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Blossom the Flower Girl Fairy (Rainbow Magic: Special Edition)

A sheltered son from an intellectual family in Shanghai, Benfu spends 1966 anticipating a promising violinist career and an arranged marriage. On the other side of town lives Pony Boy, a member of a lower-class family--but Benfu's best friend all the same. Their futures look different but guaranteed until they're faced with a perilous opportunity to leave a

mark on history. At the announcement of China's Cultural Revolution, Chairman Mao's Red Guard members begin their assault, leaving innocent victims in their wake as they surge across the country. With political turmoil at their door, both Benfu and Pony Boy must face heart-wrenching decisions regarding family, friendship, courage, and loyalty to their country during one of the most chaotic periods in history. The prequel to the beloved Tales of the Scavenger's Daughters series, The Palest Ink depicts Benfu's coming-of-age during the tumultuous years of the Cultural Revolution.

The Beginner's Guide to Chinese Calligraphy

Kelli MacCabe is a no nonsense detective with a tough exterior. Only a select few know her as a loyal, loving friend. Committed to her family, her friends, and her job, Kelli puts her needs behind everyone else's. As a surgeon, Nora Whitmore is used to being in control. The hospital is her life and leaves room for little else. Respected by her colleagues, but misunderstood by the residents, Nora takes what she needs and keeps everyone at arm's length. In the process, she creates unexpected enemies. Tragedy brings them together. As chaos grows around them, the lines between them begin to blur. Despite being from different worlds, friendship grows between them, turning quickly to attraction. Will these two strong, independent women find a way to deal with their individual baggage? Or will they be overcome by it?

From Ethnomycology to Fungal Biotechnology

When Xiang Xiang's father is falsely executed, she is sold to Peach Blossom Pavilion, a prostitution house, where she is taught the skills of a courtesan while longing to be reunited with her mother.

The Artful Match (London Beginnings Book #3)

Cara Bernay has never fit in. At loose ends in 1881 London after a near tragedy costs her a job, she befriends a carefree artist. With his help, she begins planning a new life and developing her own artistic talent. But soon Cara finds herself at odds with the artist's brother--a handsome but arrogant earl forcing his brother back to a "respectable" life. Henry Burke, the Earl of Morestowe, feels the weight of growing financial burdens. His younger brother is the one person who can save their family, and Henry needs him back home. Despite misgivings about Cara's mysterious background, Henry sees she's a positive influence on his brother and on Henry's young ward, and he strikes a deal with her to return with them to their estate. But the family has their own secrets, and when Cara, drawn ever closer to Henry, stumbles onto the truth, she must choose between following her heart and pursuing a bold plan that could bring disaster.

The Art of Storytelling

In this richly imaginative novel, Mingmei Yip--author of *Peach Blossom Pavilion* and *Petals From the Sky*--follows one woman's daunting journey along China's fabled Silk Road. As a girl growing up in Hong Kong, Lily Lin was captivated by photographs of the desert--its long, lonely vistas and shifting sand dunes. Now living in New York, Lily is struggling to finish her graduate degree when she receives an astonishing offer. An aunt she never knew existed will pay Lily a huge sum to travel across China's desolate Taklamakan Desert--and carry out a series of tasks along the way. Intrigued, Lily accepts. Her assignments range from the dangerous to the bizarre. Lily must seduce a monk. She must scrape a piece of clay from the famous Terracotta Warriors, and climb the Mountains of Heaven to gather a rare herb. At Xian, her first stop, Lily meets Alex, a young American with whom she forms a powerful connection. And soon, she faces revelations that will redefine her past, her destiny, and the shocking truth behind her aunt's motivations. . . Powerful and eloquent, *Song of the Silk Road* is a captivating story of self-discovery, resonant with the mysteries of its haunting, exotic landscape.

The Witch's Market

One of Reader's Digest Best Summer Reads (US). Set against the backdrop of the Sri Lankan civil war, Ru Freeman's epic novel explores the lives of the diverse families that live on Sal Mal Lane and the heartbreaking ways this once harmonious community turns on one another with the country on the brink of

war. On the day the Herath family moves in, Sal Mal Lane is a quiet street, disturbed only by the cries of the children whose triumphs and tragedies sustain the families that live there. As each neighbour adapts to the newcomers in different ways, the children fill their days with cricket matches, romantic crushes, and small rivalries. But when the tides of civil war begin to turn towards the neighbourhood, their differences ignite in ways no one could have imagined. As the stability of their neighborhood is threatened by clashing political beliefs and prejudices, the children of the community are forced to watch their parents and friends turn against one another. Seen through the children's eyes, the events on Sal Mal Lane come to mirror the course of modern Sri Lanka at its most violent and volatile. A powerful, evocative work, *On Sal Mal Lane* masterfully illuminates the origins of this war and explores the lengths family will go to protect one another.

The Moon Opera

Ming Neng, entering a retreat to test her karma as a Buddhist nun, becomes trapped between her long-held spiritual quest and forbidden passion when she succumbs to temptation with the young American doctor who saved her life. Original.

Blurred Lines

An international sensation, *The Royal Physician's Visit* magnificently recasts the dramatic era of Danish history when Johann Friedrich Struensee -- court

physician to mad young King Christian -- stepped through an aperture in history and became the holder of absolute power in Denmark. His is a gripping tale of power, sex, love, and the life of the mind, and it is superbly rendered here by one of Sweden's most acclaimed writers. A charismatic German doctor and brilliant intellectual, Struensee used his influence to introduce hundreds of reforms in Denmark in the 1760s. He had a tender and erotic affair with Queen Caroline Mathilde, who was unsatisfied by her unstable, childlike husband. Yet Struensee lacked the subtlety of a skilled politician and the cunning to choose enemies wisely; these flaws proved fatal, and would eventually lead to his tragic demise.

Petals from the Sky

Once upon a time in China, the most beautiful and gifted women were known as "skeleton women"--the ultimate femme fatales who could bring a man to his knees, or to his doom. . . When Camilla, a young orphan girl in Shanghai, is adopted and brought to live in luxury, it seems like a stroke of luck. But as Camilla grows to womanhood, she realizes that her "rescue" was part of gang leader Big Brother Wang's scheme. Camilla is trained in singing, dancing, knife-throwing and contortion--all to attract the attention of Wang's enemy, the ruthless Master Lung. Forced to become Master Lung's mistress, Camilla meets two other intriguing women. Shadow is a magician and rival for Master Lung's affections, while Rainbow Chang dresses like a man and wields power through her incendiary gossip column. Both pose risks to

Camilla's safety and status. But an even greater danger comes in the form of Master Lung's eldest son, Jinying, who despises his father's violent lifestyle--but loves Camilla. Only by plotting to eliminate Lung can she make her escape, but at what cost? Mingmei Yip, author of *Peach Blossom Pavilion* and *Song of the Silk Road*, has created a captivating story filled with intrigue and opulence, peopled with extraordinary characters impossible to forget.

The Lotus

This colorfully illustrated multicultural children's book presents Chinese fairy tales and other folk stories—providing insight into a rich literary culture. *Chinese Children's Favorite Stories* is a delightful selection of thirteen Chinese folktales as told by author-illustrator Mingmei Yip. Inspired by her father's nightly story-telling adventures when she was a child, Yip hopes that by "retelling some of these thousand-year-old Chinese stories," she can pass along Chinese folklore and fables to many readers. Retold for an international audience, the beautifully illustrated stories will give children aged five to ten in other countries a glimpse into traditional Chinese culture. The *Children's Favorite Stories* series was created to share the folktales and legends most beloved by children in the East with young readers of all backgrounds in the West. In *Chinese Children's Favorite Stories*, discover the many delightful characters—from a monkey and fairy, to ghosts and frogs—in stories such as: *The Mouse Bride* *Dream of the Butterfly* *The Ghost Catcher* *The Frog Who Lived*

in a Well How the Fox Tricked the Tiger The Monkey King Turns the Heavenly Palace Upside Down The Children's Favorite Stories series was created to share the folktales and legends most beloved by children in the East with young readers of all backgrounds in the West. Other multicultural children's books in this series include: Asian Children's Favorite Stories, Indian Children's Favorite Stories, Indonesian Children's Favorite Stories, Japanese Children's Favorite Stories, Singapore Children's Favorite Stories, Favorite Children's Stories from China & Tibet, Korean Children's Favorite Stories, Balinese Children's Favorite Stories, and Vietnamese Children's Favorite Stories.

The Moon in the Palace

"NO ONE CAN TWIST THROUGH A MAZE WITH THE INTENSITY AND SUSPENSE OF MAX ALLAN COLLINS."

--Clive Cussler Smalltown sheriff J.C. Harrow made headlines when he apprehended a would-be presidential assassin--only to come home that night and find his wife and son brutally murdered. This tragic twist of fate launched his career as the host of reality TV's smash-hit, Crime Seen! But while media star Harrow tracks down dangerous criminals coast to coast--with the help of viewers' tips--a killer with a twisted agenda is making his own bloody path to fame. . . "A KILLER YARN FROM A MASTER OF SUSPENSE." --James Rollins As the trail of violence draws closer, Harrow goes off script in a manhunt for the psycho who slaughtered his family. The cameras are rolling. And all of America is watching--including a

serial killer with a very specific target audience. . . .
"Max Allan Collins is masterful. His ability to sustain suspense [is] exceptional." --San Diego Union-Tribune
"Among the finest crime writers working today."
--Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



Twenty years after turning to teaching after being spurned by her Chinese opera troupe for disfiguring her understudy with boiling water in a fit of jealous rage, Xio Yanqiu returns to the stage in a new version of the cursed opera, *The Moon Opera*, fully believing that she has become transformed into the immortal moon goddess she is playing.

Three Novels

As a world crumbles, three royal sisters must reclaim a lost magic to rescue their shattered home from a plague of ancient malevolence. The story that began with *Black Trillium*—the brainchild of Julian May, Andre Norton, and Marion Zimmer Bradley, three of fantasy fiction's greats—takes glorious flight in *Sky Trillium* as author May carries the magnificent saga of magic, sisterhood, and destiny to breathtaking new heights. The *Petals of the Living Trillium*—Anigel the Queen, Kadiya the Warrior, and Haramis the Archimage—have defeated great evil to keep their realm safe, thanks in part to three magical talismans dating back to the War of Enchantment that nearly destroyed the world in the time of the Vanished Ones. Now, with one relic missing and another rendered

powerless, the World of the Three Moons is vulnerable—and a devastating outbreak of earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and other natural disasters suggests that a dark and terrible magic is descending once again. The last hope for the planet's salvation lies in the fabled Sky Trillium, but its creation depends on the three sisters being able to recover what was stolen from them and escape the poisonous intrigues of the royal court, banding together one more time to forge a Scepter of Power. But the old wounds of an ancient war continue to fester—and the Star Men are waiting to see the Petals wither and fall.

Memoirs of a Courtesan

Only from New York Times bestselling author Deanna Raybourn, go back to where it all began with the original Lady Julia Grey historical mystery series. “Let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave.” These ominous words are the last threat that Sir Edward Grey receives from his killer. Before he can show them to Nicholas Brisbane, the private inquiry agent he has retained for his protection, he collapses and dies at his London home, in the presence of his wife, Julia, and a roomful of dinner guests. Prepared to accept that Edward's death was due to a long-standing physical infirmity, Julia is outraged when Brisbane visits and suggests that her husband was murdered. It is a reaction she comes to regret when she discovers damning evidence for herself, and realizes the truth. Determined to bring the murderer to justice, Julia engages the enigmatic Brisbane to

help her investigate Edward's demise. Dismissing his warnings that the investigation will be difficult, if not impossible, Julia presses forward, following a trail of clues that lead her to even more unpleasant truths, and ever closer to a killer who waits expectantly for her arrival. Previously published. Don't miss the complete Lady Julia Grey mystery series by Deanna Raybourn! Book # 1: Silent in the Grave Book # 2: Silent in the Sanctuary Book # 3: Silent on the Moor Book # 3.5: Midsummer Night (novella) Book # 4: Dark Road to Darjeeling Book # 5: The Dark Enquiry Book # 5.5: Silent Night (novella) Book # 5.6: Twelfth Night (novella) Book # 5.7: Bonfire Night (novella)

A Disobedient Girl

Ordered to become a ghost bride in 1930s China, seventeen-year-old Spring Swallow flees to Soochow where she joins a community of embroiderers and engages in a dangerous love affair with a young revolutionary.

Song of the Silk Road

SHE LOVED FINE THINGS, AND SHE HAD NO DOUBT THAT SHE DESERVED THEM. . . . Young Latha knows that she was not meant to be a servant. She was born for finer things, like the rose-smelling soap she steals from the family she has worked for since she was five, or the glasses of fresh lime juice she helps herself to after a long day. But the hard truth is that her life is tied to Thara, the family's spoiled daughter, and for the next thirty years they grow up bound by love,

betrayal, resentment, and an impossible secret. Then there is Biso, a devoted mother of three, who risks everything to escape from her tyrannical husband. Though her journey begins with hope, she navigates a disastrous path that ultimately binds her story to Latha and Thara's in the most unexpected and heartbreaking way. Set against the volatile backdrop of class and prejudice in Sri Lanka, *A Disobedient Girl* is a bold and deeply moving tale about the will to survive and the incredible power of the human spirit to transcend the unforgiving sweep of tragedy.

Secret of a Thousand Beauties

Channeled into the body of a Victorian woman by an amateur occultist, a modern-day graphic artist falls in love with the young poet W. B. Yeats in this tale of passion and the occult from the author of *And Falling, Fly*. Original.

Petals from the Sky

Perfect for beginners, this calligraphy book teaches over 100 Chinese paintings and calligraphies along with historical and cultural information. As one of the most fascinating artistic form in the world, Chinese calligraphy has long been an area of interest to both novices and researchers. This easy-to-use guide introduces all the basic elements of the standard Chinese calligraphy script, Kaishu, with step-by-step instructions and diagrams for each of the 8 basic strokes. The purpose of this book is two-fold. On one had, it contains a short history of Chinese calligraphy

and an introduction to Kaishu style, which embodies the very essence of the "Eastern arts" for those who find themselves interested in the arts of the Asian countries. On the other hand, for those who know about Chinese calligraphy and want to try their hand at it, the book, with Kaishu as a starting point, introduces the basic skills of the ancient and exquisite art of Chinese calligraphy. The rules and methods contained in the book will make the learning process easier with clear diagrams and images.

The Empress of Bright Moon

With classic Chinese fairytales and folk stories, Grandma Panda's China Storybook introduces children to Chinese culture in a fun, adventurous way! Grandma Panda is a wonderful teacher, a wonderful storyteller and a wonderful cook! Her grandchildren, Baobao and Lingling, love staying with her every summer, because at Grandma Panda's house, each day is an adventure. This summer, with the help of celebrated novelist and artist Mingmei Yip, Grandma will take them to a world filled with Chinese calligraphy, kites, kung fu and more! They'll get to hear Grandma's stories of a time long ago in China, when everything began, and learn simple Chinese language along the way. Come join Grandma Panda, Baobao and Lingling for a summer of fun and learning as bright watercolor illustrations make favorite legends come alive! Chinese stories include: Yum Yum, We Love Dim Sum!—Grandma and the children go to a restaurant to enjoy dim sum. Grandma explains what dim sum is and tells the legend of how

it was invented. Grandma Panda Teaches Us Chinese Writing—Grandma shows the children how to mix ink and hold their brushes. She shows them characters in both their ancient and present forms and tells them the story of four-eyed Cang Jie. Dotting the Dragon's Eyes—To explain the importance of paying attention to detail, Grandma tells the story of Zhang Sengyao. The Story of Mulan, the Brave Woman Warrior—Grandma tells the story of Mulan to teach the virtues of bravery, leadership, patriotism and determination. The Little Kungfu Warriors—The story of Mulan excites the little pandas into action, and they and grandma share a few moves. The Painted Faces of Chinese Opera—Grandma explains the meaning of the painted faces. Fun with Chinese Kites—Grandma takes the children kite flying and tells them the story of Luban the kite inventor. Grandma Panda Sings an Old Farewell Song—Grandma shows the children the Qin and sings "Three Variations on the Yang Pass"

The Witch's Market

From the author of *Secret of a Thousand Beauties* and *Peach Blossom Pavilion* comes a beautifully written novel of self-discovery and intrigue. Chinese-American assistant professor Eileen Chen specializes in folk religion at her San Francisco college. Though her grandmother made her living as a shamaness, Eileen publicly dismisses witchcraft as mere superstition. Yet privately, the subject intrigues her. When a research project takes her to the Canary Islands—long rumored to be home to real witches—Eileen is struck by the lush beauty of

Tenerife and its blend of Spanish and Moroccan culture. A stranger invites her to a local market where women sell amulets, charms, and love spells. Gradually Eileen immerses herself in her exotic surroundings, finding romance with a handsome young furniture maker. But as she learns more about the lives of these self-proclaimed witches, Eileen must choose how much trust to place in this new and seductive world, where love, greed, and vengeance can be as powerful, or as destructive, as any magic.

Married Women Who Love Women

Ming Neng, entering a retreat to test her karma as a Buddhist nun, becomes trapped between her long-held spiritual quest and forbidden passion when she succumbs to temptation with the young American doctor who saved her life.

As She Grows

Seduction is the name of the game in book five of New York Times bestselling author Carly Phillips' fan-favorite Simply series What do women want? Newspaperman Colin Lyons needs to figure it out—fast! Because advice columnist Rina Lowell is waging a sexual campaign against him that he can't withstand for long. Not that he wants to.... Rina is as irresistible to him as her column is to her readers. The problem? The newspaper's in the red, and all fluff pieces have to be cut. Still, faced with Rina's seductive powers of persuasion, Colin can't resist taking her to bed. Little does she guess he's about to put her out of

a job, too...

Blame

Patsy MacLemoore, a history professor in her late twenties with a brand-new Ph.D. from Berkeley and a wild streak, wakes up in jail--yet again--after another epic alcoholic blackout. However, this time two people are dead, and Patsy had been driving with

The Royal Physician's Visit

Did you love *Memoirs of a Geisha*? Want to be swept away by an epic tale of intrigue, forbidden love and deadly rivalries?

You Can't Stop Me

Designed for anyone who wants to develop the skill of telling stories, this volume provides advice on choosing, learning, and presenting stories, as well as discussions on the importance of storytelling through human history and its continued significance today.

Peach Blossom Pavillion

Snow's life has never gone right. Her family troubles seem destined to send her on a downward spiral, especially once she learns she's pregnant. Will she end up like her mother and grandmother, her life wrecked by good intentions and poor judgment? As Snow is forced to strip illusion from reality, she can't avoid the difficult truths that lie at the core of her

appearance of this strange boy isn't the only thing that's changed. Bryn's symptoms are worsening, her body weakening as she's plagued by hallucinations even while awake. Her only hope of finding a cure is to undergo experimental treatment created by a German specialist. But when Dr. Banz reveals that he knows more about her strange symptoms than he originally let on, Bryn learns that the boy in her head might actually be the key to understanding what's happening to her, and worse, that if she doesn't find out his identity before it's too late, they both may not survive.

Grandma Panda's China Storybook

On the outside, twenty-eight-year-old Fiona Yu appears to be just another Hello Kitty--an educated, well-mannered Asian American woman. Secretly, she feels torn between the traditional Chinese values of her family and the social mores of being an American girl. To escape the burden of carrying her family's honor, Fiona decides to take her own virginity. In the process, she makes a surprising discovery that reunites her with a long-lost friend, Sean Killroy. Sean introduces her to a dark world of excitement, danger, cunning, and cruelty, pushing her to the limits of her own morality. But Fiona's father throws her new life into disarray when he dupes her into an overnight trip that results in a hasty engagement to Don Koo, the spoiled son of a wealthy chef. Determined to thwart her parents' plans to marry her off into Asian suburbia, Fiona seeks her freedom at any price. How far will she go to bury the Hello Kitty stereotype

forever? Fiona's journey of self-discovery is biting and clever as she embraces her true nature and creates her own version of the American Dream, eliminating--without fear or remorse--anyone who stands in her way.

Silent in the Grave

"The author's talent for dramatic, well-timed dialogue, and portrayal of women's friendships and emotions--especially dislikes, jealousy, and fear - intensifies the reader's understanding of palace intrigue."—Booklist, STARRED Review In the captivating sequel to *The Moon in the Palace*, Mei must protect her people from a murderous empress to realize her destiny as the most powerful woman in China. At the moment of the Emperor's death, everything changes in the palace. Mei, his former concubine, is free, and Pheasant, the heir and Mei's lover, is proclaimed as the new Emperor, heralding a new era in China. But just when Mei believes she's closer to her dream, Pheasant's chief wife, Lady Wang, powerful and unpredictable, turns against Mei and takes unthinkable measures to stop her. The power struggle that ensues will determine Mei's fate and that of China. Surrounded by enemies within the palace that she calls home, Mei continues her journey to the throne in *The Empress of Bright Moon*, the second book in Weina Dai Randel's acclaimed duology. Only by fighting back against those who wish her harm will Mei be able to realize her destiny as the most powerful woman in China.

The Girl In Between

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In Dreams Begin

Both on the run in Hong Kong, enemies Camilla and Shadow settle their differences and risk their lives by returning to Shanghai in their quest for freedom, while Camilla searches for a son she thought was dead.

Sky Trillium

For thousands of years lotuses have fascinated people

in their religion, philosophy, food, research, and ornamental horticulture. This colorful volume explains everything needed to grow lotus (*Nelumbo*). The book also covers all the other intriguing aspects about the lotus and provides a complete portrait of an amazing aquatic plant. "The Lotus" is packed with beautiful full-color photographs and is compelling to read. Chapters include: botanical background, cultivation, landscape uses, lotus timeline, cultural traditions, lore, resources, and quick guide for gardeners. The book is suitable for pond owners, first time lotus growers, seasoned *Nelumbo* experts, and those wanting to learn more about the remarkable plant that has impacted the lives of so many around the world.

Chinese Children's Favorite Stories

With her world facing annihilation, one of three powerful sisters must cross over into a forbidden dimension of vanished gods to confront an all-consuming terror in the continuation of the phenomenal Saga of the Trillium. The three royal daughters of the Black Trillium brought a welcomed peace to Ruwenda and the World of the Three Moons by defeating the dark sorcerer Orogastus. Now it is time for Kadiya, the Seeker-Warrior, to return the powerful Three-Orbed Sword to its place of origin. But a journey that began in the wild marshlands of her devoted allies, the aboriginal Oddlings, soon leads to the domain of a race of dream catchers created by the inscrutable Vanished Ones—and to the terrible revelation of a coming plague destined to obliterate Kadiya's world. Unable to contact her sisters and

complete the triumvirate, Kadiya must now act alone to prevent the Apocalypse, and follow her destined path into a timeless dimension where the Vanished Ones have taken refuge. There she will confront the most devastating horror her world has ever known. The Saga of the Trillium, created by three of the most revered writers in the realm of fantasy and science fiction, is now in the hands of the incomparable Andre Norton. With Golden Trillium, the acclaimed master continues the story she began with Julian May and Marion Zimmer Bradley, carrying the epic tale into a new dimension of magic, peril, and breathtaking self-discovery.

The Palest Ink

Two Chinese girls are best friends until they are snatched together and sold as house help, and possibly, future brides, to a family far away. The two reluctantly accept their situation, but Chloe's warrior spirit refuses to give up the hope of finding away home.

The Nine Fold Heaven

Fungi play a major role in the sustainability of the biosphere, and mycorrhizal fungi are essential for the growth of many of our woods and forests. The applications of fungi in agriculture, industry and biotechnology remain of paramount importance, as does their use as a source of drugs and to help clean up our environment. This volume contains key papers from the conference 'From Ethnomycology to Fungal

Biotechnology: Exploiting Fungi from Natural Resources for Novel Products'. This was the first international scientific conference covering the transfer of traditional remedies and processes in ethnomycology to modern fungal biotechnology. The conference was held at Simla, Himachal Pradesh, India from 15 to 16 December 1997. The key subject areas addressed in the conference were the issues of exploring and exploiting fungal diversity for novel leads to new antibiotics, enzymes, medicines and a range of other leads for wood preservation, biological control, agricultural biotechnology and the uses of fungi in the food industry. The conference programme included key-note presentations followed by poster sessions and general discussion. The book is broadly based, covering five main areas: Ethnomycology, Fungal Biotechnology, Biological Control, Mycorrhizal Fungi and Fungal Pests. There is no doubt that in the past fungi have played a key role in ethnomycological remedies and that in the future they will continue to attract the interest of a wide range of disciplines ranging from environmental conservation, agriculture and the food industry to wood preservation and aerobiological studies.

Skeleton Women

A 2016 RT Book Reviews Reviewers Choice Nominee for First Historical Romance! There is no easy path for a woman aspiring to power A concubine at the palace learns quickly that there are many ways to capture the Emperor's attention. Many paint their faces white and style their hair attractively, hoping to lure in the

One Above All with their beauty. Some present him with fantastic gifts, such as jade pendants and scrolls of calligraphy, while others rely on their knowledge of seduction to draw his interest. Young Mei knows nothing of these womanly arts, yet she will give the Emperor a gift he can never forget. Mei's intelligence and curiosity, the same traits that make her an outcast among the other concubines, impress the Emperor. But just as she is in a position to seduce the most powerful man in China, divided loyalties split the palace in two, culminating in a perilous battle that Mei can only hope to survive. In the breakthrough first volume in the Empress of Bright Moon duology, Weina Dai Randel paints a vibrant portrait of ancient China—where love, ambition, and loyalty can spell life or death—and the woman who came to rule it all.

Hello Kitty Must Die

A trio of heart-stopping thrillers from the New York Times–bestselling author—including the “vibrant and cerebral” #1 international bestseller, *The Eight* (Los Angeles Times). People magazine said of Katherine Neville’s debut novel and #1 international bestseller, *The Eight*: “With alchemical skill, Neville blends modern romance, historical fiction, and medieval mystery . . . and comes up with gold.” Mining a fertile territory of international intrigue, complex conspiracies, history-spanning storylines, and unstoppable female heroines, Neville has arguably struck gold with all three of these thrillers. A *Calculated Risk*: In this New York Times Notable Book, computer expert Verity Banks is the one of the most

powerful women in finance and has a shot at becoming director of security at the Federal Reserve. When her boss sabotages her career ambitions, Verity decides to get revenge by targeting the company's balance sheet. Her old mentor, Zoltan Tor, will help her, but only if Verity agrees to an outlandish and dangerous wager. To beat both Zoltan and her boss, Verity must risk her professional reputation—and her very life. *The Eight*: In sweeping parallel stories set in the 1970s and the 1790s, Catherine Velis, a computer expert, and Mireille and Valentine, novices in an abbey during the French Revolution, must prevent a legendary chess set containing secret powers from falling into the wrong hands. With its “combination of historical references, conspiracy theory and action/thriller format,” this #1 international bestseller “may have paved the way for books like *The Da Vinci Code*” (Publishers Weekly). *The Magic Circle*: Suddenly in possession of a mysterious cache of medieval manuscripts that have the power to alter the destiny of humankind, nuclear scientist Ariel Behn is swept into the deadly center of international intrigue—and a mystery that dates back to the time of Christ—as she races to prevent a worldwide catastrophe in this USA Today bestseller.

On Sal Mal Lane

Here comes the bride! Rachel's Aunt Angela is a talented wedding planner. She's organizing the biggest wedding Tippington has ever seen -- and she needs Rachel and Kirsty's help! Rachel and Kirsty are put in charge of the bride's flower girls. But when Jack

Frost's goblins show up uninvited, the wedding is in trouble. Luckily for everyone, Blossom the Flower Girl Fairy has a very special kind of magic -- and she's determined to make sure this wedding goes off without a hitch! Find the magic objects in all three stories inside this Rainbow Magic Special Edition and help save the wedding magic!

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