

The Spite Game

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Uncover the intricate world of The Spite Game, a compelling exploration of human nature where strategic conflict and competitive rivalry take center stage. This narrative delves into the psychological tactics and often self-destructive motivations that drive participants, offering insights into the true cost of engaging in such a bitter game of spite.

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Everyone does bad things when no one is watching. Mercilessly bullied in high school, Ava knows she needs to put the past behind her and move on, but she can't—not until she's exacted precise, catastrophic revenge on the people who hurt her the most. First, she watches Saanvi. Flawlessly chic and working hard at a top architectural firm, Saanvi has it all together on the surface. But everyone does bad things when they think no one is watching and Ava only wants what's fair—to destroy Saanvi's life the way her own was destroyed. Next, she watches Cass. She's there as Cass tries on wedding dresses, she's there when Cass picks out a cake, she's there when Cass betrays her fiancé. She's the reason Cass's entire future comes crashing down. Finally, Ava watches Mel. Mel was always the ringleader and if anyone has to pay, it's her. But one tiny slipup and Ava realizes the truth: Mel knows she's being watched, and she's ready to play Ava's games to the bitter end.

Spite

Have you ever done something stupid, dangerous or self-sabotaging just to get one over someone else? Most of us have. Simon McCarthy-Jones draws on psychology, current affairs, literature and genetics to illuminate – whether we admit it or not – our spiteful side. What is that part of us that secretly wants our friends to fail? Did Americans put Trump in the White House just to stick it to Hillary Clinton? And then there are the legion of stories about toxic behaviour in supermarkets and over the privet hedge, ramping up to incendiary divorces, vicious business practices, backbiting politics and scorched-earth terrorism. There's a hopeful message too – the upside of our dark side. Spite can drive us forward, and Simon provides a fresh perspective on the concept by showing the evolutionary benefits of spite as a social leveller, an enabler of defiance, a wellspring of freedom and a vital weapon in our everyday armoury.

Out of Breath

A compulsive, nail-bitingly tense psychological thriller that takes its readers deep into the heart of a seemingly idyllic intentional community - that proves to be anything but...For readers of Anna Downes'

The Safe Place and Sarah Bailey's The Housemate. Jo Ainsley has been running for a long time. From her childhood in small town England to art school in London to the messy end of a relationship in Sydney, Jo has chosen to run again and again, each time moving further from where her troubles began. This time, her escape will bring her to the remote northwest region of Western Australia, where she must work for 88 days on a farm in order to extend her visa. There she meets an American, Gabe, with whom she has an immediate connection. He tells her of an idyllic off-grid community which seems like a refuge to her. Miserable, desperate and traumatised by a brutal event at the farm, Jo decides to run. But the paradisaal free-diving haven that embraces her without judgement is not all it seems. It harbours some sinister secrets - and so does Gabe. Jo searches for answers, but is she prepared for what she uncovers? She must decide where her loyalties lie and if she is really ready to confront the darkness of her past...

Spite and Development

Abstract: In a wide variety of settings, spiteful preferences would constitute an obstacle to cooperation, trade, and thus economic development. This paper shows that spiteful preferences - the desire to reduce another's material payoff for the mere purpose of increasing one's relative payoff - are surprisingly widespread in experiments conducted in one of the least developed regions in India (Uttar Pradesh). In a one-shot trust game, the authors find that a large majority of subjects punish cooperative behavior although such punishment clearly increases inequality and decreases the payoffs of both subjects. In experiments to study coordination and to measure social preferences, the findings reveal empirical patterns suggesting that the willingness to reduce another's material payoff - either for the sake of achieving more equality or for the sake of being ahead - is stronger among individuals belonging to high castes than among those belonging to low castes. Because extreme social hierarchies are typically accompanied by a culture that stresses status-seeking, it is plausible that the observed social preference patterns are at least partly shaped by this culture. Thus, an exciting question for future research is the extent to which different institutions and cultures produce preferences that are conducive or detrimental to economic development.

Only Daughter

"In Anna Snoekstra's dark and edgy debut, a young woman slips easily into the life of a girl missing eleven years, only to discover the grisly truth behind the disappearance. Will she be the next victim? Truly distinctive and tautly told, **ONLY DAUGHTER** welcomes a thrilling new voice in crime fiction." -- Mary Kubica, New York Times bestselling author of *The Good Girl*. '**ONLY DAUGHTER** by Anna Snoekstra is a dark meditation on the secrets we keep about our families and about ourselves. Twisty, slippery, and full of surprises, this web of lies will ensnare you and keep you riveted until you've turned the final page.' -- Lisa Unger, New York Times bestselling author of *Ink and Bone*. In 2003, sixteen-year-old Rebecca Winter disappeared. She'd been enjoying her teenage summer break: working at a fast-food restaurant, crushing on an older boy and shoplifting with her best friend. Mysteriously ominous things began to happen--blood in the bed, periods of blackouts, a feeling of being watched--though Bec remained oblivious of what was to come. Eleven years later she is replaced. A young woman, desperate after being arrested, claims to be the decade-missing Bec. Soon the imposter is living Bec's life. Sleeping in her bed. Hugging her mother and father. Learning her best friends' names. Playing with her twin brothers. But Bec's welcoming family and enthusiastic friends are not quite as they seem. As the imposter dodges the detective investigating her case, she begins to delve into the life of the real Bec Winter--and soon realizes that whoever took Bec is still at large, and that she is in imminent danger. As the pretender walks in Rebecca's shoes, she realises that whoever is responsible for Bec's disappearance is still in her life. In this chilling psychological thriller, one woman's dark past becomes another's deadly future. This is a book that will haunt you, read at your own risk -- For The Love Of Books blog, cayocosta72

Mercy Point

'**FANTASTICALLY GRIPPING YA THRILLER**' -- Books+Publishing, four stars In real life, they are enemies. Emma the know-it-all, Michael the bully, Fabian the coward, Tessie the weirdo and Sam the mystery. Online they are best friends, with one big thing in common: they are all sure they are adopted. When they finally meet, they are horrified to find that the people they have been sharing their souls with are the people they hate. They decide to never speak again. But avoiding each other is difficult in a small mountain town with only one high school. It's also tough to ignore one another when they each begin to

realise that what their parents are hiding is much more sinister than just adoption. The five teenagers have a choice to make. Continue to live a lie, or come together to hunt down the truth, no matter how dangerous that may be. Because the real story of their parentage is much more terrifying than they ever could have imagined. It is a secret that goes to the very heart of the town itself. From the author of the acclaimed debut novel *Only Daughter* comes a book about how much you'd be willing to risk to find out who you really are. MORE PRAISE FOR *MERCY POINT* 'Mercy Point is a great YA read for fans of the 'Illuminae' or 'Virals' series.' -- Books+Publishing, four stars 'You will be riveted until the end, making it a perfect ... holiday read for readers 14+' -- Better Reading PRAISE FOR *ONLY DAUGHTER* 'Twisty, slippery, and full of surprises, this web of lies will ensnare you and keep you riveted until you've turned the final page.' -- Lisa Unger, New York Times bestselling author of *Ink and Bone*

Little Secrets

For fans of Gilly Macmillan's *The Perfect Girl*, Kate Moretti's *The Vanishing Year* and Anna's chilling debut novel, *Only Daughter*. *Little Secrets* examines what happens to the people in a small town when they feel threatened by an unknown danger. Full of twists and turns, this dark examination of human nature is a fast-paced thriller. What happens when ambition trumps the truth? A town reeling in the wake of tragedy... An arsonist is on the loose in Colmstock, Australia, most recently burning down the town's courthouse and killing a young boy who was trapped inside. An aspiring journalist desperate for a story... The clock is ticking for Rose Blakey. With nothing but rejections from newspapers piling up, her job pulling beers for cops at the local tavern isn't enough to even cover rent. Rose needs a story—a big one. A bizarre mystery... In the weeks after the courthouse fire, porcelain replicas of Colmstock's daughters begin turning up on doorsteps, terrifying parents and testing the limits of the town's already fractured police force. Rose may have finally found her story. But as her articles gain traction and the boundaries of her investigation blur, Colmstock is seized by a seething paranoia. Soon, no one is safe from suspicion. And when Rose's attention turns to the mysterious stranger living in the rooms behind the tavern, neighbour turns on neighbour and the darkest side of self-preservation is revealed. 'A smart and compulsive thriller that perfectly evokes the claustrophobia of small-town Australian life. I couldn't put it down!' Bestselling Australian author of *The Rosie Project*, Graeme Simsion

The Game Design Reader

Classic and cutting-edge writings on games, spanning nearly 50 years of game analysis and criticism, by game designers, game journalists, game fans, folklorists, sociologists, and media theorists. The *Game Design Reader* is a one-of-a-kind collection on game design and criticism, from classic scholarly essays to cutting-edge case studies. A companion work to Katie Salen and Eric Zimmerman's textbook *Rules of Play: Game Design Fundamentals*, *The Game Design Reader* is a classroom sourcebook, a reference for working game developers, and a great read for game fans and players. Thirty-two essays by game designers, game critics, game fans, philosophers, anthropologists, media theorists, and others consider fundamental questions: What are games and how are they designed? How do games interact with culture at large? What critical approaches can game designers take to create game stories, game spaces, game communities, and new forms of play? Salen and Zimmerman have collected seminal writings that span 50 years to offer a stunning array of perspectives. Game journalists express the rhythms of game play, sociologists tackle topics such as role-playing in vast virtual worlds, players rant and rave, and game designers describe the sweat and tears of bringing a game to market. Each text acts as a springboard for discussion, a potential class assignment, and a source of inspiration. The book is organized around fourteen topics, from *The Player Experience* to *The Game Design Process*, from *Games and Narrative* to *Cultural Representation*. Each topic, introduced with a short essay by Salen and Zimmerman, covers ideas and research fundamental to the study of games, and points to relevant texts within the Reader. Visual essays between book sections act as counterpoint to the writings. Like *Rules of Play*, *The Game Design Reader* is an intelligent and playful book. An invaluable resource for professionals and a unique introduction for those new to the field, *The Game Design Reader* is essential reading for anyone who takes games seriously.

The Biggest Game in Town

Since its first publication twenty years ago, *The Biggest Game in Town* has become a sought-after cult classic. Acclaimed writer and critic Al Alvarez delves into the murky and compelling world of high-stakes Vegas poker, where 'the next best thing to playing and winning is playing and losing'. Uncovering an exotic underground rich in ambiance and eccentricity, *The Biggest Game in Town* is a real one of a kind,

deftly capturing the skewed psyches and peculiar rites of professional poker players who descend every year for the World Series of Poker. It's a world that seems almost too surprising and bizarre to be true. 'A cool, precise, sharply witty, vivid evocation of a place and people, their appearances, behaviour and speech..Mr Alvarez is a shrewd analyst of the psychology of gamblers and a cleverly selective recorder of their bizarre talk with which, directly and indirectly, they reveal their secure grasp of unreality and their insane courage' Sunday Telegraph 'It will have most readers sitting on the edge of their seats' Sunday Times 'A new classic on gambling...it's quite brilliant' Time Out 'This is a magnificent book. Beyond the straights and full houses, Alvarez has written about people who are extremely good at what they do, and about America' San Francisco Chronicle

The Ultimate Book of Family Card Games

Pick a card game - any game Everyone loves to play cards and this ultimate collection has all the fun favourites, including rummy, spades, war, old maid, go fish, snip snap snorem and hearts. There are over 50 games in all, organised by type and difficulty, and complete with instructions, rules, strategies, colour illustrations and a brief note on each one's origins.

A Woman's Game

A compelling and comprehensive history charting the rise, fall, and rise again of women's soccer Women's soccer is a game that has so often been relegated to the margins in a world fixated on gender differences above passion and talent. It is a game that could attract 50,000 fans to a stadium in the 1920s, was later banned by England's Football Association grounds for being "unsuitable for females\

Spite Club

First Rule of Spite Club: Don't fall for your fake boyfriend.Here's what happened: My boyfriend cheated on me with Nick Mason's girlfriend.We're both angry. What better way to get revenge than to pretend to get together out of spite?Nick is rude and rebellious and completely freaking gorgeous. He's not my type, and I'm not his. There's no way we would work outside of our little game of dirty sex and well kept secrets.The problem is, he's an addiction. Or maybe a plague. The more time I spend with him, the more I risk my good-girl image and my carefully built life.I might want what's bad for me. I might want Nick. And I might have to convince him - if I can survive him.

Introduction to Game Analysis

Game analysis allows us to understand games better, providing insight into the player-game relationship, the construction of the game, and its sociocultural relevance. As the field of game studies grows, videogame writing is evolving from the mere evaluation of gameplay, graphics, sound, and replayability, to more reflective writing that manages to convey the complexity of a game and the way it is played in a cultural context. Introduction to Game Analysis serves as an accessible guide to analyzing games using strategies borrowed from textual analysis. Clara Fernández-Vara's concise primer provides instruction on the basic building blocks of game analysis—examination of context, content and reception, and formal qualities—as well as the vocabulary necessary for talking about videogames' distinguishing characteristics. Examples are drawn from a range of games, both digital and non-digital—from Bioshock and World of Warcraft to Monopoly—and the book provides a variety of exercises and sample analyses, as well as a comprehensive ludography and glossary.

The Cambridge Review

Vols. 1-26 include a supplement: The University pulpit, vols. [1]-26, no. 1-661, which has separate pagination but is indexed in the main vol.

The Complete Book of Solitaire and Patience Games

Contained within the pages of this book is a complete guide to a variety solitaire and patience card games, including over 225 different games for your enjoyment. Perfect for the beginner and seasoned veteran alike, this text will have you honing your skills to the point of absolute mastery in not time at all. A great book for card enthusiasts, this wonderful text makes for a great addition to any home collection and is not to be missed by discerning enthusiasts. Contained within are detailed instructions, illustrations, terminology, time requirements, and odds in winning a wide range of games from the famous Canfield Solitaire to Napoleon's Forty Thieves. It's here – everything you need to know about

Solitaire and Patience games. We are proud to republish this text here complete with a new introduction to playing card games.

Reading Games

In *Reading Games*, Kimberly Bohman-Kalaja guides us through an entertaining and instructive exploration of a neglected literary genre, the Play-Text. Focusing on the works of Flann O'Brien, Samuel Beckett, and Georges Perec, Bohman-Kalaja's book provides insightful analysis of game and play theories, as well as a new perspective on the world of experimental fiction -- discovering, step by step, the innovative strategies of those authors who play reading games.

How Traditions Live and Die

Of all the things we do and say, most will never be repeated or reproduced. Once in a while, however, an idea or a practice generates a chain of transmission that covers more distance through space and time than any individual person ever could. What makes such transmission chains possible? For two centuries, the dominant view (from psychology to anthropology) was that humans owe their cultural prosperity to their powers of imitation. In this view, modern cultures exist because the people who carry them are gifted at remembering, storing and reproducing information. *How Traditions Live and Die* proposes an alternative to this standard view. What makes traditions live is not a general-purpose imitation capacity. Cultural transmission is partial, selective, often unfaithful. Some traditions live on in spite of this, because they tap into widespread and basic cognitive preferences. These attractive traditions spread, not by being better retained or more accurately transferred, but because they are transmitted over and over. This theory is used to shed light on various puzzles of cultural change (from the distribution of bird songs to the staying power of children's rhymes) and to explain the special relation that links the human species to its cultures. Morin combines recent work in cognitive anthropology with new advances in quantitative cultural history, to map and predict the diffusion of traditions. This book is both an introduction and an accessible alternative to contemporary theories of cultural evolution.

Outing and the Wheelman

Rebecca Anderson yelled, "Listen, buddy, don't try to get all chivalrous with me! Can't you just take no for an answer and leave me alone? I don't have time for dating. It takes all the time I have trying to make a living. And do I look so stupid that you think I would take a chance with a total stranger?" She turned back around to face him, but she realized he was gone, and she had no idea when he had left.

Blue Steele

It is our belief that a student should build a strong foundation in the English language. With 600 varied questions, *Conquer Synthesis & Transformation 5* aims to equip students with the basic skill to understand and synthesize information. The exercises are organized thematically such that the use of a connecting word is enforced over a few exercises. An example is provided at the start of each exercise as a guide for students. Revision exercises are included for extra practice. Answers are provided for easy self-assessment. The pages of the book are perforated so that each exercise can be easily detached and used as a worksheet for classroom and/or home learning. In addition, teachers and students can choose the exercises to work on by referring to the user-friendly contents page. As such, the exercises in this book can be used as a resource for enrichment work to complement the textbook. This book will certainly be useful to all students keen on learning to write and communicate more effectively in the language.

e-Conquer Synthesis & Transformation Workbook 5

From the bestselling author of *The Black Swan*, a bold book that challenges many of our long-held beliefs about risk and reward, politics and religion, finance and personal responsibility 'Skin in the game means that you do not pay attention to what people say, only to what they do, and how much of their neck they are putting on the line' Citizens, artisans, police, fishermen, political activists and entrepreneurs all have skin in the game. Policy wonks, corporate executives, many academics, bankers and most journalists don't. It's all about having something to lose and sharing risks with others. In his most provocative and practical book yet, Nassim Nicholas Taleb shows that skin in the game, often seen as the foundation of risk management, in fact applies to all aspects of our lives. In his inimitable style,

Taleb draws on everything from Antaeus the Giant to Hammurabi to Donald Trump, from ethics to used car salesmen, to create a jaw-dropping framework for understanding this idea. Among his insights: For social justice, focus on symmetry and risk sharing. Minorities, not majorities, run the world. You can be an intellectual yet still be an idiot. Beware of complicated solutions (that someone was paid to find). Just as *The Black Swan* did during the 2007 financial crisis, *Skin in the Game* comes at precisely the right moment to challenge our long-held beliefs about risk, reward, politics, religion and business - and make us rethink everything we thought we knew.

Voluntary Participation and Spite in Public Good Provision Experiments

"A propulsive mystery with high stakes and devious, masterful twists that will leave you guessing until the very last page. Diana Urban's latest had my jaw on the floor." —Jessica Goodman, bestselling author of *They Wish They Were Us* Let's play a game. You have 24 hours to win. If you break my rules, she dies. If you call the police, she dies. If you tell your parents or anyone else, she dies. Are you ready? When Crystal Donovan gets a message on a mysterious app with a picture of her little sister gagged and bound, she agrees to play the kidnapper's game. At first, they make her complete bizarre tasks: steal a test and stuff it in a locker, bake brownies, make a prank call. But then Crystal realizes that each task is meant to hurt—and kill—her friends, one by one. But if she refuses to play, the kidnapper will kill her sister. Is someone trying to take her team out of the running for a gaming tournament? Or have they uncovered a secret from their past, and wants them to pay for what they did... Author of *All Your Twisted Secrets*, Diana Urban's explosive sophomore novel, *These Deadly Games*, is a must-read, propulsive YA thriller with deadly stakes, stunning twists, and a shocking ending you'll never forget—perfect for fans of *I Know What You Did Last Summer* and *One of Us Is Lying*.

Skin in the Game

How petty vengeance explains human thriving Spite seems utterly useless. You don't gain anything by hurting yourself just so you can hurt someone else. So why hasn't evolution weeded out all the spiteful people? As psychologist Simon McCarthy-Jones argues, spite seems pointless because we're looking at it wrong. Spite isn't just what we feel when a car cuts us off or when a partner cheats. It's what we feel when we want to punish a bad act simply because it was bad. Spite is our fairness instinct, an innate resistance to exploitation, and it is one of the building blocks of human civilization. As McCarthy-Jones explains, some of history's most important developments -- the rise of religions, governments, and even moral codes -- were actually redirections of spiteful impulses. A provocative, engaging read, *Spite* shows that if you really want to understand what makes us human, you can't just look at noble ideas like altruism and cooperation. You need to understand our darker impulses as well.

These Deadly Games

In this bestselling timeless classic, Peter Gzowski recounts the 1980-81 season he spent travelling around the NHL circuit with the Edmonton Oilers. These were the days when the young Oilers, led by a teenaged Wayne Gretzky, were poised on the edge of greatness, and about to blaze their way into the record books and the consciousness of a nation. While the story of the early Oilers embodies the book, *The Game of Our Lives* is much more than a retelling of one season in the life of an NHL team. Unlike any book ever written in the annals of hockey, Gzowski beautifully weaves together the anatomy of a modern NHL team with the magnificent history of the game to create one of the best books about hockey in Canada. Here are the great teams and the great players through the ages—Morenz, Richard, Howe, Orr, Hull—the men whose rare and indefinable genius on the ice exemplified the speed, grit and innovation of the game. *The Game of Our Lives* is the best book on the Canadian passion for hockey; a wondrously perceptive account of the hold the game has on Canadians. —Jack Granatstein, *The National Post*

Spite

The 1889 baseball season is unique in the history of baseball. Both leagues--the veteran National League and the upstart American Association--featured thrilling pennant races that were not decided until the final day of the season. There was excitement off the field as well; the players' union (known then as "the Brotherhood") sowed the seeds of the most ambitious player revolt in baseball history. This work presents accounts from the major newspapers of each of the four teams' cities--the New York Times, the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, the Boston Herald, and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch--to capture the day-by-day excitement of the 1889 pennant race and the passion that the press and public had for

baseball. The National League race pitted the world champion New York Giants against the Boston Beaneaters--teams that accounted for 10 Hall of Famers and three players that spearheaded the player revolt. The American Association race was just as exciting and even more controversial, as team presidents Chris Von der Ahe of the St. Louis Browns and Charles H. Byrne of the Brooklyn Bridegrooms hated each other passionately and Von der Ahe often clashed with his own players.

Forest and Stream

Prepare to be inspired by the story of Delane Parnell, the unlikeliest of CEOs now leading a gaming empire at the center of the booming, multibillion-dollar esports industry. Delane Parnell is not your typical tech entrepreneur. He was raised in a gang-riddled neighborhood on Detroit's west side, bouncing between homes as his mother tried to make ends meet. Many of his closest friends and family members ended up in jail or dead. This makes it even more incredible that Delane became the 25-year-old founder and CEO of PlayVS, a Los Angeles company that is forever changing the gaming landscape in America. In 2018, esports—team-based competitive video gaming—became an officially sanctioned high school sport, meaning student gamers can now earn varsity letters just like their basketball and volleyball player peers. Delane's startup is making that happen, providing the infrastructure that hosts the competitions, compiles the statistics, organizes playoff tournaments, and streams state championships for tens of thousands of students across the country. Ahead of the Game is a deeply reported narrative that tells the story of Delane, the motley group of underdogs and hustlers that helped build his several-hundred-million-dollar startup, and the previously overlooked students now participating in America's growing esports phenomenon. It's a tale of perseverance, courage, loyalty, race, family, tragedy, and believing you can overcome the odds—no matter how severely they're stacked against you. Readers will also: Learn how the growing Esports industry is changing the lives of students across the country who were previously not engaged in the high school experience. Get a glimpse into a successful entrepreneur path unlike any other by following the story of how Delane Parnell created PlayVs in spite of the greatest of challenges. Be inspired that there is hope and opportunity available to people who go against conventional paths to realize their dreams. With a foreword by Sean "Diddy" Combs

The Game of Our Lives

With Penguin's classic card game compendium, rainy days never looked so good Whether you are a cardsharp or online-poker wannabe, The Penguin Book of Card Games has everything you will ever need to know about playing cards. From games of high skill (Bridge) to games of high chance (Newmarket) to trick-taking (Whist) and banking (Pontoon), David Parlett, a seasoned card-game specialist, gives you countless games to play. With a working description of each game, including the rules, variations, and origins of each, this book will delight, entertain, and inform both the novice and the experienced player.

A Tale of Four Cities

The Story Of The Mahabharata Is Not Only Of The Great War Between The Kouravas And Pandavas For A Period Of Eighteen Days In The Battlefield Of Kurukshetra Near Delhi. As A Matter Of Fact The Supreme Lesson Held Out By The Great Epic Is The One With Which Vyasa Deva, The Author, Starts-Viz. When Men Live Together As One Family They Not Only Thrive, But They Exist As A Great Community Or Race. As Long As The Pandavas And Kauravas Lived Together They Not Only Thrived As Two Great Wings Of A Race But As One And The Same Race Of The Kurus. As We Proceed With The Story Of The Mahabharata We Notice How This Was Stabilised As Long As They Lived Together With Each Other. And We Have Noticed How The Great War Reduced The Powerful Kurus And Decimated Them To A Struggling Few To Call Themselves As Remnants Of The Great Kuru Race. This Holds Good Not Only In The Case Of Few Families Living Together In Small Units But Number Of Races Living In The World Culminating In The Truth Noticed In The Maxim "One World One Family" Which Is The Title Of The Next Work By The Same Author.

Ahead of the Game

Falling in love is the ultimate payoff in this delightful, breezy romcom about an interior designer who teams up with an enigmatic architect at her firm to get revenge on her ex the only way she knows how: by building a spite house next door "Filled with sizzling chemistry and delicious revenge, Love at First Spite had me smiling from start to finish. This is one debut you don't want to miss!" —Kate Bromley,

author of *Talk Bookish to Me* They say living well is the best revenge. But sometimes, spreading the misery seems a whole lot more satisfying. That's interior designer Dani Porter's justification for buying the vacant lot next to her ex-fiancé's house...the house they were supposed to live in together, before he cheated on her with their Realtor. Dani plans to build a vacation rental that will a) mess with his view and his peace of mind and b) prove that Dani is not someone to be stepped on. Welcome to project Spite House. That plan quickly becomes complicated when Dani is forced to team up with Wyatt Montego, the handsome, haughty architect at her firm, and the only person available to draw up blueprints. Wyatt is terse and stern, the kind of man who eats his sandwich with a knife and fork. But as they spend time together on- and off-site, Dani glimpses something deeper beneath that hard veneer, something surprising, vulnerable, and real. And the closer she gets to her goal, the more she wonders if winning revenge could mean losing something infinitely sweeter... "Rollickingly, fast-paced... Fans of Emily Henry's tales will enjoy Collins' imaginative rom-com." —Booklist "Wyatt is the perfect grumpy romance hero with a heart of gold. An enemies-to-friends-to-lovers story that's sure to delight rom-com fans." —Kirkus Reviews

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'A deft, satisfying and poignant collection of stories . . . I loved it.' PANDORA SYKES 'Huma Qureshi is a writer I know I'll be reading for years and years and years' Natasha Lunn, author of *Conversations on Love* A breathtaking collection of stories about our most intimate relationships, and the secrets, misunderstandings and silences that haunt them. A daughter asks her mother to shut up, only to shut her up for good; an exhausted wife walks away from the husband who doesn't understand her; on holiday, lovers no longer make sense to each other away from home. Set across the blossoming English countryside, the stifling Mediterranean, and the bustling cities of London and Lahore, *Things We Do Not Tell The People We Love* illuminates the parts of ourselves we rarely reveal. *Longlisted for the Jhalak Prize* *Longlisted for the Edge Hill Prize* 'These are stories of fierce clarity and tenderness - I loved them' LUCY CALDWELL, author of *Intimacies* 'Qureshi writes with courage' Ingrid Persaud, author of *Love After Love*

Lessons from the Mahabharata

"Riveting! Camilla, high-five! Amazing work!"—Karen Kilgariff and Georgia Hardstark, #1 New York Times bestselling authors of *Stay Sexy & Don't Get Murdered* An audacious novel of feminine rage about one of the most prolific female serial killers in American history--and the men who drove her to it. They whisper about her in Chicago. Men come to her with their hopes, their dreams--their fortunes. But no one sees them leave. No one sees them at all after they come to call on the Widow of La Porte. The good people of Indiana may have their suspicions, but if those fools knew what she'd given up, what was taken from her, how she'd suffered, surely they'd understand. Belle Gunness learned a long time ago that a woman has to make her own way in this world. That's all it is. A bloody means to an end. A glorious enterprise meant to raise her from the bleak, colorless drudgery of her childhood to the life she deserves. After all, vermin always survive.

Love at First Spite

'An unputdownable thriller' Gregory Dowling 'It is no surprise to find that Philip Gwynne Jones lives in Venice... art and architecture interweave into a story that builds to an almost surreal climax' Daily Mail ***** A game of cross and double-cross in Venice, one of the most beautiful cities on earth. From his office on the Street of the Assassins, Nathan Sutherland enjoys a steady but unexciting life translating Italian DIY manuals. All this changes dramatically when he is offered a large sum of money to look after a small package containing an extremely valuable antique prayer book illustrated by a Venetian master. But is it a stolen masterpiece - or a brilliant fake? Unknown to Nathan, from a vast mansion on the Grand Canal twin brothers Domenico and Arcangelo Moro, motivated by nothing more than mutual hatred, have been playing out a complex game of art theft for twenty years. And now Nathan finds himself unwittingly drawn into their deadly business . . . ***** Praise for Philip Gwynne Jones 'I devoured all Philip's novels and felt transported to Venice with a new intimacy' Val McDermid 'Superb - always gripping, beautifully constructed and vivid' Stephen Glover 'Sinister and shimmering, The Venetian Game is as haunting and darkly elegant as Venice itself' L.S. Hilton, bestselling author of *Maestra* 'Clever and great fun' The Times 'The Venetian setting is vividly described... good, fluid writing makes for easy reading' Literary Review 'Un-put-downable . . . If you love Venice, you'll love this because you'll be transported there in an instant. If you've not been to Venice, read this book and then go. If you

like intrigue, and a clever plot, you'll love this book' Amazon reviewer, 5***** ***** Vengeance in Venice, the second book in Philip Gwynne Jones' sensational Venice series, is available now

Things We Do Not Tell the People We Love

In *The Game Culture Reader*, editors Jason C. Thompson and Marc A. Ouellette propose that Game Studies—that peculiar multi-, inter-, and trans-disciplinary field wherein international researchers from such diverse areas as rhetoric, computer science, literary studies, culture studies, psychology, media studies and so on come together to study the production, distribution, and consumption of games—has reached an unproductive stasis. Its scholarship remains either divided (as in the narratologists versus ludologists debate) or indecisive (as in its frequently apolitical stances on play and fandom). Thompson and Ouellette firmly hold that scholarship should be distinguished from the repetitively reductive commonplaces of violence, sexism, and addiction. In other words, beyond the headline-friendly modern topoi that now dominate the discourse of Game Studies, what issues, approaches, and insights are being, if not erased, then displaced? This volume gathers together a host of scholars from different countries, institutions, disciplines, departments, and ranks, in order to present original and evocative scholarship on digital game culture. Collectively, the contributors reject the commonplaces that have come to define digital games as apolitical or as somehow outside of the imbricated processes of cultural production that govern the medium itself. As an alternative, they offer essays that explore video game theory, ludic spaces and temporalities, and video game rhetorics. Importantly, the authors emphasize throughout that digital games should be understood on their own terms: literally, this assertion necessitates the serious reconsideration of terms borrowed from other academic disciplines; figuratively, the claim embeds the embrace of game play in the continuing investigation of digital games as cultural forms. Put another way, by questioning the received wisdom that would consign digital games to irrelevant spheres of harmless child's play or of invidious mass entertainment, the authors productively engage with ludic ambiguities.

In the Garden of Spite

When you discover the world is a computer program, and you figure out that by altering the code you can time travel and perform acts that seem like magic, what can possibly go wrong? Pretty much everything. Just ask Brit, who has jumped around in time with such abandon that she has to coexist with multiple versions of herself. Now, Brit the Elder finds that her memories don't match Brit the Younger's. And there's the small matter of a glitch that's making Brit the Elder's body fritz out. Brit the Elder's ex-boyfriend Phillip wants to help her, but he'll have to keep it secret from his current girlfriend, Brit the Younger, who can't stand her future self. Meanwhile, Martin is trying to protect Phillip from a relentless attacker he somehow hasn't noticed; Gwen is angry because Martin accidentally proposed to her; Gary tries to help the less fortunate, with predictably disastrous results; and an old nemesis might have to be the one to save them all. In *Out of Spite*, *Out of Mind*, our fearless wizards discover the biggest glitch in their world's program may well be themselves.

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