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Precious - Sapphire 2010

Precious Jones, 16 years old and pregnant by her father with her second child, meets a determined and highly radical teacher who takes her on a journey of transformation and redemption.

Something Borrowed - Emily Giffin 2010-04-01

Something Borrowed Emily Giffin The smash-hit debut novel for every woman who has ever had a complicated love-hate friendship. Rachel White is the consummate good girl. A hard-working attorney at a large Manhattan law firm and a diligent maid of honor to her charmed best friend Darcy, Rachel has always played by all the rules. Since grade school, she has watched Darcy shine, quietly accepting the sidekick role in their lopsided friendship. But that suddenly changes the night of her thirtieth birthday when Rachel finally confesses her feelings to Darcy's fiance, and is both horrified and thrilled to discover that he feels the same way. As the wedding date draws near, events spiral out of control, and Rachel knows she must make a choice between her heart and conscience. In so doing, she discovers that the lines between right and wrong can be blurry, endings aren't always neat, and sometimes you have to risk everything to be true to yourself.

Main Street - Sinclair Lewis 2022-01-17

Set in the small town of Gopher Prairie, Minnesota, the Main Street takes place in the 1910s, with references to the start of World War I, the United States' entry into the war, and the years following the end of the war, including the start of Prohibition. It relates the life and struggles of Carol Milford Kennicott as she comes into conflict with the small-town mentality of the residents of Gopher Prairie.

Losers - Matthue Roth 2009-11-01

The perks of being an émigré wallflower Jupiter was born in Russia, but he's getting quite an education in America. He sees everything slightly askew - but in a way that's endearing to (most) of his fellow students. A popular girl takes him under her wing. He falls for her. A bully sets him as a target. But Jupiter disarms him in an unexpected way. His best friend ends up hanging with a posse of science geeks. Jupiter feels left out. With dead-on deadpan humor, Matthue Roth makes everything illuminated about American teen life - like Borat as directed by John Hughes.

Race and the Totalitarian Century - Vaughn Rasberry 2016-10-03

Vaughn Rasberry turns to black culture and politics for an alternative history of the totalitarian century. He shows how black writers reimagined the standard anti-fascist, anti-communist narrative through the lens of racial injustice, with the U.S. as a tyrannical force in the Third World but also an agent of Asian and African independence.

Dark Prince - Christine Feehan 2011-03-08

An incomparable gift for Christine Feehan fans, Dark Prince returns in a new, author's cut special edition. #1 New York Times bestseller Feehan revisits her classic tale of paranormal romance—the breathtaking story of a beautiful hunter with extraordinary telepathic abilities captivated by the powerful allure of a tormented prince of the mysterious Carpathians—expanding the beloved story by 100 never before seen pages! Here is your golden opportunity to experience the first book in Christine Feehan's remarkable Dark saga as you never have before, whether it's a glorious re-entrance into this writer's mystical, unforgettable world...or your very first visit!

His Own Where - June Jordan 2010-05-01

"This June Jordan treasure is a rare piece of fiction from one of America's most vital poets and political essayists—a tender story of young love in the face of generational opposition, a modern-day Romeo and Juliet that sings and sways." —Walter Mosley Nominated for a National Book Award in 1971, His Own Where is the story of Buddy, a fifteen-year-old boy whose world is spinning out of control. He meets Angela, whose angry parents accuse her of being "wild." When life falls apart for Buddy and his father, and when Angela is attacked at home, they take action to create their own way of staying alive in Brooklyn. In the process, the two

find refuge in one another and learn that love is real and necessary. His Own Where was one of The New York Times' Most Outstanding Books and was on the American Library Association's list of Best Books in 1971. June Jordan was a poet, essayist, journalist, dramatist, activist, and educator known for challenging oppression through her inspirational words and actions. She was the founder of Poetry for the People at the University of California, Berkeley, where she taught for many years. The author of over twenty books, her poetry is collected in Directed by Desire; her selected essays in Some of Us Did Not Die. Sapphire is the author of American Dreams, Black Wings & Blind Angels, and Push, which was made into the 2009 award-winning motion picture Precious.

The Namesake - Jhumpa Lahiri 2004

A young man born of Indian parents in America struggles with issues of identity from his teens to his thirties.

Cracked Sapphire - Jane Blythe 2020-02-03

Betrayed. Sold. Tortured. Now she's fighting to rebuild her life. Detective Sapphire Hatcher was sold to human traffickers when she was sixteen. She was lucky. She was rescued, and now she has dedicated her life to saving others. When a criminal psychiatrist is brought in to work alongside her, she tries to ignore the way he makes her feel, but he won't let her. Gideon Barlow travels the country working with police departments on the most depraved of cases. When he meets Sapphire, the attraction is instantaneous, but if he can't help her realize that there is more to life than her job, she might end up losing not just her chance at happiness but her life as well. ~ Trigger warning - mature content, issues of sexual assault/abuse, violence ~ CRACKED SAPPHIRE is the first book in the Broken Gems series by USA Today bestselling author Jane Blythe. Murder, mystery, suspense, and love in this thrilling romantic suspense! Each book in the series can be read as a standalone but reading in order is encouraged, and each has a guaranteed HEA! Other books in the series Cracked Sapphire - Sapphire and Gideon's story Crushed Ruby - Ruby and Judah's story Fractured Diamond - Diamond and Elijah's story Shattered Amethyst - Amethyst and Zeb's story Splintered Emerald - Emerald and Noah's story Salvaging Marigold - Marigold and Jonah's story

Anne of Windy Poplars - L. M. Montgomery 2015-04-24

Anne of Windy Poplars' is the fourth book in the 'Anne of Green Gables' series. In this novel, 22-year-old Anne has left college to serve as principal of Summerside High School and settles down in Windy Poplars. Anne has to overcome opposition to her presence from an influential family, the Pringles. The Pringles family make it well known she was not what they had hoped for in their new Principal. She also finds new friends in Aunt Kate, Aunt Chatty and Rebecca Dew. This early work by Lucy Maud Montgomery was originally published in 1936 and we are now republishing it with a brand new introductory biography. Lucy Maud Montgomery was born on 30th November 1874, New London, in the Canadian province of Prince Edward Island. Her mother, Clara Woolner (Macneil), died before Lucy reached the age of two and so she was raised by her maternal grandparents in a family of wealthy Scottish immigrants. In 1908 Montgomery produced her first full-length novel, titled 'Anne of Green Gables'. It was an instant success, and following it up with several sequels, Montgomery became a regular on the best-seller list and an international household name. Montgomery died in Toronto on 24th April 1942.

Jane of Lantern Hill - Lucy Maud Montgomery 2020-03-16

Jane of Lantern Hill Lucy Maud Montgomery Jane of Lantern Hill is a novel by Canadian author L. M. Montgomery. The book was adapted into a 1990 telefilm, Lantern Hill, by Sullivan Films, the producer of the highly popular Anne of Green Gables television miniseries and the television series Road to Avonlea. Montgomery began formulating an idea on May 11, 1936, began writing on August 21, and wrote the last chapter on February 3, 1937. She finished typing up the manuscript on February 25, as she could not hire a typist to do it for her. This novel was

dedicated to "JL", her companion cat. The novel was written at Montgomery's house, "Journey's End"; the environment influenced Montgomery's writing to create a

Magma - Thora Hjorleifsdottir 2021-06-13

A compulsive, propulsive debut about a young woman's haunting experience of love, abuse, and sex in an era of pornification by one of Iceland's most provocative writers. 20-year old Lilja is in love. As a young university student, she is quickly smitten with the intelligent, beautiful young man from school who quotes Derrida and reads Latin and cooks balanced vegetarian meals. Before she even realizes, she's moved in with him, living in his cramped apartment, surrounded by sour towels and flat Diet Cokes. As the newfound intimacy of sharing a shower and a bed fuels her desire to please her partner, his acts of nearly imperceptible abuse continue to mount undetected. Lilja desperately tries to be the perfect lover, attempting to meet his every need. But in order to do so, she gradually lets go of her boundaries and starts to lose her sense of self. With astounding clarity and restraint, Hjörleifsdóttir sheds light on the commonplace undercurrents of violence that so often go undetected in romantic relationships. She deftly illustrates the failings of psychiatric systems in recognizing symptoms of cruelty, and in powerful, poetic prose depicts the unspooling of a tender-hearted woman desperate to love well.

Push - Sapphire 2009

A courageous and determined young teacher opens up a new world of hope and redemption for sixteen-year-old Precious Jones, an abused young African American girl living in Harlem who was raped and left pregnant by her father.

Ulysses -

The Age of Innocence - Edith Wharton 1998-03-04

As Newland Archer prepares to marry docile May Welland, the return of the mysterious Countess Olenska turns his life upside down

Push - Nyla K 2019-09-15

To the unassuming observer, Ben Lockwood is your typical, suburban dad. Aside from the fact that he's only thirty-six and his daughter is a sophomore in college. He and his wife, Jessica, had their only daughter, Hailey, when they were in high school. So you can imagine the unease Ben is feeling when said daughter brings her new boyfriend home for Thanksgiving. To stay, in their house, for the whole weekend. Ryan Harper, otherwise known as The Boyfriend, is every dread Ben's ever had in his daughter dating come to fruition. There's nothing wrong with Ryan. He's polite, smart, and charming. He doesn't have any neck tattoos or facial piercings, and he drives a BMW. But still, he's dating Ben's daughter. That makes him a threat. It's in Ben's best interest to keep an eye on the kid. You know, to make sure there's no funny business going on under his roof. Unfortunately for him, the tension in the house is less about Ryan being his daughter's boyfriend, and more about him being a strangely intriguing human. And soon enough, Ben can't tell if he's watching Ryan to protect his daughter's innocence, or obliterate his own. It seems like the boring married-guy image isn't going to hold up for long. Not after this bizarre, life-changing weekend. What are these new, strange feelings and desires? Where did they come from? And why do they have to center around what belongs to his daughter? Ben and Ryan's situation couldn't get much more complicated. Until Jessica steps into the mix. An unexpected push is all it took for their lives to change forever.

Paper Towns - John Green 2013

Quentin Jacobson has spent a lifetime loving Margo Roth Spiegelman from afar. So when she cracks open a window and climbs into his life - dressed like a ninja and summoning him for an ingenious campaign of revenge - he follows. After their all-nighter ends, Q arrives at school to discover that Margo has disappeared.

Silver and Sapphires - Shelly Thacker 1993

Princess Ashiana must prove her loyalty by reclaiming the ancient sapphire stolen from the sacred shrine of her people, so she poses as a slave girl and approaches the man who wears the gem around his neck. Original.

American Dreams - Sapphire 1996-06-18

In the tradition of Alice Walker, this electrifying new African American voice delivers the verdict on the urban condition in a sensual, propulsive, and prophetic book of poetry and prose. Whether she is writing about an enraged teenager gone "wilding" in Central Park, fifteen-year-old Latasha Harlins gunned down by a Korean grocer, or a brutalized child who grows up to escape her probable fate through the miracle of art, Sapphire's vision in this collection of poetry and prose is unswervingly

honest. "Stunning . . . One of the strongest debut collections of the '90s."--Publishers Weekly

Heir of Fire - Sarah J. Maas 2020-10-01

The third instalment to the global #1 bestselling series. As the King of Adarlan's Assassin, Celaena Sardothien is bound to serve the tyrant who slaughtered her dear friend. But she has vowed to make him pay. The answers Celaena needs to destroy the king lie across the sea Wendlyn. And Chaol, Captain of the King's Guard, has put his future in jeopardy to send her there. Yet as Celaena seeks her destiny in Wendlyn, a new threat is preparing to take to the skies. Will Celaena find the strength not only to win her own battles, but to fight a war that could pit her loyalties to her own people against those she has grown to love? This third novel in the THRONE OF GLASS sequence, from global #1 bestselling author Sarah J. Maas, is packed with more heart-stopping action, devastating drama and swoonsome romance, and introduces some fierce new heroines to love and hate.

Sapphire Beautiful - Ren Monterrey 2016-08-24

THE CLUB makes arrangements for wealthy men, who want all of the benefits of having a mistress, without any of the hassles of an actual relationship. Falling in love is never part of the deal. Dr. Mary Pine never imagined that she would be starting her fifth year as a faculty member in the Medieval Studies department as a thirty-two-year-old widow. She is sure she will be the butt of every joke around campus as the collateral damage of a sex scandal that made national headlines. And her husband left her completely broke before he killed himself. Mary doesn't want to lose her house and all the money she invested in it, so she makes an arrangement through The Club to get out the financial ruins her dead husband left her in. When Dante McNally chooses Mary for an arrangement, there is just one catch. He's one of her department's new graduate students, and the recipient of a prestigious research fellowship funded by his billionaire father. And this is the year Mary is supposed to be applying for tenure. SAPPHIRE BEAUTIFUL is a COMPLETE FULL-LENGTH novel with no cliff-hanger and an HEA. Each novel in Ren Monterrey's spicy, hot series can be read as a stand-alone or as part of the series.

Kick, Push - Jay McLean 2015-07-27

There's a single defining moment within every skater. It lasts only a second. Two if you're good. Three if you're really good. It's the moment you're in the air, your board somewhere beneath you, and nothing but wind surrounds you. It's the feeling of being airborne. The sixteen-year-old version of me would've said it was the greatest feeling in the world. Then at seventeen, I had my son. And every single second became a defining moment. Even the ones that consisted of heartbreak when his mother left us. Seventeen. Single. Dad. That's what my life became. Yet, every day, I managed to find that feeling of being airborne. Or at least I convinced myself I did. But I lied-to myself and to everyone around me. Until she showed up; Tanned skin, raven dark hair, and eyes the color of emeralds. You know what sucks about being in the air? Coming down from the high. Sometimes you land on the board and nail the trick. Then kick, push, and coast away. Other times you fall. You fall hard. And those are the times when it's not as easy to get back up, dust off your pads and try again. Especially when the girl with the emerald eyes becomes your drug... And you become her poison.

The Five People You Meet in Heaven - Mitch Albom 2007-04-01

Eddie is a wounded war veteran, an old man who has lived, in his mind, an uninspired life. His job is fixing rides at a seaside amusement park. On his 83rd birthday, a tragic accident kills him, as he tries to save a little girl from a falling cart. He awakes in the afterlife, where he learns that heaven is not a destination. It's a place where your life is explained to you by five people, some of whom you knew, others who may have been strangers. One by one, from childhood to soldier to old age, Eddie's five people revisit their connections to him on earth, illuminating the mysteries of his "meaningless" life, and revealing the haunting secret behind the eternal question: "Why was I here?"

The Stand - Stephen King 2011

A monumentally devastating plague leaves only a few survivors who, while experiencing dreams of a battle between good and evil, move toward an actual confrontation as they migrate to Boulder, Colorado.

The Book of Lies - Aleister Crowley 2018-01-23

Aleister Crowley's *The Book of Lies* is an important and complex work of occultism. Deciphering its many layers of hidden meaning requires a little patience and more than a beginner's knowledge of Thelema. For those interested in passing beyond the initiate stage, the reward offered by a deeper understanding of this challenging text is well worth the effort. This new 2018 edition of *The Book of Lies* from Kismet Publishing

restores all of Crowley's original text, including the important keys, sigils and diagrams often omitted from reprints.

Sapphire Blue - Kerstin Gier 2012-10-30

Gwen's life has been a rollercoaster since she discovered she was the Ruby, the final member of the secret time-traveling Circle of Twelve. In between searching through history for the other time-travelers and asking for a bit of their blood (gross!), she's been trying to figure out what all the mysteries and prophecies surrounding the Circle really mean. At least Gwen has plenty of help. Her best friend Lesley follows every lead diligently on the Internet. James the ghost teaches Gwen how to fit in at an eighteenth century party. And Xemerius, the gargoyle demon who has been following Gwen since he caught her kissing Gideon in a church, offers advice on everything. Oh, yes. And of course there is Gideon, the Diamond. One minute he's very warm indeed; the next he's freezing cold. Gwen's not sure what's going on there, but she's pretty much destined to find out.

Refugee - Alan Gratz 2017-07-25

A tour de force from acclaimed author Alan Gratz (Prisoner B-3087), this timely -- and timeless -- novel tells the powerful story of three different children seeking refuge. A New York Times bestseller! JOSEF is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world. . . ISABEL is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America. . . MAHMOUD is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe. . . All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end. This action-packed novel tackles topics both timely and timeless: courage, survival, and the quest for home.

Punch Me Up to the Gods - Brian Broome 2021

Playful, poignant and wholly original, this coming-of-age memoir about Blackness, masculinity and addiction follows the author, a poet and screenwriter, as he recounts his experiences, revealing a perpetual outsider awkwardly squirming to find his way in. --

Blindsight - Peter Watts 2006-10-03

Blindsight is the Hugo Award-nominated novel by Peter Watts, "a hard science fiction writer through and through and one of the very best alive" (The Globe and Mail). Two months have past since a myriad of alien objects clenched about the Earth, screaming as they burned. The heavens have been silent since—until a derelict space probe hears whispers from a distant comet. Something talks out there: but not to us. Who should we send to meet the alien, when the alien doesn't want to meet? Send a linguist with multiple-personality disorder and a biologist so spliced with machinery that he can't feel his own flesh. Send a pacifist warrior and a vampire recalled from the grave by the voodoo of paleogenetics. Send a man with half his mind gone since childhood. Send them to the edge of the solar system, praying you can trust such freaks and monsters with the fate of a world. You fear they may be more alien than the thing they've been sent to find—but you'd give anything for that to be true, if you knew what was waiting for them. . . . At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The Girl In Room 105 - Chetan Bhagat 2022-07-01

Hi, I'm Keshav, and my life is screwed. I hate my job and my girlfriend left me. Ah, the beautiful Zara. Zara is from Kashmir. She is a Muslim. And did I tell you my family is a bit, well, traditional? Anyway, leave that. Zara and I broke up four years ago. She moved on in life. I didn't. I drank every night to forget her. I called, messaged, and stalked her on social media. She just ignored me. However, that night, on the eve of her birthday, Zara messaged me. She called me over, like old times, to her hostel room 105. I shouldn't have gone, but I did ... and my life changed forever. This is not a love story. It is an un-love story. From the author of Five Point Someone and 2 States, comes a fast-paced, funny and unputdownable thriller about obsessive love and finding purpose in life against the backdrop of contemporary India.

The Well of Loneliness - Radclyffe Hall 2021-05-29

The Well of Loneliness, first published in 1928, is a timeless portrayal of lesbian love. The thinly disguised story of Hall's own life, it was banned outright upon publication and almost ruined her literary career as the subject was that of an obscenity trial and forbidden at the time in England. The novel tells the story of Stephen, an ideal child of

aristocratic parents—a fencer, a horse rider and a keen scholar. Stephen grows to be a war hero, a bestselling writer and a loyal, protective lover. But Stephen is a woman, and is attracted to women. As her ambitions drive her, and society incarcerates her, Stephen is forced into desperate actions. Although Gordon's attitude toward her own sexuality is anguished, the novel presents lesbianism as natural and makes a plea for greater tolerance. It became an international bestseller, and for decades was the single most famous lesbian novel.

Gems of Fire - Diane Samson 2018-11-06

Palace of Sunderland. Paradise to the peasants. Prison to sixteen-year-old Anna, daughter of the king. She can never escape the castle's cold walls and scorning disapproval of her father and his brute royal counsel, Seamus. She'll always live in the shadow of her late mother, the queen. Will they ever see her for who she really is? A riding accident lands Anna in the hands of traders who sell her as a slave in distant Kasdod to none other than her father's enemy, Lord Anwar. After overhearing a dangerous plot to conquer Sunderland and kill the royal family, Anna must escape and warn her father, even if it means facing her greatest enemy. With the doom looming over her, Anna is approached by a dangerous man in the dark. He claims to want to help her, but can she trust him with her secrets? The perils of the journey ahead will push Anna to the limit and answer the one question that has always plagued her... Will she ever be enough?

When I Hit You - Meena Kandasamy 2020-03-17

The widely acclaimed novel of an abused woman in India and her fight for freedom: "A triumph." —The Guardian Named a Best Book of the Year by the Financial Times, the Guardian, the Daily Telegraph, and the Observer Shortlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction Longlisted for the Dylan Thomas Prize Shortlisted for the Jhalak Prize Based on the author's own experience, When I Hit You follows the narrator as she falls in love with a university professor and agrees to be his wife. Soon, the newlywed experiences extreme violence at her husband's hands and finds herself socially isolated. Yet hope keeps her alive. Writing becomes her salvation, a supreme act of defiance, in a harrowing yet fierce and funny novel that not only examines one woman's battle against terror and loneliness but reminds us how fiction and stories can help us escape.

Facilitating Youth-Led Book Clubs as Transformative and Inclusive Spaces - Jody N. Polleck 2022

Learn how to integrate book clubs into secondary school communities for transformation and inclusion so as to enhance and nurture students' literacies along with their social and emotional development. Using her extensive experiences with culturally, neurologically, and linguistically diverse students, the author provides a rich resource that demonstrates how book clubs serve as critical places where adolescents can develop as readers while simultaneously working to build authentic relationships with their peers. Polleck offers research and theories grounded in culturally sustaining pedagogies and healing-centered engagements along with practical strategies for book club facilitators—from developing specific student-centered pedagogical approaches to embodying critical and humanizing dispositions. Book Features: Guidance based on the author's 25 years of experience as a facilitator and researcher of book clubs. A focus on encouraging meaningful participation, identity and community building, and social justice. An approach that prioritizes collaboration among teachers, social workers, counselors, administrators, parents, and other school personnel. Practical strategies that include facilitation suggestions, sample lesson plans, and reflective questioning techniques. Engaging narratives that center the voices of students who have participated in book clubs. An accompanying website with suggested reading lists, teaching materials, classroom activities, and more.

Mazes and Monsters - Rona Jaffe 2015-02-24

Part thriller, part love story, Mazes and Monsters is a spellbinding novel about a group of college students in the 1980s who use a fantasy game as refuge from their personal, emotional, and social problems. Based loosely on the "steam tunnel incidents" of the 1970s, the four friends—Kate, Jay Jay, Daniel, and Robbie—eventually take their game too far when they decide to live-action role-play in the caverns near their college campus. What follows is terrifying and unexpected, as each character dives deep into the darkest part of their mind, those forbidden places where our most menacing truths lie.

With the Fire on High - Elizabeth Acevedo 2019-06-01

From New York Times bestselling author of POET X comes a story of a girl with talent, pride and a little bit of magic that keeps her fire burning bright. Ever since she got pregnant during freshman year, Emoni Santiago's life has been about making the tough decisions, doing what

has to be done for her daughter and her abuela. The one place she can let all that go is in the kitchen. There, she lets her hands tell her what to cook, listening to her intuition and adding a little something magical every time, turning her food into straight-up goodness. Even though she's always dreamed of working in a kitchen after she graduates, Emoni knows that it's not worth her time to pursue the impossible. But then an opportunity presents itself to not only enrol in a culinary arts class in her high school, but also to travel abroad to Spain for an immersion program. Emoni knows that her decisions post high school have to be practical ones, but despite the rules she's made for her life — and everyone else's rules that she refuses to play by — once Emoni starts cooking, her only choice is to let her talent break free.

Black Wings & Blind Angels - Sapphire 2000-09-12

With fierce candor and an unflinching eye, the highly praised author of *Push* journeys through the harsh realities of African American existence to find the "door to the possibility of now." The heroes that emerge from these forty-seven vigorous poems confront the agony of betrayal as they strive in their quest for self-transformation and redemption. From the city streets to the rich landscape of dreams, each of these poems holds out the "black wings of expectation" offering the chance to emerge from the pain of the past and arrive at "the day you have been waiting for/when you would finally begin to live." At turns alarming and inspiring, the raw lyrics and piercing wisdom of *Black Wings & Blind Angels* remind us of Sapphire's place as a unique and fearless voice.

The Kid - Sapphire 2011-07-05

Fifteen years after the publication of *Push*, one year after the Academy Award-winning film adaptation, Sapphire gives voice to Precious's son, Abdul. In *The Kid* bestselling author Sapphire tells the electrifying story of Abdul Jones, the son of *Push*'s unforgettable heroine, Precious. A story of body and spirit, rooted in the hungers of flesh and of the soul, *The Kid* brings us deep into the interior life of Abdul Jones. We meet him at age

nine, on the day of his mother's funeral. Left alone to navigate a world in which love and hate sometimes hideously masquerade, forced to confront unspeakable violence, his history, and the dark corners of his own heart, Abdul claws his way toward adulthood and toward an identity he can stand behind. In a generational story that moves with the speed of thought from a Mississippi dirt farm to Harlem in its heyday; from a troubled Catholic orphanage to downtown artist's lofts, *The Kid* tells of a twenty-first-century young man's fight to find a way toward the future. A testament to the ferocity of the human spirit and the deep nourishing power of love and of art, *The Kid* chronicles a young man about to take flight. In the intimate, terrifying, and deeply alive story of Abdul's journey, we are witness to an artist's birth by fire.

When Somebody Loves You Back - Mary B. Morrison 2008-07-01

Former playboy Darius Jones is back on top. His high-profile legal trouble is finally behind him, and ahead is a bright NBA career—and the engagement to his soul mate, the irrepressibly sexy Fancy Taylor. But bad news has a habit of coming when you least expect it, and this time Darius could lose everything he has. . . The New York Times and Essence Bestseller!

The Perfect Wife - Lynsay Sands 2010-06-08

"You can't help but fall in love with Lynsay Sands!" —Christina Dodd A most-willing beauty wants to be *The Perfect Wife*—with everything that entails—to her brave and handsome new groom, but an outrageous series of mishaps seems to get in their way. Fear not, though, for true love will always prevail in New York Times and USA Today bestseller Lynsay Sands's wicked historical romance romps. Carrying her readers back to Medieval England—centuries before the contemporary romantic affairs of her popular Argeneau vampire family—Lynsay Sands will enchant fans of Julia Quinn and Sabrina Jeffries with this classic tale rich in humor and passion.