to be, if she's not, he will find a way to correct any perceived imperfections. Such is life, and so it has been for a very long time, eroding Ashton's sense of self, cracking her sense of worth until she lays in a million pieces on the side of a stretch of lonely highway. He's Scarred Ethan "Trigger man" Howard is the Sergeant of Arms for The Sacred Hearts Motorcycle club. After several tours as a Marine Corps sniper overseas, he's seen and done enough damage for a man three times his age. He's out. Done. So over it, and home to nurse his wounds, physical, emotional and psychological with the help of his MC brothers. Now he simply deals with the scars that life handed him. Was it more than just luck for he and Ashton both that he was the only other soul traveling that isolated stretch of highway that night? ****Mature Audiences Only (18+)**** ****Language, Violence, and Sexual Content including one very hot MFM threesome!****

Sex and the Soul of a Woman

Protecting her isn't an option. It's a requirement. Badger finally got Rosie in his bed, but in order to keep her there, he has to figure out how to save her life. After her drug-running husband gets himself killed, Rosie Santini figures Phoenix is a fine

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place to get a fresh start. Deuce's strip club isn't too fresh, but the money's easy. As she works the pole, the only gaze she can't ignore belongs to the club's head bouncer, Badger Baxter. But Rosie's seen her fair share of tall, dark, and dangerous, and no way is she heading down that road. Not even for a hot hunk of muscle like Badger. When he's not bounty hunting, Badger runs security at Deuce's. Rosie should be just another piece of fresh meat in the club's stable of pole jockeys, but all her sexy parts add up to a ride Badger would like to test drive. Trouble is, Badger likes his women submissive, but not broken. She's definitely got baggage he wants no part of. But when her husband's killer shows up looking for stolen cash, she fits naturally under his protection—and it isn't long before she's hooked deep into his heart. So deep, losing her now would make him bleed in more ways than one. Warning: This book contains violent situations due to physical altercations and gunfire. Be on the look out for D/s sexual play, which may cause drooling and might have you reaching for the nearest man or battery operated boyfriend.

Fight Fair

'Far from being the pious injunction of a Utopian dreamer, the command to love one's enemy is an absolute necessity for our survival' Advocating love as strength and non-violence as the most powerful weapon there is, these sermons and writings from the heart of the civil rights movement show Martin Luther King's

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rhetorical power at its most fiery and uplifting. One of twenty new books in the bestselling Penguin Great Ideas series. This new selection showcases a diverse list of thinkers who have helped shape our world today, from anarchists to stoics, feminists to prophets, satirists to Zen Buddhists.

Corrupted Hearts

If You Only Wanted One Night Would You Take A Chance On a Man Who Wanted Forever? Rose O'Brian wants to spice up her love life and Jack Winston seems like the answer. Sexy, funny and a killer smile, Jack is every woman's fantasy. All she wants is one night of passion, nothing more. But Jack has a secret that stops him from taking her up on her offer, stops him from having the one thing he wants more than his next breath--beautiful Rose O'Brian. Rose has her own secrets. Emotionally scared, she's never believed in happily ever afters. But for the first time she's met a man who makes her want to open her heart, to dream of love. When Rose's past rears its ugly head can she finally let go and overcome the hurt? Can Jack convince her to take a chance and embrace a future with him? Can he show her that love is there if she will only reach out and take it?

Dark Feathered Hearts

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Compassionate counselor Paula Rinehart understands the high price a woman pays in loosening her sexual boundaries, and the unique role sex plays in forging a bond meant to last a lifetime. She shows women how to break free from the bondage of misused sexuality and create a new beginning in their relationships with men. This is required reading for every college-age woman who longs for a man to see her beauty and cherish it.

Better Than My Dreams

Everyone disagrees on some things; this is inevitable. The question is, how can we disagree with those we love but increase the odds that we will live and love to fight another day? In other words, how can we fight fair? In this companion to *One of Us Must Be Crazy* and *I'm Pretty Sure It's You* (a treatise on making sense of the differences that divide us), Tim and Joy Downs aren't playing around. This time they concentrate less on how to make sense of our differences and more on winning at conflict without losing at love. When couples fight, tempers flare, tongues loosen, and behavior occurs that can cause major damage to the relationship. *Fight Fair!* teaches couples how to have healthy disagreements. It is a candid and realistic "rulebook" for married couples to ensure that their conflict is God-honoring and respectful of their partner. There is also plenty of immediate application to ensure that future conflicts don't create permanent scars.

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Pale Hearts

Poetry that is suitable and meaningful, for everyone!

Journey of the Heart

Recently updated with an expanded study guide, Strong Women, Soft Hearts has quickly become an important study for women of all ages. Through inspiring real-life testimonies, Paula Rinehart writes as both a kindred spirit and a compassionate counselor to women feeling robbed of their passions and trapped by life's disappointing realities. Women who long to be released from the burden of hard choices and perpetually empty souls will be empowered to rediscover dreams long lost and refocus energy misguided. Strong Women, Soft Hearts cries out for women to embrace passion and approach life as something to be lived, not merely survived.

Hitched

A young archeologist tormented by dreams is forced to face a past she never knew existed. Little did she know the dreams were connected to a very real life 12th century Scottish highlander is own his own mission, a mission what will turn her

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comfortable life upside down. When past and present unite, hearts collide

Touch of Danger

Pro-choice activists care about women. Pro-life activists care about babies. This novel cares about both. Follow the lives of women and men who, branded by their experiences, seek to change the future in very different ways.

The Sheikh's Christmas Baby

"You shut us down in the darkness, you skin people oh so bright beneath your lovely skies. You buried us among the filth and the poison and the old machines and the chemicals." Max and Abby race against time to find the Machine Men and stop the creation of a mad god who will destroy everything. Leading a rag-tag band of monsters, witches and exiles they make their way across an ancient wilderness shrouded in endless night. But in the centre of this desolation they come across one of their deadliest foes, and discover the true extent of the conspiracy against mankind. Only two choices remain, they can either set the Giants that will form the deity's mind against each other, or they can risk everything on a journey to the very edge of their universe. Crysanthe spends her days hunting escaped mutants through the wood and canvas corridors of the Brittle Hag's starship, trying to forget

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her past in the endless labyrinth. The vast landscapes of the craft have become her refuge, but the vessel is under attack from an unknown intelligence outside reality itself. The general and her Abhuman allies must survive long enough for her to beg the last alien gods to save humanity. Dark Feathered Hearts is the sequel to Thumb, Ragged Claws and AntiHelix and the final volume of The Book of the Colossus, a gripping fast-paced science fantasy series.

And Yet, Undaunted

Your dog may not speak human, but he or she has much to share about the most important things about being human. Just ask anyone who has been blessed with the companionship of a loyal, loving pet. "Lessons from Rocky & His Friends:" "Pawprints on the Heart" by author Bradford P. Miller celebrates these furry friendships everywhere, while also illuminating the uplifting life lessons we can learn from our beloved dogs. The first in a series of pet-friendly books, this collection of heart-warming, humorous stories reflects on four-legged friends who enriched many lives, teaching us all we need to know about love, joy, caring, compassion, healing, and unconditional friendship. With wit, warmth, and rich insight, "Lessons from Rocky & His Friends": "Pawprints on the Heart" gathers seventy-seven first-person stories from a wide range of people who have benefited tremendously from letting dogs into their lives—and into their hearts. The stories are organized into twelve chapters that each highlights an aspect of these

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extraordinary friendships, which result in significant emotional benefits. Each story details an enriching, life-embracing canine trait that offers solace, strength, companionship, and more. In addition, each contribution contains an inspiring quote that further spotlights the value of this special bond. For example, Chapter 1, "They Call It Destiny," reveals how our dogs frequently pick us instead of the reverse, starting with a woman who reluctantly agrees to get a new dog years after her last passed away, to find instant kinship in a little rescue puppy, Rudy. In Chapter 5, "Way Smarter," a couple endeavor to train a howling Neapolitan Mastiff named Dino, until they learned from a two-year-old how to communicate effectively with him. Chapter 9, "Just Plain Funny," looks at the lighter side of beastly behavior, while Chapter 12, "Love is All You Need," reveals the boundless love our dogs can express. Certain to capture your heart and lift your spirits, this frequently funny, always entertaining collection is perfect for any dog lover in your life—or, if you cherish everything your dog has given you, as a little gift to yourself. Radiating with goodness and faith, "Lessons from Rocky & His Friends: "Pawprints on the Heart" will have you laughing, crying, and reaching over to give an affirming pat to your own canine companion. It's a feel-good book certain to be a beloved part of your library that is likely to be dog-eared from repeat readings!" If you have ever loved a pet—and who hasn't—you will love this book. You'll laugh, you'll weep, and you'll relate to the passion that pet owners have for their furry friends. This is the gift that you will want to give your friends." Alicia Blodgett Author of "Just the Two of Us"

What's He Really Thinking?

The Acts of Paul and Thecla was written around 150 CE when there was a growing body of work attributed to the apostle Paul. Owing to the abrupt beginning of the work it is thought The Acts of Paul and Thecla was part of a larger texts and was extracted to form a stand alone work. Reasons given for its omission from the Bible are numerous. It was thought to have been written after the apostolic age; it gives high and powerful position to women in the faith; it urges women to withhold sex from their husbands and live chaste lives. Within its storyline Thecla seems to eclipse Paul in her courage and commitment to the spread of the Gospel. The text presents an unwavering stance on the virtue of celibacy preached by Paul and amplified by Thecla. In addition, Thecla is presented as a strong willed woman who took it upon herself to preach, teach, heal, and baptize, all without permission or oversight from a man. In the age when canon was being decided, women in positions of leadership within the church was an anomaly, and the idea that a wife could decide her own fate, and even withhold sex from her husband was looked on as heresy and insolence. These were social constraints, which tainted the interpretation of scripture, both then and now. We will examine the true place of women in the Bible and how translators diminished the place and accomplishments of women by mistranslating words and phrases. We will look at the true meaning of many Bible verses as well as the complete text of Paul and Thecla, with an eye toward how women were a driving force in religion and family in the early church.

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In the end, a more true and just vision of women of the Bible and of ancient times will be revealed.

Shattered and Scarred

Learn to live with God instead of for God. In this candid and achingly authentic book, Fil Anderson shares the healing insights that restored his spiritual compass and guided him back to God--the God who specializes in filling empty souls. Fil Anderson had accomplished more for God than most of his contemporaries, but his worn-out body housed an empty soul. His frenetic pace of ministry had earned him just one thing: greater pressure to do even more. He had fallen for the soul-killing lie that doing more for God would give his life meaning. Then the godly admonition of a spiritual director set this burned-out believer on a life-saving spiritual path. Sometimes the only way to get a new life is by running your old one completely into the ground. This powerful story of a reawakened soul can be the story of every person who has pursued spiritual productivity over intimacy with God and come up empty. It's the story of reclaiming your soul and finding a home in the center of God's relentless love. It's the journey from self-importance to God-importance. "To the harried and the unharried, I pray that this book will minister to your heart in the profound way that it has blessed mine." —Brennan Manning

Burdens Do a Body Good

Two women. Born on opposite sides of the world. Both experience catastrophic loss. Until their lives intersect Laura is a young woman who has it all. A loving husband who has just begun his private medical practice. A beautiful home nestled in the hills north of San Diego. A promising counseling career. Life has given her everything she could ever hope for but she would give it all up without a second thought. Despite appearances, there is one thing Laura wishes for and desires more than anything else the one thing that life won't give her. And the pursuit of that one thing nearly destroyed her. Adrianna, a refugee in a foreign land, has left behind a home ravaged by war. In her arms, she clings to her new baby girl as they travel across the country to their new life. Adrianna has lost her husband, her parents, and the only man she ever truly loved. The only thing the young mother clings to besides her precious baby girl is a glimmer of hope that her life will be better than the one she left behind. Fate brings the two women together and they are drawn to one another as kindred spirits, each recognizing a familiar pain in the other. Can their new friendship heal old wounds and navigate the pitfalls that come with starting over? And what happens when Laura's new best friend makes a choice she will never be able to comprehend?

Highlander at Heart

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From a deeper relationship with God to harmony in the home, from stronger marriages to more satisfying work: *Women Want More*. In *What Women Want* bestselling author Lisa T. Bergren and Rebecca Price invite readers to thoughtfully consider their soul-deep longings--and pursue God's best in every area of life. Using in-depth interviews from a national survey and hundreds of personal interviews, biblical narratives, their own personal stories and inspiring quotes, the authors point fellow seekers toward the kind of wholeness God desires, providing lots of fun and inspiration along the way. They explore friendship, how and where to find happiness, health, and more with an eye on physical, emotional, and spiritual matters. A Bible study, designed for personal or group use and tested with dozens of women's ministries around the country before publication, is included at the end of each chapter. Young or old, married or single, with children or without, striving in the workplace or working in the home, readers will resonate with Lisa and Rebecca's descriptions of the life women crave, and learn how God fulfills the very desires He stirs.

Lessons from Rocky and His Friends

Life is hard. We often find ourselves walking through stories that don't feel like they should be ours. And yet here we are. We wonder where our good God is in the midst of it. But we are not left without hope. In fact—we have the greatest hope of all. Through vulnerable stories and rich insight, Paula Rinehart and Connally Gilliam

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point to the Larger Story that carries all the anxiety, longing, and beauty of your life. The backdrop of the big gospel story—creation (how life ought to be), the fall (how life is), redemption (how life can be), and restoration (how life will be one day)—gives context to our lives and hope for walking forward. The grand story of the gospel of Jesus Christ frames our every step. Discover renewed strength and joy in the middle of your ache . . . and the goodness of God that will give you the courage to remain yet undaunted.

Making Peace with Change

Three women. Three stories. One Sisterhood. With the war in Barony at an end, peace reigns and rebuilding efforts continue beneath the steady vigilance of King Serge and Queen Isabelle. The lady knights have returned home, unchanged by new titles and lands. But with a rash of kidnappings spreading across the province, the lady knights will find themselves torn apart by the machinations of a mad man. Ava Longley, captain of the lady knights, never expected to become the target of an obsessed murderous madman. When a kidnapper is sent to abduct her, Ava sees it as the perfect opportunity to bring the mastermind to justice. To Julian Vincent, Lady Longley is no more than the means to an end. However, when sparks fly between them, Julian is faced with an impossible decision. After being sold into slavery by her king and washing up onto the shore of Cardenas, the friendless African Amazon, Mudiwa Akua, was taken in by Barony's female soldier's

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regiment. When her tranquil existence is disturbed and she finds herself on a ship bound for the exotic island of Martinique, Mudiwa faces certain death and possible enslavement for the second time in her life, dredging up ghosts of a past she had long thought forgotten. When planter Isaac Prideux comes upon a mysterious African woman, beaten and half-dead, he takes it upon himself to care for her. He never imagined doing so would shake up his monotonous life so completely. After the highly honored title of onna bugeisha?the feminine equivalent of a samurai?begins to lose its power in Japan, Hanako Kiyomi sees no choice but to flee. But when her deserted husband comes searching for her, Hanako escapes him the only way she knows how: marriage in name only to a stranger. Lord Garrick Overton has always admired the cool, stoic Hanako from afar. Marriage to the woman he?s desired for years seems like a good idea; until she proposes the marriage be in name only. As he sets out to win her heart, he faces not only a tough task but a begrudged man that will stop at nothing to win back what he has lost. Their courage will be tried. Their hearts will be put to the test. Can three headstrong women maintain their independent natures while surrendering to love?

What Women Want

A superhero can be too powerful, but Valiant's foes have temporarily destroyed his powers, leaving him to outrun a mercenary army- accompanied by a beautiful woman, Lina. Valiant doesn't want those powers back, not yet. Too bad that

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psychic Lina is acutely phobic to touch. What the world's greatest superhero asks for is what she's unable to give.

The Little Book of Poetry That Is Good for Your Heart

Three women from different generations struggle to understand the nature of love and family and the complexities of life's choices Dani (Present day) The clues to understanding her future lie hidden in the past. Solving a 130-year old mystery may be the only way to understand her life and save her crumbling marriage. Maggie (Present day) Maggie wants to complete the historical account of her Irish ancestor's arrival in North Idaho. But there's a piece of family drama missing that she can't figure out on her own. A tragedy she can't explain. Mariah (1884) Her head filled with gold dust dreams, Mariah heads west in search of her fortune in North Idaho's gold rush. Entangled in the lives of two men, neither exactly whom they appear to be, she makes a choice that will echo through to the present.

Running on Empty

An addiction counselor and a security guard struggle to reunite a little girl and her father two spirits trapped within the walls of an abandoned mental asylum. Laura Horton returns to her hometown to start her career with the Alcohol Crisis Center.

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But her homecoming is jarring. Her old friend moved out unexpectedly, so Laura's new roommate is the friend's intimidating ex-boyfriend in a house that snugs up to an ancient graveyard. Miller Stanford works nighttime security for the State grounds. He's a man with a shattered past. His Dad destroyed their family with alcohol, a weakness Miller is terrified will consume him too. The last thing he needs is an addiction counselor—a sexy blonde one, to move in and start watching his every move. When he begins to see specters in the dark, he starts questioning his own stability. But Laura sees them too? Greta, a pathetic child-spirit searching for her father. When Laura starts digging into old asylum records, she reveals a horrific cover-up. Can Laura and Miller unravel the mysteries of Talcott Hall without jeopardizing their love and lives in the process?

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