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Phantom Shadows

A doctor and a reformed bad-boy vampire struggle with danger and their desires in this New York Times–bestselling paranormal romantic suspense novel. Dr. Melanie Lipton is no stranger to the supernatural. She knows immortals better than they know themselves, right down to their stubborn little genes. So although a handsome rogue immortal seems suspicious to her colleagues, Sebastien Newcombe intrigues Melanie. His history is checkered, his scars are impressive, and his ideas are daring. But it's not his ideas that have Melanie fighting off surges of desire... Bastien is used to being the bad guy. In fact, he can't remember the last time he had an ally he could trust. But Melanie is different—and under her calm, professional exterior he senses a passion beyond anything in his centuries of experience. Giving in to temptation is out of the question—he can't put her in danger. But she isn't asking him... RT Book Reviews “With this excellent entry, rising star Duvall is fast proving to be a major player in paranormal romance!”— “With a deeply emotional love story, two beautiful, complex main characters, and a pulse-pounding adventure that won't let up, this book was haunting and addictive.”—The Romance Reviews

Darkness Dawns

A music professor finds herself mixed up in a world of vampires, immortals, and humans with extraordinary gifts in this paranormal romance. Once, Sarah Bingham's biggest challenge was making her students pay attention in class. Now, after rescuing a wounded stranger, she's landed in the middle of a battle between corrupt vampires and powerful immortals who also need blood to survive. Roland Warbrook is the most compelling man Sarah has ever laid hands on. But his desire for her is mingled with a hunger he can barely control... In his nine centuries of immortal existence, no woman has tempted Roland as much as Sarah. But asking her to love him is impossible—when it means forfeiting the world she's always known, and the life he would do anything to protect... “These dark, kick-ass guardians can protect me any day!”—Alexandra Ivy New York Times bestselling author “This is a strong start in what looks to be a thrilling and chilling new paranormal series. Fantastic!”—RT Book Reviews “Electrifying, Funny, Lust-inducing, and Inventive.”—Fresh Fiction Praise for New York Times

Bestselling Author Dianne Duvall's Immortal Guardians series "If you love J.R. Ward's Black Dagger Brotherhood and Kresley Cole's Immortals After Dark, then you need to put Dianne Duvall and her Immortal Guardians books in your reading wheelhouse."—Literati Literature Lovers

Night Reigns

In this paranormal romance, when a mysterious woman rescues a handsome Immortal from danger, it's only the first of many surprises she has for him. Ami isn't much for trusting strangers. She has a hard time trusting anyone. But she's no coward, and she's no pushover in the protection department either. So when she comes across a mysterious warrior taking on eight deranged vampires on his own, she doesn't hesitate to save his bacon. Of course, that was before she realized what one little rescue would get her into... Marcus Graden has been an Immortal protector of humanity for eight hundred years, and he's not interested in backup. From the moment Ami arrives in his life, he can't deny that she's strong, smart, and extremely skilled at watching his back. But she's also destroying his protective solitude and stirring desires he can't bear to awaken. After all, whatever her secrets—how can she defeat death itself? Praise for New York Times–bestseller Dianne Duvall and the Immortal Guardians series "Duvall is a major player."—RT Book Reviews "The Immortal Guardians series is one you'll want to follow."—The Romance Review "These dark, kick-ass guardians can protect me any day!"—New York Times–bestselling author Alexandra Ivy on Darkness Dawns "Whizzing along at light speed...this sophomore effort sizzles."—Publishers Weekly on Night Reigns

Darkness Rises

In this USA Today–bestselling paranormal romance, a gifted assassin and a handsome vampire join forces to tackle an evil conspiracy. Krysta is used to getting the drop on vampires. Her "special abilities" aren't much, but the plan is simple—she plays helpless pretty young thing to lure them in. Then her shoto swords come out and it's bye-bye, bloodsucker. Until one night she finds herself with an unexpected ally. He's a vampire, all right, but different. Mysterious. Handsome. And more interested in saving her skin than draining it. Étienne has been an Immortal Guardian for two hundred years—long enough to know that Krysta is special. He can't stop thinking about her long legs, even more than her short swords. Then he discovers the vamps she's exterminating have friends in high places, and the Guardians are in danger too. He'll have to accept Krysta's help to save them. The stakes for a mortal are high. But the cost to his heart might be higher... "Duvall is fast proving to be a major player in paranormal romance."—RT Book Reviews "The Immortal Guardians series is one you'll want to follow."—The Romance Review "These dark, kick-ass guardians can protect me any day!"—New York Times–bestselling author Alexandra Ivy on Darkness Dawns

In Still Darkness

In this paranormal romance novella, a sexy Immortal has the power to save a single mother from more than just bloodthirsty vampires... It's not the first time Immortal Guardian Richart d'Alençon has saved a human life from eternal damnation. Usually, he moves on, a nameless savior like a ghost in the night. But this time he can't seem to forget the woman who rewarded him with a sensuous kiss after he rescued her from a trio of vampires. While Richart knows that loving a human can only bring trouble, the taste of forbidden lust is too great to resist... Jenna never imagined she'd end up a single mom working overtime to put her son through school. But she might have daydreamed once that a devastatingly gorgeous Frenchman would sweep her off her feet. Now that a package of tall, dark, and handsome seems intent on doing just that, doctors are telling her she may not have long to live. But Richart is telling her just the opposite. All she has to do is abandon her humanity... *Originally published in *Predatory** Includes a special sneak peek of the next novel in the series, *Night Unbound* Praise for New York Times–bestseller Dianne Duvall and the Immortal Guardians series "Duvall is a major player."—RT Book Reviews "The Immortal Guardians series is one you'll want to follow."—The Romance Review "These dark, kick-ass guardians can protect me any day!"—New York Times–bestselling author Alexandra Ivy on Darkness Dawns "Whizzing along at light speed...this sophomore effort sizzles."—Publishers Weekly on Night Reigns

Phantom Embrace

In this paranormal romance novella, a gifted medium finds love and solace with a troubled ghost haunting his home. A gifted one, Yuri Sokolov was born with the ability to see spirits, but he knows better than to make contact with them. Yet he's never seen one as lovely as Cat Seddon, the woman who

haunts his home and his dreams. But amid their star-crossed love, a new danger may have Yuri facing a different kind of eternity. *Originally published in On the Hunt* “Duvall’s hauntingly beautiful novella, set in the world of the Immortal Guardians portrays the deep love between two people who can never touch, with a wonderfully unexpected ending.”—Publishers Weekly Praise for New York Times–bestseller Dianne Duvall and the Immortal Guardians series “Duvall is a major player.”—RT Book Reviews “The Immortal Guardians series is one you’ll want to follow.”—The Romance Review “These dark, kick-ass guardians can protect me any day!”—New York Times–bestselling author Alexandra Ivy on Darkness Dawns “Whizzing along at light speed...this sophomore effort sizzles.”—Publishers Weekly on Night Reigns

Night Unbound

In this USA Today–bestselling paranormal romance, a gifted warrior dreams of a mysterious man who may be her downfall. For centuries, Lisette d’Alençon has been a warrior against the dark. She fights alongside her brothers and comrades. But when the dreams start coming, she can’t bear to confess them to the Immortal Guardians’ command. Dreams of a dark-haired man with soft eyes and brutal wounds, a man her heart aches for—and a man she knows has been declared a traitor. Zach is an exile, a loner. He won’t defend himself against false accusations or grovel to those who should have faith in him. But he’ll damn sure defend the woman who kept him sane against a plague of super-vamps that seems to have appeared from nowhere. The Guardians will blame him, and that will make Lisette suspect, too. With life, death and eternity on the line, who can they really trust? Praise for New York Times–bestseller Dianne Duvall and the Immortal Guardians series “Duvall is a major player.”—RT Book Reviews “The Immortal Guardians series is one you’ll want to follow.”—The Romance Review “These dark, kick-ass guardians can protect me any day!”—New York Times–bestselling author Alexandra Ivy on Darkness Dawns “Whizzing along at light speed...this sophomore effort sizzles.”—Publishers Weekly on Night Reigns

Shadows Strike

In this USA Today–bestselling paranormal romance, a telepathic federal agent unites with the man of her dreams to fight evil. U.S. law enforcement agent Heather Lane can read minds. But not the future. The dream of battle and blood that recurs every night must be a fluke, some obscure terror from her own mind. What its significance might be, she can’t guess: an attack from seven psychotic vampires at once, only separated from nightmare by an eighth very different immortal. A handsome, brave man fighting at her side, a man she misses when she wakes. Then the dream comes true. Heather is flung into a war between predators and protectors of humanity, the man from her dreams beside her again. Except now that she’s awake, she isn’t sure she can trust Ethan, or the shadow organization he represents. The U.S. military doesn’t trust either of them. But against an onslaught of evil like the one that’s coming, it will take everything they have just to survive... “Ethan will seem familiar to sci-fi and fantasy fans, as he boasts the glowing charms of Twilight’s Edward Cullen and the vicious durability of the X-Men’s Wolverine...A nice entry point to an expansive saga.”—Kirkus Reviews Praise for New York Times–bestseller Dianne Duvall and the Immortal Guardians series “These dark, kick-ass guardians can protect me any day!”—New York Times–bestselling author Alexandra Ivy on Darkness Dawns “Duvall is a major player.”—RT Book Reviews “The Immortal Guardians series is one you’ll want to follow.”—The Romance Review

Cliff’s Descent: A Vampire’s Tale

Every mortal who works at network headquarters knows that vampires reside below them. They were the first to surrender to the powerful Immortal Guardians who hunt them. And they did so, hoping they can be saved, that the doctors and scientists the Immortal Guardians employ can halt the progressive brain damage that robs all vampires of their sanity. Though curious, Emma never thought she would meet any of the vampires who remain under heavy guard several stories beneath her office. Then mercenaries strike, bombarding the building with heavy artillery. The vampires are freed to join the fray... and Cliff saves her life. From that moment on, she can’t stop thinking about him regardless of the restrictions placed on interactions with vampires. When Emma discovers a way to speak to Cliff at network headquarters, she becomes even more fascinated by him. He’s smart, charming, and honorable to his core despite the darkness that lies ahead. And he seems to crave her company as much as she does his. Aware of the eyes that watch them, they keep their encounters innocent, limiting them to those of mere acquaintances. Nevertheless, their attraction grows and she soon falls in love

with him even as the madness begins to claim him. Cliff realizes his future is dark. As one vampire friend after another succumbs to insanity, hope that network doctors will be able to find a cure in time to keep him from meeting the same fate begins to dwindle, leaving him little to look forward to... until he meets Emma. Just speaking to her brings him a happiness and contentment he hasn't experienced since before his transformation. And when they finally find a way to be alone together, everything changes. Emma burrows her way right into his heart and quiets the voices. She sparks dreams of a future with her that strengthen his determination to beat back the madness. But as time passes, the voices grow louder and insanity begins to chip away at him until he fears it will eradicate every part of him she fell in love with. Will the two of them find a way to defy the odds and find their happily-ever-after? Or will Cliff's descent consume him?

Secret of the Wolf

Plagued by terrifying spells of amnesia, a tormented Quentin Foster comes to hypnotist Johanna Schell to help, but Joanna is stunned by Quentin's claims to werewolf blood and by the violent transformation that occurs when he is under hypnosis.

Awaken the Darkness

Return to the "utterly addictive" (RT Book Reviews), "fast-paced and humorous" (Publishers Weekly) world of New York Times bestselling author Dianne Duvall's Immortal Guardians. He awakens encapsulated in dirt with no knowledge of how he came to be there. Riddled with injuries, he can remember neither his past nor who he is. Nor can he remember what he is. But surely no mortal man could survive being buried deep beneath the earth. All he knows with certainty is that the soothing voice and presence of the woman moving around above enables him to endure the agony of his wounds. And he will do whatever it takes to be with her. When Susan first sees the old two-story house for sale, such warmth and longing fill her that--against all reason--she makes an offer. It will take years of hard work and money she frankly doesn't have to fix up the place. So she can't explain why she bought it. She also can't explain what compels her to spend hours one night, digging in the basement until she unearths a man. A man who still lives and breathes despite having been buried alive. A man whose intense brown eyes glow amber with pain, declaring him far more than ordinary. Susan knows she should keep her distance. He has no memory and possesses gifts that would make most fear him. But as the two work together to unravel the mystery of his past, she finds herself drawn in by his teasing nature and tender touch. So much so that she loses her heart to him even as they find themselves hunted by unknown enemies who are ruthless in their quest to capture them. "Fans of terrific paranormal romance have hit the jackpot with Duvall and her electrifying series." -RT Book Reviews "Full of fascinating characters, a unique and wonderfully imaginative premise, and scorching hot relationships." -The Romance Reviews "Fans of paranormal romance who haven't discovered this series yet are really missing out on something extraordinary." -Long and Short Reviews

Archangel's Blade

New York Times bestselling author Nalini Singh is back in the shadows of a deadly, beautiful world where angels rule, vampires serve, and one female hunter must crawl out of the darkness to survive ... The severed head marked by a distinctive tattoo on its cheek should have been a Guild case, but dark instincts honed over hundreds of years of life compel the vampire Dmitri to take control. There is something twisted about this death, something that whispers of centuries long past ... but Dmitri's need to discover the truth is nothing to the vicious strength of his response to the hunter assigned to decipher the tattoo. Savaged in a brutal attack that almost killed her, Honor is nowhere near ready to come face to face with the seductive vampire who is an archangel's right hand, and who wears his cruelty as boldly as his lethal sensuality ... the same vampire who has been her secret obsession since the day she was old enough to understand the inexplicable, violent emotions he aroused in her. As desire turns into a dangerous compulsion that might destroy them both, it becomes clear the past will not stay buried. Something is hunting, and it will not stop until it brings a blood-soaked nightmare to life once more ...

Death of Darkness

"Seth has led the Immortal Guardians for thousands of years. With them fighting by his side, he has protected humans from psychotic vampires, defeated corrupt mercenary armies, defended military bases under attack, and more. But the latest enemy to rise against the Immortal Guardians has proven

to be a formidable one, wielding almost as much power as Seth. His goal is simple. He wants to watch the world burn. And he will use every means at his disposal to accomplish it. Seth and his Immortal Guardians have succeeded thus far in staving off Armageddon despite heartbreaking losses. But they have never before faced such danger. Leah Somerson has suffered losses of her own. It has taken her a long time to rebuild her life and find some semblance of peace. Then one night a tall, dark, powerful immortal with what appears to be the weight of the world on his shoulders stumbles into her shop, and everything changes. Peace and contentment are no longer enough. Now she wants more. She wants to find happiness. She wants to erase the darkness in Seth's eyes and replace it with love and laughter. She knows he's different in ways that make most fear him. Even some of his immortal brethren keep a careful distance. But Leah will not. Nor will she shy away when danger strikes. Contains mature themes."--Provided by publisher

On the Hunt

Four intriguing paranormal authors entice readers deep into the shadows, where vampires, immortals, and other supernatural creatures heat up the night. *On The Hunt* by Alexandra Ivy Mika Tanner has loved Bailey Morrell, a beautiful Healer, since childhood. But his duty as a Sentinel, a supernatural guardian of an ancient race, clashed with her rebellious spirit. Now a dangerous new anarchist group not only threatens life as they know it—but any chance of their being together again . . . *Scorpius Rising* by Rebecca Zanetti With a deadly disease spreading like wildfire across the country, microbiologist Nora Medina needs to focus all her energy on stopping the pandemic. Playing with dynamite—in the form of her way-too-hot ex—is the last thing she should be doing. But forced to work with Deacan McDougall against unexpected enemies with the seconds ticking by, she knows the explosion is coming . . . *Phantom Embrace* by Dianne Duvall Immortal Yuri Sokolov was born with the ability to see spirits, yet he's never seen one as lovely as Cat Seddon, the woman who haunts his home and his dreams. But amid their star-crossed love, a new danger may have Yuri facing a different kind of eternity. *Stake Out* by Hannah Jayne Vampire fashion designer Nina LaShay has a lot on her plate—just two days until fashion week and the model who was flirting with her photographer boyfriend is now a corpse in her studio. But when dead turns into undead and dangerous, Nina must find out who's responsible . . . before the beautiful baby vamp takes too many bites out of the Big Apple.

The Segonian

New York Times bestselling author Dianne Duvall brings readers the second stand-alone novel in a thrilling new sci-fi romance series full of action, humor, and happily-ever-afters. Eliana's life has never been what one might term ordinary. At least, it hasn't been for a very long time. As a powerful Immortal Guardian, she spends her nights hunting and slaying psychotic vampires that most of humanity doesn't even realize exist. Then an opportunity arises that instantly makes her extraordinary existence seem downright boring. The leader of the Immortal Guardians asks her to guard a group of mortals who are embarking upon a voyage across the galaxy to the planet Lasara. How could she possibly say no? In no time at all, Eliana is hurtling through space on board a Lasaran battleship and getting to know not one but two alien races. It's the most exciting adventure of her long life... until the ship is unexpectedly attacked. Amid the chaos and destruction that follow, she valiantly helps everyone she can before an explosion renders her unconscious. When Eliana awakens, she finds herself alone, floating in space, clad only in a spacesuit, with no ship in sight. Alone—that is—except for the warm, deep voice that carries over the comm in her helmet. Commander Dagon and the crew of the Segonian battleship Ranasura respond to a distress call from their Lasaran allies and join a massive Alliance-wide search-and-rescue mission. He quickly achieves communication with a lone Earthling female and races toward her. Every time they speak, his fascination with her grows and he becomes more desperate to reach her before her oxygen supply runs out. Her strength, bravery, and humor entice him, even more so when she defies all odds and they meet in person. As he and Eliana embark upon a quest to find her missing friends, a bond swiftly grows between them that deepens with every laugh and smile and tender touch they share. But they are not the only ones searching for Earthling survivors. When Eliana herself becomes the hunted and their enemies begin to close in, can the two of them fight their way to victory, or will their enemies take everything? **WHAT READERS & REVIEWERS ARE SAYING ABOUT THE ALDEBARIAN ALLIANCE SERIES**"Full of adventures, sizzling passion, romance and yes kick-ass fighting... I devoured it in one seating."--Book Dragon"Intense, addictive and brilliant... I want more and frankly; I want it now!"--Caffeinated Reviewer"I can't express enough how gripping this story was. This could be a movie!"--Obsessive Reading Disorder"Dianne Duvall once again weaves her magic giving us a tale filled with excitement, romance and introducing us to new friends in a galaxy far away.

Everything about this story was amazing."--eBook Obsessed"The Lasaran has everything I love about the Immortal Guardians series: snappy dialogue, action, humor, steaminess, and paranormal elements, but now I can add space travel. Booyah!"--I'm a Voracious Reader"I got exactly what I was expecting from this one: a thrilling, action-packed, sometimes funny romance that happens to include a hot dude from space... I highly recommend."--Romance Rehab"Another great read by one of my favorite authors. This is a great start to a new series. Fast paced, with action, adventure and romance"--Seeing Spots"I definitely can't wait for more . . . Full of action and a sweet unusual love story."--Read All About It

Predatory

Four bestselling paranormal authors take you into the shadowy realm of vampires, immortals, and other supernatural beings with a thirst for illicit desire. Out of Control by Alexandra Ivy Ph.D. student Angela Locke has a crush on her sexy professor, Dr. Nikolo Bartrev. When she learns he's actually a Sentinel with extraordinary powers, she joins forces with him to catch a psychopath. But soon, their hottest pursuit is of each other . . . Ties That Bind by Nina Bangs Cassie Tyler agrees to sub for her friend at the funeral home where she works. But she gets more than she bargained for when a group of men attack her, and a vampire comes to her rescue . . . In Still Darkness by Dianne Duvall Immortal Richart d'Alençon can't forget the woman who rewarded him with a sensuous kiss after he saved her from a trio of vampires. While Richart knows that loving a human can only bring trouble, the taste of forbidden lust is too great to resist . . . High Stakes by Hannah Jayne When vampire fashionista Nina LaShay's design contest rival is found dead, she's the prime suspect. Sexy photographer Pike is number two. He's the kind of man who makes Nina salivate. But will she have to reveal herself to have him—and to save them both? Or does Pike have a secret of his own? "A tantalizing quartet of supernatural settings and lusty romances . . . Newcomers to paranormal romance will find this to be a good place to start."—Publishers Weekly

An Immortal Guardians Companion

Hello, all! Your favorite character, Sheldon, here. If you're an Immortal Guardians fan, I think you're really going to enjoy this companion. Dianne has packed it with over a dozen deleted scenes that feature many of the characters you've come to know and love plus a bonus scene from Cliff's Descent that you won't want to miss. You'll also find every character interview Dianne has ever written inside these pages. (Those of you who've encountered a few in the past know the ones I conduct are the best.) If you've never read one or you missed a few, then pick up a copy, sit back, and laugh while I interview Immortal Guardians and the loves of their lives for the network. Even Chris Reordon and Todd down at network headquarters get in on the action. I also interview Dianne and ply her with questions I thought you'd like to ask her. Throw in a couple of short stories, what inspired the Immortal Guardians series, and a brief Who Does What Now? list, and you're bound to enjoy it. See you on the inside! Your friend, Sheldon Immortal Guardian Richart's immensely competent Second And the most beloved character in the Immortal Guardians series (at least in his mind) Praise for Dianne's Immortal Guardians Books "Crackles with energy, originality, and a memorable take-no-prisoners heroine."--Publishers Weekly "Fans of terrific paranormal romance have hit the jackpot with Duvall and her electrifying series."--RT Book Reviews "Each of these stories . . . has been heart-stopping, intense, humorous and powerfully romantic."--Reading Between the Wines Book Club "Every story is intense, funny, romantic and exciting.If you haven't read the Immortal Guardians, you are truly missing out!"--eBookObsessed "Full of awesome characters, snappy dialogue, exciting action, steamy sex, sneaky shudder-worthy villains and delightful humor."--I'm a Voracious Reader

The Lasaran

New York Times bestselling author Dianne Duvall brings readers the first novel in a thrilling new sci-fi romance series full of action, intrigue, humor, and happily-ever-afters.Taelon searches the galaxy for his younger sister, who mysteriously disappeared while on a diplomatic mission. When an ally reveals that she was seized and is being held prisoner on Earth, Taelon descends upon the blue planet, intent on freeing her and exacting vengeance. However, all does not go as planned. Before he can find her, Taelon is captured and becomes the subject of torturous experiments. For what feels like an eternity, all he knows is pain and fury... until a mind tentatively touches his own and a woman's voice forever changes his world.After suffering tragic losses, Lisa is finally beginning to carve out a future for herself when chance sends her to the Anomalous Cognition Research Institute. What at first appears to be a benign organization seeking participants for a psychic study instead turns out to be a government

facility harboring a much darker intent. Lisa discovers this too late and soon becomes the unwilling subject of a terrifying experiment. Just as fear and desperation threaten to consume her, a deep, compelling voice penetrates the looming insanity and lends her hope. Having seen only the worst of humanity, Taelon is shocked when Lisa risks everything to free him. Together the two make their escape, and Taelon finds himself fascinated by the small human woman who—despite all she's suffered—can still laugh and tease and lure smiles from him. Friendship swiftly grows between them as they work together to evade soldiers intent on capturing them and find themselves hunted by mystifying preternatural beings. Through it all, Lisa steadfastly remains by his side, stealing more of his heart each day while she helps him unravel the mystery of his sister's fate. Can they find his sister before the hunters find them? If they survive their quest, will Taelon have to bid Lisa farewell... or can he coax her into leaving her planet and joining him for the adventure of a lifetime?

Blade of Darkness

Return to the "utterly addictive" (RT Book Reviews), "fast-paced and humorous" (Publishers Weekly) world of New York Times bestselling author Dianne Duvall's *Immortal Guardians*. Dana Pembroke has been able to glimpse the future of those she touches for as long as she can remember. But she never saw Aidan coming. When the tall, dark Celt with the charming grin yet world-weary eyes walks through her door, the future she sees for him is one full of violence, danger, deception... and passion. Because amidst the terrifying battles that unfold in her visions, she also sees herself in Aidan's arms and in his bed. Dana knows she should keep her distance, but the tender moments and laughter they share entice her even as she finds herself thrust into a world of vampires, immortals, and other preternatural beings. Immortal Guardian Aidan O'Byrne has been hunting and slaying psychotic vampires for nearly three thousand years, so visions of bloody battles don't trouble him. The battles Dana foresees, however, show Aidan's brethren turning against him, so he can't help but feel alarmed. While he spends as much time as he can with Dana, struggling to decipher her dire predictions, Aidan finds himself utterly smitten. Hope rises that he has finally found a woman who can banish the darkness and loneliness that plague him. But when vampires begin targeting Dana and a powerful enemy spawns chaos, will fate grant them time to find happiness together?

The Purveli

Ava has always been different. Born with strong telepathic abilities, she lives a very isolated life until she is offered a job with an obscure network that helps powerful Immortal Guardians protect humanity from the psychotic vampires who prey upon them. For the first time in her life, Ava has found a place where she belongs. She's happy. Life is good. And when her employers invite her to join a group of other gifted ones and a handful of Immortal Guardians on a journey to another planet, it becomes fantastic. In no time at all, she is speeding across the galaxy aboard a Lasaran warship. It's the dream of a lifetime? until a vicious attack by a mutual enemy of Lasara and Earth lands her alone in an escape pod with no habitable planet in sight and only one ship within range: one that carries the enemy who wants to know why the bioengineered virus they released on Earth long ago didn't exterminate humanity and leave the planet ripe for their claiming. Jak'ri doesn't know how long he has been a prisoner aboard the Cebaun, but he fears the enemy's experiments will soon lead them to a virus that will eradicate the Purveli people. Despair grips him until a female from Earth is taken captive and reaches out to him telepathically. The gift that caused Ava such misery in the past soon becomes his salvation as the two of them form a fast friendship. Determined to distract each other from the horrors of their existence, they immerse themselves in telepathic communion during the day, then seek solace and adventure together in shared dreams. As their friendship deepens into love, the two hatch a daring plot to escape their captors. But the enemy will not let them go without a fight.

Must Love Vampires

Love At First Bite Nightclub dancer Chloe Lamoureux just met the man of her dreams: Aidan Raines is charming, considerate, rich, and hot. Of course, he's a little mysterious about his age. And his favorite drink. And he's not much for sunlight. But he's asked her to marry him, and she's ready to do it. Sure, she has a few secrets too—but they'll have plenty of time to work things out while they're living happily ever after. Right? Her identical twin sister, Chuck, isn't so sure. Maybe reporting for the local Bigfoot-sighting tabloid doesn't make her an expert, but to Chuck, Aidan and his brother Sebastian look like honest-to-Dracula vampires. Especially Sebastian: beguiling, seductive, and just a hint of dangerous. Maybe she wouldn't mind him taking a little taste. But with Chloe's life in the balance, she

has to know--do they want hot love or hot blood? Or maybe. . .a little of both? Praise for *The Bite Before Christmas* "Enjoyable reading." --*Romantic Times* "Inventive, gently humorous, and fast-paced, this steamy paranormal anthology offers an alternative to the typical holiday fare; perfect for readers who want their romances on the edgy side." --*Library Journal*

Homer Simpson Ponders Politics

What pop culture from *The Hobbit* to *The Office* reveals about modern politics—from the authors of *Homer Simpson Marches on Washington*: "Fun and engaging." —William Irwin, author of *Black Sabbath* and *Philosophy* It's said that the poet Homer educated ancient Greece. Joseph J. Foy and Timothy M. Dale have assembled a team of notable scholars who argue, quite persuasively, that Homer Simpson and his ilk are educating America and offering insights into the social order and the human condition. Following *Homer Simpson Goes to Washington* (winner of the John G. Cawelti Award for Best Textbook or Primer on American and Popular Culture) and *Homer Simpson Marches on Washington*, this exceptional volume reveals how books like J. R. R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit* and J. K. Rowling's *Harry Potter*, movies like *Avatar* and *Star Wars*, and television shows like *The Office* and *Firefly* define Americans' perceptions of society. The authors expand the discussion to explore the ways in which political theories play out in popular culture. *Homer Simpson Ponders Politics* includes a foreword by fantasy author Margaret Weis (coauthor/creator of the *Dragonlance* novels and game world) and is divided according to eras and themes in political thought: The first section explores civic virtue, applying the work of Plato and Aristotle to modern media. Part 2 draws on the philosophy of Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, and Smith as a framework for understanding the role of the state. Part 3 explores the work of theorists such as Kant and Marx, and the final section investigates the ways in which movies and newer forms of electronic media either support or challenge the underlying assumptions of the democratic order. The result is an engaging read for students as well as anyone interested in popular culture.

Rendezvous with Yesterday

Modern-day bounty hunter Bethany Bennett helps her brother track two fugitives to a forest outside of Houston, Texas. But what should have been a routine apprehension of two bail skippers spirals out of control and ends in violence. After Beth and her brother are both seriously injured, a mysterious figure suddenly looms over her. And, when the smoke clears, Beth finds herself not only in another place, but in another time. As Lord Robert, Earl of Fosterly, attempts to identify and track down the nameless enemy who has been plaguing his lands and people with violence, the most peculiar woman stumbles into his path. Small, vulnerable, yet possessed of a bold, fiery spirit and wicked sense of humor, she persists in dubbing Robert and his men members of something called a medieval reenactment group . . . until she sees his castle and labels herself mad. It seems bounty hunter Bethany Bennett has come to him from the future, bringing with her laughter and chaos, swiftly winning the hearts of his people and inspiring within him a love he thought he would never experience again. But when Robert discovers a way for her to return to her time, will the love they share be enough to keep them together? + Bonus Scene

Tempt Me Eternally

The huntress becomes the hunted in this sizzling paranormal romance from New York Times and USA TODAY bestselling author Gena Showalter, previously published as part of the *Deep Kiss of Winter* anthology with #1 New York Times bestselling author Kresley Cole, now available as a stand-alone ebook! With only skin-to-skin contact, Aleaha Love can change her appearance, assuming any identity. As an AIR (Alien Investigation and Removal) agent, her newest mission is to capture a group of otherworldly warriors. So imagine her surprise when the hunter becomes the hunted, and she's taken captive by dangerously seductive Breean, a golden-skinned, iron-willed commander, who threatens everything Aleaha stands for—and makes her want to be only herself, for the first time in her life.

A Sorceress of His Own

From the New York Times bestselling author of the acclaimed *Immortal Guardians* series comes an enchanting new series full of romance, danger, and loyalty: *The Gifted Ones* Since the day Lord Dillon earned his spurs, rumors of his savagery on the battlefield have preceded him into every room, stilling tongues and sparking fear. Weary of battle, he wishes only to find a woman he can wed who will approach him not with fear, but with the tenderness that has been absent from his life for so long. Yet only the wisewoman seems invariably at ease in his presence. Perhaps because she garners the same

fear in others that he does himself. For seven years, Alyssa has been by Lord Dillon's side, counseling him from the shadows, healing him with her hands, and staving off the worst of his loneliness while his fearsome reputation keeps others at bay. Blessed-or cursed-with gifts that label her a sorceress, she is forced to conceal her youth and the love she harbors for him beneath umbral robes that lead Dillon and his people to believe she is the same aged wisewoman who served his father. All is revealed, however, and passions flare when an enemy threatens Dillon's life and Alyssa sacrifices everything to save him. When Dillon discovers that the wisewoman is far from elderly, he is instantly entranced. And, as he and Alyssa work together to defeat an enemy bent on destroying them both, Dillon will risk anything-even the wrath of his king-to be with her. "Book after book, Duvall brings her readers complex, fascinating tales of romance, danger and loyalty." -RT Book Reviews

Fairytale and Gothic Horror

This book explores the idiosyncratic effects generated as fairytale and gothic horror join, clash or merge in cinema. Identifying long-held traditions that have inspired this topical phenomenon, the book features close analysis of classical through to contemporary films. It begins by tracing fairytale and gothic origins and evolutions, examining the diverse ways these have been embraced and developed by cinema horror. It moves on to investigate films close up, locating fairytale horror, motifs and themes and a distinctively cinematic gothic horror. At the book's core are recurring concerns including: the boundaries of the human; rational and irrational forces; fears and dreams; 'the uncanny' and transitions between the wilds and civilization. While chronology shapes the book, it is thematically driven, with an interest in the cultural and political functions of fairytale and gothic horror, and the levels of transgression or social conformity at the heart of the films.

The Hero with a Thousand Faces

A study of heroism in the myths of the world - an exploration of all the elements common to the great stories that have helped people make sense of their lives from the earliest times. It takes in Greek Apollo, Maori and Jewish rites, the Buddha, Wotan, and the bothers Grimm's Frog-King.

Wildest Dreams

Seoafin Wilde was taught by her parents that every breath was a treasure and to seek every adventure she could find. She learns this lesson the hard way after they perish in a plane crash. When she discovers there's a parallel universe where every person has a twin, she finds a witch who can send her there so she can see her parents again. And have the adventure of a lifetime. Upon arrival in the winter wonderland of Lunwyn, Finnie realizes she's been played and finds herself walking down the aisle to wed The Drakkar. Instantly thrown into inauspicious circumstances, with years of practice (she did survive that elephant stampede), Finnie bests the challenges and digs into her adventure. But as Frey Drakkar discovers the woman who is his new wife is not Princess Sjöfn, a woman he loathes, but instead his Finnie, a free spirit with a thirst for venture just

The Encyclopedia of Stanley Kubrick

Surveys the director's life and career with information on his films, key people in his life, technical information, themes, locations, and film theory.

Immortal Guardians

Tony Magistrale explores many of the movie versions of Stephen King's works and provides important insights into both the films and the fiction on which they are based.

Hollywood's Stephen King

Kendra Marston interrogates representations of melancholic white femininity in contemporary Hollywood cinema, arguing that the 'melancholic white woman' serves as a vehicle through which to explore the excesses of late capitalism and a crisis of faith in the American dream.

Postfeminist Whiteness

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A Book for a Rainy Day Or Recollections of the Events of the Years 1766-1833

It's time for the dragon marked to rise... Jessa Lebron doesn't have a lot to complain about. Her father is the alpha of their wolf pack, she lives in Stratford, a protected supernatural prison town, and her best friends, the Compass quads, are the strongest dudes of the four races: shifter, vampire, fey, and magic user. Yep, life is pretty much exactly how she wants it. Until the fateful day, just after her twenty-second birthday, when the mother who abandoned her, returns to the pack bearing secrets that change everything. The biggest secret of all: Jessa is dragon marked, a designation that places her in grave danger. For a thousand years, every supernatural child born with the mark was eliminated to prevent the rise of the dragon king, a fearsome ancient warmonger. In a bid to learn more about her fate and how to avoid the hunters, Jessa finds herself locked in Vanguard, the notorious supernatural prison. Thankfully she's not alone. Braxton Compass, the most feared of the dragon shifters, is right there with her. Together they'll have to survive long enough to free themselves and the other dragon marked. Before the king rises. *Note from author: this story was previously published by Skyscape. There are no changes to this version.

Dragon Marked

Radical Ambivalence is the first book-length study of Flannery O'Connor's attitude toward race in her fiction and correspondence. It is also the first study to include controversial material from unpublished letters that reveals the complex and troubling nature of O'Connor's thoughts on the subject. O'Connor lived and did most of her writing in her native Georgia during the tumultuous years of the civil rights movement. In one of her letters, O'Connor frankly expresses her double-mindedness regarding the social and political upheaval taking place in the United States with regard to race: "I hope that to be of two minds about some things is not to be neutral." Radical Ambivalence explores this double-mindedness and how it manifests itself in O'Connor's fiction.

Radical Ambivalence

This hot, hilarious stand-alone will keep you wildly entertained! Welcome to Mystic Bayou, a tiny town hidden in the swamp where shape-shifters, vampires, witches, and dragons live alongside humans. The town formed around the mysterious energy rift in the bayou, which helps keep the town's magic in balance. But lately the rift has been widening and destabilizing - threatening to send the town's magical population into chaos. Energy witch Danica Teel has been sent by the League to figure out what's going on, with the help of bear-shifter Mayor Zed. While working on the case, Zed falls head over paws for Dani, but she's reluctant to engage in anything beyond a roll in his cave. Dani's family is counting on her to get the job done, and she has no time for distractions. But when an ominous presence begins stalking Dani through the bayou, they'll need to band together to make it out alive. This book is based on the Audible Original audiobook. "I highly recommend this book...sexy, flirty, hilarious in every scene and has a sexy hero that you want to keep for your own and a heroine that can fight her own battles!! I am hooked on the Mystic Bayou and the diverse characters that sweep you up!! I can't wait for the next one!!!"—Addicted To Romance "A fun paranormal series with plenty of humor, food and sweet romance."—Hot Listens

Love and Other Wild Things

National Excellence in Romance Fiction Finalist - Best Novella Shane Dodd has lost everything, his Pack, his home, and hope. His only wish this Christmas is to live long enough to exact revenge on the Nero assassin he believes killed his Pack. But when he steps between a bullet and Piper Holland everything changes. The woman dressed as one of Santa's elves is his mate, and she ignites a flame in his heart. But hope and love are dangerous wishes for a lone wolf. The Sedona Pack Each novel can be read as a stand alone, but you may enjoy reading the series in order as well. At the end of the Moon Series, the Sedona Pack is freed from their tyrannical Alpha, but they're left without a leader. With bitten wolves, skin walkers, former Nero operatives, this Pack will navigate uncharted waters against

a government that may no longer hide their secret. Prequel - The Lone Wolf's Wish Book 1 - Sedona Sin Book 2 - Sedona Seduction Book 3 - Sedona Scandal Book 4 - Sedona Surrender

Hour of Darkness

A music professor finds herself mixed up in a world of vampires, immortals, and humans with extraordinary gifts in this paranormal romance. Once, Sarah Bingham's biggest challenge was making her students pay attention in class. Now, after rescuing a wounded stranger, she's landed in the middle of a battle between corrupt vampires and powerful immortals who also need blood to survive. Roland Warbrook is the most compelling man Sarah has ever laid hands on. But his desire for her is mingled with a hunger he can barely control... In his nine centuries of immortal existence, no woman has tempted Roland as much as Sarah. But asking her to love him is impossible—when it means forfeiting the world she's always known, and the life he would do anything to protect... “These dark, kick-ass guardians can protect me any day!”—Alexandra Ivy New York Times bestselling author “This is a strong start in what looks to be a thrilling and chilling new paranormal series. Fantastic!”—RT Book Reviews “Electrifying, Funny, Lust-inducing, and Inventive.”—Fresh Fiction Praise for New York Times Bestselling Author Dianne Duvall's Immortal Guardians series “If you love J.R. Ward's Black Dagger Brotherhood and Kresley Cole's Immortals After Dark, then you need to put Dianne Duvall and her Immortal Guardians books in your reading wheelhouse.”—Literati Literature Lovers

The Lone Wolf's Wish

"If...looking for something new with Austen's spirit, humor, and dashing heroes, they can't do better than MacGregor." - Entertainment Weekly A Duke in Time is the first book in a three-story arc that will have you rooting for leading heroines, searching for lost dowries, and falling for swoon-worthy heroes. Katherine Vareck is in for the shock of her life when she learns upon her husband Meri's accidental death that he had married two other women. Her entire business, along with a once-in-a-lifetime chance to be a royal supplier, is everything she's been working for and now could be destroyed if word leaks about the three wives. Meri's far more upstanding brother, Christian, Duke of Randford has no earthly clue how to be of assistance. He spent the better part of his adult years avoiding Meri and the rest of his good-for-nothing family, so to be dragged back into the fold is...problematic. Even more so is the intrepid and beautiful Katherine, whom he cannot be falling for because she's Meri's widow. Or can he? With a textile business to run and a strong friendship forming with Meri's two other wives, Katherine doesn't have time for much else. But there's something about the warm, but compellingly taciturn Christian that draws her to him. When an opportunity to partner in a business venture brings them even closer, they'll have to face their pasts if they want to share each other's hearts and futures.

Darkness Dawns

A Duke in Time