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## Stone Lover

Narrative Causalities offers both an argument and a methodology. The argument is that interpretations of the consequences and causes of events are contextual and that narratives, by determining the context in which events are perceived, shape interpretations. The methodology, on which the argument is based, is a theory of functions. A function, in this theory, is a position in a causal sequence. A set of functions provides a vocabulary to analyze and compare interpretations of the causes and consequences of events—in our world, in narratives about our world, and in fictional narratives.

## A Scarcity of Condors

Juleón "Jude" Tholet has survival in his DNA. His father, Cleón, lived through imprisonment and torture during Pinochet's military coup in Chile. His mother, Penny, risked everything to gain her husband's freedom and flee the country with their newborn son. But as a closeted gay teenager growing up in Vancouver, Jude is targeted by a neighborhood bully called El Cóndor, culminating in a vicious hate crime that forces the Tholets to flee their country again. Jude cautiously rebuilds his life in Seattle, becoming an accomplished pianist, but his wings have been clipped and he cannot seem to soar in his relationships. Only family remains a constant source of strength and joy, until a DNA test reveals something that shocks all the Tholets: Jude is not their child. Stunned by the test results, the Tholets must dig into their painful past, re-examine their lives in 1973 Santiago and the events surrounding Jude's birth story. It's a tale rooted in South America's Operation Condor. It spreads through Pinochet's terrifying regime of detention camps, torture, disappeared civilians and stolen children. The journey forces Penny Tholet to confront the gaps in her memory while Cleón must re-live an ordeal he's long kept hidden away in a secret world. The tale ends with Jude digging through his genetic code in a quest to find his biological parents. Are they alive? Or are they among Los Desaparecidos—the Disappeared Ones? Suanne Laqueur's third book in the Venerly series explores the desperate acts of love made in times of war, and the many ways family can be defined.

## Play Fast: Rockstar Romantic Suspense

I left him behind because I had no choice. That's what I keep telling myself, but it doesn't make it any easier to sleep at night or to drown out the words he kept repeating over and over the day we'd met: I just want to go home. That was eight long years ago and I'd only known him as Billy, a terrified fourteen-year-old I'd had to leave behind to save someone else. But his name wasn't Billy and he's no longer a frightened kid lost in a world where he was nothing more than a possession. His name is Remy, and while I didn't recognize him upon meeting him again, he sure as hell remembers me. It would be easier just to turn my back on him a second time, especially since that's exactly what he wants, but there's no way I can let the tormented young man go. At least not without trying to make things right first. The problem is, even if I can make up for leaving Remy behind so long ago, I'm not sure I'll be able to walk away from him twice. I don't know what that means, but I do know that it scares the hell out of me. Because needing in my world comes at a heavy price one that not even I can afford to pay. He gave me hope when I'd had none left, but he forgot about me just like all the others I fight. That's what I do. It's who I am. But when Luca Covello walked into the dark, dirty room my captors were keeping me in so long ago, I'd already decided to do the one thing I hadn't in the three years since I'd been taken from my home and family. Give up. Then he'd been there, like a bright light in a sea of darkness, and I'd had something new to fight for, to stay alive for the day Luca came back to get me like he'd promised. Except he never came. And now, eight years later, he's decided he wants to play the hero and save me. Well, I don't need saving. Not anymore not ever. Along with two years of sobriety under my belt, I've got a good job, a decent apartment, and I've managed to put my past where it belongs in the past. No one, not even the gorgeous, mysterious businessman, is going to mess things up for me. If he's come seeking forgiveness, I'm fresh out. And if he's come seeking something else well, let's just say that when I'm done with him, there's no way he'll forget me this time around. Trigger Warning: For those who would like to see the trigger warnings associated with this book, please use the "look inside" feature and go to Trigger Warning page for more information.

## Obsessed

"I've done everything wrong, Finn. From day one. It was the only way I knew how to be with you and still be worthy of you. But I see now that I never really was."  
--Callan Vengeance. It's the one thing on ex-cop Rhys Tellar's mind and he's spent every day of his two year prison sentence planning how he'll bring down the former lover and partner who sold him out and cost four people their lives. A six month parole stint working at the CB Bar Ranch in Southwestern Montana should be the easiest thing he's ever done. But the last thing he expects is to feel something for both the charismatic ranch hand who befriends him and the enigmatic foreman who's pretending to be something he's not. A future. That's what Finn Stewart wants, but to have it he must leave behind the man he wants above all others, his very straight boss and best friend, Callan Bale. As the only openly gay man in a small, homophobic community, Finn has to fight every day to be who he is and walking away is starting to seem like the easier path. Until Rhys Tellar shows up and changes everything. A Lie. Callan Bale's entire life has been about hiding the man he really is and it's about to cost him the one person who's managed to worm his way past the walls he's spent years putting up. But choosing Finn would mean

giving up everything he's worked for and breaking the promises he's made. At least losing the younger man to Rhys means Finn can have the life he deserves. Three men. Three choices. One chance at finding home.

## **Finding Trust**

Henry James's *Daisy Miller* was an immediate sensation when it was first published in 1878 and has remained popular ever since. In this novella, the charming but inscrutable young American of the title shocks European society with her casual indifference to its social mores. The novella was popular in part because of the debates it sparked about foreign travel, the behaviour of women, and cultural clashes between people of different nationalities and social classes. This Broadview edition presents an early version of James's best-known novella within the cultural contexts of its day. In addition to primary materials about nineteenth-century womanhood, foreign travel, medicine, philosophy, theatre, and art—some of the topics that interested James as he was writing the story—this volume includes James's ruminations on fiction, theatre, and writing, and presents excerpts of *Daisy Miller* as he rewrote it for the theatre and for a much later and heavily revised edition.

## **Hotter Than Ever**

Three men brought together by circumstance who found something none of them knew they needed Ren Barretti has finally come home after a year of being held captive by the terrorists who slaughtered his entire Special Forces team. But he can't escape the nightmares that torment him or the guilt that he was the only one to walk away. The life his older brothers have brought him home to doesn't exist for him anymore and to keep them and their loved ones safe from the rage and pain that consume him, Ren needs to disappear. Police Detective Declan Hale has felt an undeniable pull towards the very straight Ren Barretti since the day Ren's brother married Declan's younger sister almost a dozen years earlier. But even though the Ren who has come home isn't the one who left, all of Declan's feelings come rushing back to the surface and he steps in to help the only man he's ever truly wanted. And even though there's no future for them, keeping Ren safe is all that matters and Declan will risk anything to make that happen. Tough as nails former soldier and mercenary Jagger Varos has returned to Seattle after years of running from his past and he's hoping that joining Barretti Security Group will help him finally call the city he left behind home. But within weeks, his new beginning is tested after multiple run-ins with the gruff, infuriating Detective Hale. When he inadvertently discovers that Declan is hiding Ren from the very brothers offering Jagger a new start, Jagger finds himself torn between his newfound loyalty to Vin and Dom Barretti and the need to protect the young man he himself helped rescue from his captors. For Declan and Jagger, it's hate at first sight but they soon realize that they will need each other if they have any hope of saving Ren from himself. And neither of them expects their mutual distrust in one another to grow into something else entirely or that Ren himself will find in both of them what he needs to rebuild his life and come to terms with who he really is. Can the fierce attraction between three men become something more or will the demands of the real world tear them apart? Note: This book contains explicit M/M/M content and is intended for mature audiences Although this book is part of a series, it can be read as a

stand-alone. No cliffhangers. Barretti Security Series Book 1 - Loving Vin (M/F) Book 2 - Redeeming Rafe (M/M) Book 3 - Saving Ren (M/M/M) The Barretti Security Series is a spin-off of The Escort Series and some of the characters from that series appear in this one so if you want to read the books in order, start with this series: The Escort Series Book 1 - Gabriel's Rule (M/F) Gabe & Riley Book 2 - Shane's Fall (M/F) Shane & Savannah Book 3 - Logan's Need (M/M) Logan & Dom

## **Discovering Daisy**

Christi Caldwell is a MUST READ!! ~Mary Balogh, New York Times bestselling author And see why Tessa Dare says, "A Christi Caldwell book never fails to touch the heart." In this spellbinding new Regency series by Christi Caldwell, The Heart of a Duke meets the Brethren of the Lords. The stakes are high and passions flare hot in Regency England! A widow with a past... The last thing Victoria Barrett, the Viscountess Waters, has any interest in is romance. When the only man she's ever loved was killed she endured an arranged marriage to a cruel man in order to survive. Now widowed, her only focus is on clearing her son's name from the charge of murder. That is until the love of her life returns from the grave. A leader of a once great agency... Nathaniel Archer, the Earl of Exeter head of the Crown's elite organization, The Brethren, is back on British soil. Captured and tortured 20 years ago, he clung to memories of his first love until he could escape. Discovering she has married whilst he was captive, Nathaniel sets aside the distractions of love until an unexpected case is thrust upon him-- to solve the murder of the Viscount Waters. There is just one complication: the prime suspect's mother is none other than Victoria, the woman he once loved with his very soul. Secrets will be uncovered and passions rekindled. Victoria and Nathaniel must trust one another if they hope to start anew—in love and life. But will duty destroy their last chance?

## **Writing the Nation**

The boys are back in town Ten years ago, Kaelin Daume spent a steamy summer home from college secretly hanging out with town bad boy Tyler Wirth and his best friend Nick Kernsted. The connection was warm, complicated, and came to a crashing end when she walked in on her two forbidden friends with another woman. The shocking scene of sex and bondage has haunted her boring, oh-so-vanilla life ever since. The fallout from that night tore Tyler's life apart. He left Mapleglen, disowned and disgraced, to build a successful advertising career and a unique relationship with Nick. Nothing could bring him back except his sister's wedding, and he plans to hightail it back to Chicago as soon as it's over. At least one good thing hasn't changed: Kaelin is as sweet as ever. Except she doesn't seem too thrilled to hear it. As tensions run high, Kaelin can't resist the temptation to commit one crazy act of rebellion. Once the web of secrets, sins and lies starts to unravel, though, their lives will never be the same Warning: This book contains a nice girl who gets her naughty on with two hot men. M/M/F and M/M scenes may cause an increase in body temperature, pulse rate and respiration. Read with caution! For adult use only.

## **Move the Sun**

While performing an authentic spirit medium show at Chinatown's illustrious Gris-Gris speakeasy in 1920s San Francisco, Aida Palmer is enlisted to help notorious bootlegger Winter Magnusson, the victim of a hex, banish the ghosts that haunt him and finds herself under the spell of this charming man. Original.

## Absolution

New York Times bestselling author Donna Grant brings you another sizzling Dark Kings novella. Born to rule the skies as a Dragon King with power and magic, Cináed hides his true identity in the mountains of Scotland with the rest of his brethren. But there is no respite for them as they protect the planet and the human occupants from threats. However, a new, more dangerous enemy has targeted the Kings. One that will stop at nothing until dragons are gone forever. But Cináed discovers a woman from a powerful, ancient Druid bloodline who might have a connection to this new foe. Solitude is sanctuary for Gemma. Her young life was upended one stormy night when her family disappears, leaving her utterly alone. She learned to depend solely on herself from then on. But no matter where she goes she feels...lost. As if she missed the path she was supposed to take. Everything changes when she backs into the most dangerously seductive man she's ever laid eyes. Gemma surrenders to the all-consuming attraction and the wild, impossible love that could destroy them both - and finds her path amid magic and dragons. \*\*Every 1001 Dark Nights novella is a standalone story. For new readers, it's an introduction to an author's world. And for fans, it's a bonus book in the author's series. We hope you'll enjoy each one as much as we do.\*\*

## Finding Home

My job is to save lives. But what if the one that needs saving is the one I was sent to take? At 33 years old, Phoenix Jones once had a stellar military career ahead of him. But when tragedy struck his family, he walked away from the path he'd chosen to be there for the one who needed him most. Except fate is a bitch and when she once again takes Phoenix's future in the cruelest of ways, he must find a new path. When a former army buddy introduces him to Ronan Grisham, the leader of an underground vigilante group, Phoenix knows he's found a new family and nothing and no one is going to take that from him again. So when Ronan asks him to shadow a young man who participated in a brutal crime against Ronan's husband, Seth, when he was a child and appears to be targeting him again, Phoenix doesn't even hesitate for a second. Even knowing what he must do if the young man proves to have gone back to his old ways. Because family is everything I can't come back from what I did. I'm not sure I even want to An ugly childhood left Levi Deming with little to do but dream of a day when he'd be free of his tormenters so he could carve out a simple life for himself, preferably somewhere far away from the family who never let him forget he was less than human. But one terrible choice at the tender age of 16 changed everything Wracked with guilt for the role he played during a home invasion gone horribly wrong, a now 24-year-old Levi is trying to piece together a life where he can maybe do a little bit of good, even knowing it won't make up for the lives he helped take and it definitely won't give back the future he stole from the young man whose agonized screams still haunt him night after night. If it were only about him, he'd walk into the nearest police station and happily tell them to lock him up and throw away the key. But it

isn't just about him anymore I expected to find a hardened criminal. What I found was something else entirely With Ronan's orders to terminate young Levi if he so much as even jaywalks, Phoenix expects an easy job with one clear outcome. But when a violent encounter forces Phoenix to interact with Levi, he quickly realizes the case might not be as black and white as he thought. Instead of finding a criminal with no conscience, Phoenix discovers a young man battling impossible odds and near crippling guilt. When his feelings of disgust and anger begin to fade and turn into something else, the would-be hitman is forced to make a terrible decision between the family he needs and the young man more intent on seeking judgement than redemption.

## **Rebels & Renegades**

Ryke Meadows, meet Daisy Calloway she's all grown up. Twenty-five-year-old Ryke Meadows knows he's hard to love. With a billion-dollar inheritance, a track-star resume, and an alpha-male personality—he redefines the term likable asshole. But he's not living to make friends. Or enemies. He just wants to free climb three of the toughest mountains in Yosemite without drama or interruption. And then he receives a distressed call from a girl in Paris—a girl that he has never been allowed to have. Daisy Calloway is eighteen. Finally. With her newfound independence, she can say goodbye to her overbearing mother and continue her modeling career. Next stop, Paris. Fashion week begins with a bang, and Daisy uncovers the ugly reality of the industry. She wants to prove to her family that she can live on her own, but when everything spirals out of control, she turns to Ryke to keep her secrets. As Daisy struggles to make sense of this new world and her freedom, she pushes the limits and fearlessly rides the edge. Ryke knows there's deep hurt beneath every impulsive action. He must keep up with Daisy, and if he lets her go, her favorite motto—"live as if you'll die today"—may just come true.

## **A Protectors Family Christmas**

### **Tempting Fate**

Zane doesn't do relationships and Connor is definitely the kind of guy who does Criminal defense attorney Zane Devereaux, is on the verge of having everything he's worked his entire life for. He's on track to become his firm's youngest managing partner and he has enough money in the bank to ensure he'll never have to be at the mercy of anyone ever again. He's left his past exactly where it belongs and refuses to look back. And he sure as hell isn't going to risk a repeat of his former mistakes by letting someone as sweet, sexy and endearingly vulnerable as Connor Talbot into his life. His bed maybe, but not his life. Connor Talbot has no regrets about serving his country, even if it did cost him more than he'd imagined. Two years after an IED took his leg and left him with permanent brain damage, Connor is still struggling to put his life back together, but he's managed to find a makeshift family in Seattle that helps ease the pain of losing his own at a young age. Unfortunately, a string of bad relationships and an abusive ex have taken their toll on Connor and he's given up on finding the lifelong partner he'd always envisioned he'd have. But a chance encounter with a man he has absolutely

nothing in common with except for an intense, white-hot chemistry has him thinking that maybe a no strings, physical relationship is exactly what's called for. What begins as two men meeting each other's needs between the sheets turns into something neither one was prepared for but the wounds of the past run deep and both men will have to decide if a future together will cost them too much or if what they could have together is worth fighting for.

## **The Spy Who Seduced Her**

Romance is possible, but betrayal is inevitable. The fate of the world rests with earth's monsters, and it's up to the witches, demons, shifters, and vampires to battle the shadows. *Rebels & Renegades* brings together twelve of today's hottest New York Times and USA Today bestselling authors for a pulse-pounding supernatural collection that will make you want to join the rebellion. If you love the breathtaking adventure of Cassandra Clare's *Shadowhunters* series and the sweeping fantasy of Neil Gaiman, don't miss *Rebels and Renegades*! One-click today to find out if only the rebels survive! Featuring stories from USA Today Bestseller Heather Marie Adkins New York Times Bestseller Margo Bond Collins New York Times Bestseller N.R. Larry USA Today Bestseller Jen L. Grey USA Today Bestseller Laura Greenwood & Skye MacKinnon USA Today Bestseller Jennifer Laslie USA Today Bestseller Carysa Locke USA Today Bestseller J.A. Culican USA Today Bestseller Pauline Creeden USA Today Bestseller Rosemary A Johns New York Times bestselling author Rebecca Hamilton writing with USA Today Bestseller Conner Kressley New York Times bestselling author Rebecca Hamilton writing with USA Today Bestseller Isadora Brown New York Times bestselling author Rebecca Hamilton

## **DAMIEN (Slater Brothers, #5)**

He's addicted to booze. She's addicted to sexstaying sober is only half the battle. No. More. Sex. Those are the three words Lily Calloway fears the most. But Loren Hale is determined to be with Lily without enabling her dangerous compulsions. With their new living situation—sleeping in the same bed, for real, together—Lily has new battles. Like not jumping Lo's bones every night. Not being consumed by sex and his body. Loren plans to stay sober, to right all of his wrongs. So when someone threatens to expose Lily's secret to her family and the public, he promises that he'll do anything to protect her. But with old enemies surfacing, Lo has more at stake than his sobriety. They will torment Lily until Lo breaks. And his worst fear isn't relapsing. He hears the end. He sees it. The one thing that could change everything. Just three words. No. More. Us.

## **The Deep End**

Enter a decadent sensual world where gorgeous alpha males are committed to fulfilling a woman's every desire Olivier isn't sure what he's gotten himself into when he joins the Honey Club, only that a dark part of him hungers for the lifestyle offered by this exclusive club. Here, no boundary will be left untested and one's deepest fantasies will become an exquisite reality. When Amélie invites Olivier to surrender, she gives the alpha submissive what he craves. Soon they both find

themselves falling harder than they ever anticipated—but as their connection deepens, the truth about Olivier's past could destroy everything Gripping and seductive, *The Deep End* is the first book in a sensational new series from bestselling author Kristen Ashley.

## Redeeming Rafe

I wanted him from the moment I laid eyes on him and from that point on, the question wasn't if I'd have him but when. Thirty-five-year-old Matias de la Vega is good at one thing and one thing only. Though he doesn't officially carry the title of killer when it comes to his role in an underground vigilante group, he's got no problem getting his hands dirty if it means getting justice for those who can't get it on their own. Such is the case when single dad Sam Wittier is confronted by a stalker bent on murder. While neutralizing the threat is all in a day's work for Matias, what comes after is anything but. Although Matias isn't particularly surprised by his attraction to the older Sam, his inability to walk away from the still-grieving widower is a complication. An unexpected and dangerous complication. Nothing about the mysterious Matias makes sense to me. The emotionally distant soldier says what he means and takes what he wants. And for whatever reason, what he wants is me. That should have me running for the hills. It should, but it doesn't. For fifty-something Sam Wittier, life is as good as it's been since he lost the man of his dreams more than two decades earlier. After handing the reins of his successful business over to his older son, Sam is happy to settle into the quiet, simple life of being a full-time single dad to his newly adopted little boy. Unfortunately, life didn't get the message. After nearly losing everything to a deranged stalker, Sam finds himself face to face with a man who is anything but quiet and simple. There's no reason he should want the unpredictable, take-no-prisoners Matias in his life or his bed, but just like life, his body isn't getting the message. One night with Sam is all I need to get him out of my head for good. One night will be enough to end my obsession with him. It has to be. While Sam and Matias share a white-hot chemistry that neither has ever known before, that's about all they have in common. But as one passionate encounter leads to another and the line between obsession and need begins to blur, will Matias and Sam find that maybe they aren't so different after all? And what will that mean for the ghosts of the past that have haunted each man for so long? The ghosts that are willing to be buried as well as the ones that aren't. Although not required, it is highly recommended that you read *Protecting Elliot: A Protectors Novella* prior to reading *Obsessed*. The books feature separate couples but overlap when it comes to timeline/plot.

## The Bequest

Three is most definitely not a crowd. Claire McKinley has just experienced every bride's nightmare: the groom is a no-show, and now she must face five hundred guests alone. Furious and humiliated, she seeks help from the most unlikely candidate—her almost-brother-in-law, who promptly whisks her away to his apartment in San Diego, where she can recover her pride in peace and quiet. Dylan Wade is no fan of Claire's, but he can't ignore the jilted bride in her time of need. Bringing her home seems like a good idea—until he remembers his new roommate. Dylan's relationship with Aidan Rhodes is complicated. And with Claire thrown into

the mix, life becomes even more complicated. Claire is blindsided by her attraction not only to Dylan, but also to Aidan, a man she's just met. Soon they're caught up in an all-consuming sexual storm they can't fight even if they wanted to. But when their hearts get involved, Claire wonders if it can last, or if she's just setting herself up for more heartache. Warning: This book is very dirty. Ménage a trois and man-on-man dirty. Graphic language and explicit sex dirty. Basically? Dirty. You've been warned.

## **Logan's Need**

Cheyenne Elias has inherited a child. A boy she doesn't know and doesn't particularly want; a boy whose mother was once Cheyenne's most hated person in the world. There are a million reasons to walk away: her anger, her past, her certainty that there is nothing benevolent in this act by a woman who almost killed her. But abandoning the boy to a system she barely survived is not an option. Will Blackheart has lost everything. His SEAL team, his country, and upon occasion his mind. Worse, he's lost something that has the capacity to kill thousands. Left for dead in the Afghan desert, Will has risen solely for the purpose of regaining that which was taken and to punish those who dared take it. His only lead is the son of a dead woman. Her only goal is to save a child. As they come together in a clash of anger, mistrust and potent, unwanted desire, Will and Cheyenne must put aside their differences and navigate the endgame of a woman for whom nothing was taboo.

## **Shane's Fall**

Romance, a little drama, a lot of passion and gargoyles. Melanie Jacobs has always been a little out of step with the rest of the world. She sees things that aren't there, from the magnificent stone birds that fly overhead to the enchanted castle in the middle of the city. It's when she gets an apartment in the castle that she discovers that she isn't the one seeing things; it's the rest of the world that is asleep. Vaughn Nosuntres explodes into her life New Year's Eve and he is unlike any man she has ever known. The attraction is magnetic, overwhelming and irresistible. Powerless to resist, they embark on a passionate affair under the cover of night. But what Melanie doesn't know is that when the sun comes up Vaughn becomes a stone beast, a guardian of the worlds and a protector of Melanie.

## **Freeing Zane**

Protecting him was just supposed to be another job. Until it wasn't. Two years after surviving a brutal attack from members of his own unit, former Special Forces soldier Cruz de la Vega has found new purpose working for an underground vigilante group that offers justice when the law can't. When he's assigned to figure out who attacked a local gay rights activist, Cruz expects it to be just another job. But when it comes to protecting Elliot Wittier, he soon learns that the last thing he wants is for the intriguing young man to be just another job. At twenty-five years old, Elliot Wittier is well on his way to having the perfect life. As the head of a hugely successful investment firm and the founder of a prominent foundation, he should be on top of the world. But looks can be deceiving and Elliot knows how to

play the game. With the fear of failing the two most important people in his life always at the forefront of his mind, Elliot keeps an iron-grip on the control that has served him so well in the past. But when a violent attack leaves him vulnerable, Elliot's carefully constructed world starts to fracture. As he struggles to keep the threat under wraps, he's thrown off guard when a gorgeous stranger takes an interest in him at a Halloween themed benefit. Throwing caution to the wind, Elliot decides to allow himself the freedom that being with the enigmatic Cruz de la Vega brings for just one night. But what happens when one night isn't enough? Or when the past catches up with the present? Can what two men found in each other in just twenty-four hours really last a lifetime?

## Forgotten

Five reasons I should never go near Oz Taylor: - He's a hot as sin world famous rockstar with a bigax.- He's a huge, tattooed older guy with a piercing dark gaze that can destroy a woman's virginity.- He's my forever best friend's older brother.- He hasn't spoken to me in more than five years.- Oh, and I'm pretty sure he hates me Author's note: Play Fast is a standalone enemies to lovers rock star romance. The Brooklyn Dawn series has a suspense arc that goes through the entire series. It will be resolved in the final book. Play Fast ends in a happily ever after with no cliffhanger for the main couple.★ Series Reading Order ★Lost in OblivionSeduced (prequel) RockedRock, Rattle and RollTwistedUntwistedDestroyedConsumedCommittedShattered FusedOwnedMerry OblivionParadise in OblivionWinchester Falls TrilogyAnything But MineBulletproof WeeksEdge of ForeverFound in OblivionBedded BlissTriple TroubleDirty DuetLost LyricPerfect PitchRaw RhythmFinding ForeverHammeredManacondaManhandledManipulatedManeuveredRock Revenge TrilogyRock RevengeRock ReclaimedRock RedemptionBrooklyn DawnPlay DirtyPlay Fast

## Finding Hope

After four years abroad, artist Jonas Davenport has come home to start building his dream of owning his own art studio and gallery. But just as he's ready to put the darkness of his past behind him forever, it comes roaring back with a vengeance. The only thing keeping ex-cop Mace Calhoun from eating his own gun after an unthinkable loss is his role in an underground syndicate that seeks to get justice for the innocent by taking the lives of the guilty. Ending the life of the young artist who committed unspeakable crimes against the most vulnerable of victims should have been the easiest thing in the world. So why can't he bring himself to pull the trigger? After years of fighting in an endless, soul-sucking war, Navy SEAL Cole Bridgerton has come home to fight another battle - dealing with the discovery that the younger sister who ran away from home eight years earlier is lost to him forever. He needs answers and the only person who can give them to him is a young man struggling to put his life back together. But he never expected to feel something more for the haunted artist. Cole and Mace. One lives by the rules, the other makes his own. One seeks justice through the law while the other seeks it with his gun. Two men, one light, one dark, will find themselves and each other when they're forced to stand side by side to protect Jonas from an unseen evil that will stop at nothing to silence the young artist forever. But each man's scars run

deep and even the strength of three may not be enough to save them Note: Contains m/m/m scenes and is intended for mature audiences Triggers: References to sexual abuse of a child This is book 1 in a series but can be read as standalono cliffhangers.

## **Finding Forgiveness**

He wanted a new beginning. What he got was a glimpse of a life he could never have Widower Dane Winters just wanted a new beginning for himself and his six month old daughter after his estranged husband's cold-blooded murder and moving to a small town in Southwest Montana seemed like a good place to start. But he never expected a favor for a friend to turn into a deadly encounter that puts him on a collision course with a mysterious stranger passing through town. Former FBI agent Jaxon Reid stopped in Dare, Montana to right a wrong, not get caught up in the life of an uptight, country vet with a holier-than-thou attitude. But he soon finds himself drawn to the quiet, insecure single father who's trying to leave behind a life of pain and heartbreak. Dane can't deny his attraction to Jax, but he knows that pursuing a relationship with the gorgeous, younger man will only end in heartbreak and turn him into someone he swore he would never be again. But when danger looms, he's forced to accept Jax into his life and home, along with the emotional vulnerability that being around Jax brings to the surface. As their connection deepens, can Dane find the trust Jax needs from him in order to build a life together or will he let his past destroy his one chance at a real future?

## **Dragon Claimed: A Dark Kings Novella**

It's the holidays for a group of very special men who've managed to become a family in the last year and while all the guys are coming together to celebrate Hawke and Tate's upcoming wedding, a few of them have big plans of their own A change of plans Newlyweds Ronan and Seth are settling into married life as Ronan considers his return to medicine and Seth starts dreaming of a future that may include the pitter patter of little feet a lot sooner rather than later. Building a future Knee deep in wedding preparations, Hawke and Tate are celebrating something even more important - Matty's final round of chemotherapy treatment. As they anxiously await confirmation that their son is finally in remission, both men strive to give their little boy a normal life including a new house, playdates with Matty's new best friend, Leo, and a new support system of men and women who are starting to seem a lot like family. An important question to ask Meanwhile, Mav is looking to make things official with Eli despite the young man's busy schedule with medical school. But before he can ask the man of his dreams that very important question, he has to get past Eli's family first, including a posse of two overprotective fathers, several intrusive uncles and a little girl who just wants to brush Mav's hair! Figuring it all out With Memphis, Brennan and Tristan settling into their newfound relationship and our favorite threesome from New York visiting for the wedding, there are plenty of chances for old friends to connect and new bonds to be formed. The best kind of chaos And of course, what wedding wouldn't be complete without a little drama including some white hot sexual tension between a not so old grandfather and a certain cocky bodyguard? Add in some more Barrettis, a couple of precocious kids, several dogs, one spoiled cat and a gaggle of new, hot alpha men and you've got the perfect storm for a holiday that

only the Protectors could pull off!

## **One Wicked Night**

Lilli Accardo moves to the dying town of Signal Bend, Missouri, where the citizens have made a devil's bargain to stay afloat. Lilli quickly garners the attention of the whole town, particularly Isaac Lunden, President of the Night Horde Motorcycle Club and de facto protector of the town and its citizens. When it turns out that Lilli is there under murky circumstances, Isaac decides to get close and try to figure out what she's hiding. Their chemistry is instantaneous and electric, but each is a potential danger to the other. Action, sex, and drama ensue as Isaac and Lilli try to navigate the rocky terrain between trust and threat. Note: Explicit sex and violence.

## **Bitter Spirits**

Don't date your bodyguard. It was the one rule he had to break. Maximoff Hale is a force of nature. A ship unwilling to be steered. Headstrong, resilient, and wholly responsible — the twenty-two-year-old alpha billionaire can handle his unconventional life. By noon, lunch can turn into a mob of screaming fans. By two, his face is all over the internet. Born into one of the most famous families in the country, his celebrity status began at birth. He is certified American royalty. When he's assigned a new 24/7 bodyguard, he comes face-to-face with the worst case scenario: being attached to the tattooed, MMA-trained, Yale graduate who's known for "going rogue" in the security team — and who fills 1/3 of Maximoff's sexual fantasies. Twenty-seven-year-old Farrow Keene has one job: protect Maximoff Hale. Flirting, dating, and hot sex falls far, far out of the boundary of his bodyguard duties and into "termination" territory. But when feelings surface, protecting the sexy-as-sin, stubborn celebrity becomes increasingly complicated. Together, boundaries blur, and being exposed could mean catastrophic consequences for both.

## **Daisy Miller**

Writing the Nation: A Concise Introduction to American Literature 1865 to Present, is designed to continue the preservation of famous American literary works in the minds of college students.

## **Last Hit**

At nearly forty years old, Cash Malloy has accepted that the lifestyle he and Sage, his partner both in life and on the job, live isn't normal but is what both men need to escape the darkness of their pasts. But he also knows that Sage's wounds run much deeper than his own and that there will come a day where what Cash can give Sage isn't enough anymore. And after meeting the young woman Sage has become enamored with, Cash knows that day is closer than ever. At twenty-one, Daisy Washburne has found a new life working for an underground vigilante group. To the men she works with, she's Daisy, IT girl extraordinaire, but in the silence of her apartment she's just awkward, quiet, weird Daisy whose computer is her best

friend and whose only link to the outside world are the voices of the men she's trying really hard not to think of as family. But it's one voice on the other end of the phone in particular that calls to her like no other and eases just a little bit of the loneliness that has consumed her since losing her mother to a brutal act of violence. In order to survive, Sage Brighton has had to learn how to be two different people. To most of the world, he's happy-go-lucky, flirty, easy-going Sage. But to the one man who knows him better than anyone else, and yet still doesn't really know who he is, Sage sees himself as nothing more than a fucked-up mess who takes more than he gives. Life without Cash isn't even a possibility for Sage, but he can't deny the pull young Daisy Washburne has had on him from the moment he hears her voice for the first time. Only in the deepest recesses of his mind does Sage allow for a world in which he can have both Cash and Daisy at the same time. Fortunately for Sage, the lines between fantasy and reality are miles apart - almost a thousand miles to be exact, since Daisy doesn't live anywhere near Cash and Sage's home in the Ozarks. But when a chance encounter between Daisy, Cash and Sage in a motel just outside Seattle changes everything, the demons from Sage's past threaten to derail the life he and Cash have built together. When circumstances bring the trio back together, Cash sees an opportunity to give Sage what he needs, even if it costs Cash everything he's ever wanted. Only, he soon finds that Sage isn't the only one drawn to the quiet young woman who's good at being invisible. And he can't help but wonder if maybe the key to saving Sage isn't about Sage choosing who can give him a normal life. Because maybe normal isn't enough. Just like maybe one love isn't enough for any of them.

## **Saving Ren**

From two bestselling authors—the first in a deliciously bold new series that takes readers to the most dangerous edge of desire . . . Nikolai: I have been a contract killer since I was a boy. For years I savored the fear caused by my name, the trembling at the sight of my tattoos. The stars on my knees, the marks on my fingers, the dagger in my neck, all spoke of danger. If you saw my eyes, it was the last vision you'd have. I have ever been the hunter, never the prey. With her, I am the mark and I am ready to lie down and let her capture me. Opening my small, scarred heart to her brings out my enemies. I will carry out one last hit, but if they hurt her, I will bring the world down around their ears. Daisy: I've been sheltered from the outside world all my life. Home-schooled and farm-raised, I'm so naive that my best friend calls me Pollyanna. I like to believe the best about people. Nikolai is part of this new life, and he's terrifying to me. Not because his eyes are cold or my friend warns me away from him, but because he's the only man who has ever seen the real me beneath the awkwardness. With him, my heart is at risk . . . and also, my life.

## **Redemption**

At 19, Beck Barretti is living two lives. To his family, he's a young man trying to find his way after years of battling a mental illness that nearly cost him everything. But to the rest of the world he's just another privileged kid with problems. The truth doesn't even lie somewhere in between because Beck's entire life is actually about keeping secrets. From the people he loves. From the ones he doesn't. From

himself. Spending a summer in Dare, Montana with family friends isn't about starting fresh - it's about escaping the crippling darkness that threatens to consume him. Until one encounter that was supposed to mean nothing ends up changing everything Quinn Donovan had the life he'd always dreamed of until a brutal act of violence ripped it all away. Even though he's found a new future working at the CB Bar Ranch in Dare, Montana, he's not interested in trying to get back what he once had. All he wants is a quiet life that includes a job that's worth getting up for each morning and hanging out with his best friend, a black and white Paint stallion named Koda. But nothing prepares him for the strange twist of fate that brings not one, but two men into his life Brody Wilder is done hiding in the closet. As the son of a political scion, he's spent his entire life hiding the truth about who he is just so he could inherit a legacy he never wanted. But those days are behind him and he's starting a new life in rural Montana where he's saving lives as a paramedic and building a successful construction business that would surely horrify his old-money, society-loving family. After years of denying himself, he's taking advantage of his newfound freedom by indulging in random, meaningless sexual encounters that are about pleasure, not emotion. So no one is more surprised than him when one night in the back room of a sordid gay club leads to something more Can three men who came together by chance find the hope they need to build a future with each other, or will they end up letting their fears tear them apart?

## **Loving Vin**

Shane Matthews loves women, sex and money and as a professional escort, he gets to have all three whenever he wants. So what if he's not the same, naive person he was when he started - it's what he's good at. But life is catching up with Shane and he's losing the battle against an addiction that has haunted him for years. He's managed to keep the truth from his friends and family, but the pressure of pretending to be perfect may just be too much. Savannah Bradshaw needs to get her life back under control before the fear and pain consume her. A brutal assault from someone she trusted has left her fearing sex and men and the dangerous method she uses to cope is stealing her life. She needs Shane to show her how to escape the pain, but as his best friend's little sister, he's keeping her at arm's length. Savannah's desperate plan to bring them together for one night has Shane agreeing to show her the pleasure her body can experience, but she has to agree to his terms. Giving her what she needs should be easy, as long as he doesn't do something stupid like fall in love with her"

## **Addicted for Now**

Jackson Everyone says what a lucky guy I am. I've got a great kid, an amicable relationship with my ex, and a job working cattle on one of the largest ranches in Eden, Wyoming. Only problem is that "everyone" has no clue that I'm living a half-life. Because the other half is a closeted gay man who's got it bad for the young ranch hand he works with day in and day out. But the very straight Travis isn't an option. And even if he were, my sexy co-worker isn't exactly committed to commitment. So it's time for a change and since gay guys aren't exactly falling off trees in Eden, I'm going to need a little help Travis It was supposed to be a Friday night like any other. Me and my best friend heading into town to find some female

company for a few hours. And even though Jackson usually goes home alone, he's still a great wingman. Unfortunately, between my impatience to get the night started and my bad habit of snooping, I've learned two things about Jackson in the space of five minutes that have left me all kinds of confused. Jackson's gay. And he's placed a classified ad to try and hook up with some guy he can't get his mind off after a brief run-in at a hardware store in the city. Now I can't get my mind off Jackson. Don't get me wrong, I like the ladies, but why can't I stop thinking about my good-looking best friend and the faceless stranger he's ready to start something new with? Jackson doesn't need some random guy right now. Not when he has me. Oh hell.

## Protecting Elliot

After Logan Bradshaw's dreams go up in smoke, he's left broken and haunted by a cruel betrayal from his former business partner, a man he once thought of as a friend. His life as a professional escort helped pay for his future once, so maybe a few more jobs can give him back what he's lost. And if that means being a third for one night for a wealthy couple living out a menage fantasy, then so be it. It might just be the final payout he needs to get his life back on track. Dominic Barretti has everything money can buy, but it can't save his beautiful young wife as cancer steals her away from him. He also can't deny her one last request - a menage encounter with another man. It's the perfect excuse to meet the man who's been haunting his dreams. On paper, Logan is the perfect choice to give his wife what she needs, but he doesn't expect his own fierce desires to flare up when the young man enters their lives. Dom and Logan don't know it, but Sylvie Barretti has decided to play matchmaker from beyond the grave. Unfortunately, getting two broken men to find each other makes dying seem like the easy part. Logan can't deny his attraction to Dom, but the surprise desire for another man has left him reeling and questioning everything he's ever known about himself. But when a threat from the past surfaces, will Logan be able to let go of the life he knew and embrace the one he needs? Note: This book contains M/M sexual content and is intended for mature audiences \*\*\*This is Book 3 in the series, but can be read as a stand-alone story - no cliffhangers. However, more enjoyment can be gained by reading the series in order: Book 1 - Gabriel's Rule Book 2 - Shane's Fall (Note: Logan's Need DOES contain spoilers for events first presented in Books 1 & 2)\*\*\*"

## Gabriel's Rule

She was the daughter of a serial killer and she was living in his house After years of searching war torn Afghanistan for his MIA brother, Vincenzo Barretti has finally come home and now he's ready to settle back into life as co-founder of Barretti Security Group. But his home is no longer cold and empty the way he likes it. Mia Hamilton needs a quiet place to hide from the press to try to rebuild her life. Being the daughter of a notorious serial killer is bad enough, but being the one who killed him has made her a target for every news agency in the world. She wants nothing more than to be left alone, but the reporters are relentless and will stop at nothing to get their story. With no place to go, she accepts an offer from Dominic Barretti to stay at his older brother's home until she can figure out what to do next. But she didn't expect the homeowner to return so soon or to feel something she's never felt when he's around. Vin doesn't need or want a woman in his life and certainly

not one that comes with so much baggage. So what if Mia evokes feelings in him he thought were long dead? She's a liability and he wants her gone. But forcing the quiet, strong-willed young woman from his life turns out to be a lot harder than he thought

## **The Children's Home**

After nearly ten years of moonlighting as a professional escort, Gabriel Maddox is good at giving women the forbidden pleasures they crave. They don't need to know that something inside of him dies a little each time he does it or that his desperate need for cash is the only reason he can't walk away. They just need to know that to get what they want, they have to play by his rules. Riley Sinclair is starting over. She's left dry, dusty Texas and her ultra conservative, fanatically religious parents and cheating, mean-spirited fiance behind for a new life in Seattle. But one look at her stunningly gorgeous new neighbor Gabe brings back all the insecurities she's trying to escape. Gabe can only offer Riley pleasure but when she discovers that his perfect outside hides something terribly broken on the inside, will she risk her heart to give him what he needs?"

## **Hothouse Flower**

He was only there for a business deal A couple of days that was all it was supposed to take for property developer Roman Blackwell to decide if the strip of land just south of Dare, Montana would be the perfect spot for his next luxury resort. He wasn't interested in repairing his frayed relationship with his half-brother who'd moved to the small town a few months earlier and he definitely wasn't interested in doing anything more than scratching an itch when he checked out the gay club near his hotel. But when his plans for a quick hook-up are waylaid after he steps in to save a young man being brutalized, Roman finds himself building an emotional connection he never saw coming. One bad decision changed everything College student Hunter Greene has spent 18 months trying to forget the one night he gave in to temptation and made a decision to hide one lie by telling another. But the guilt of knowing he shattered another young man's life to protect his own secret shame is slowly destroying him and he knows that soon even his spiral into a dangerous pattern of self-destructive behavior won't be enough to keep his entire world from imploding. But the last thing he's looking for is someone to save him. But fate works in mysterious ways Forced to return to the town he grew up in, the last person Hunter expects to run into is the mysterious savior who changed everything with one soul shattering kiss. While he can't deny his attraction to Roman, Hunter knows that he'll never be free to act on it and once Roman discovers the terrible secret he's hiding, it won't matter anyway. Because some things just can't be forgiven

## **Damaged Like Us**

He wants revenge against the brothers who betrayed him but first he has to get past the one man he can't resist At the tender age of eight, Rafe Barretti lost everything. His parents, his childhood, his innocence. And the brothers who were supposed to protect him let him go instead. Twenty years later and he's finally

ready to exact his revenge by taking away everything they hold dear - their company, their reputations, their futures. But even that isn't enough - their loved ones will have to pay too and all their precious secrets are fair game. Former mercenary Cade Gamble's only job is to take down the hacker stealing sensitive, private information from Barretti Security Group and Cade is damn good at his job. But there's more at stake because the co-founders of BSG, Dom and Vin Barretti, are like family and no one touches Cade's family. The fact that the vengeful young man turns out to be the youngest of the Barretti clan doesn't matter. But when their tumultuous encounters turn into something more, Cade will have to decide between protecting the only family he has and giving in to his need to save Rafe from himself. Can Cade help Rafe find redemption so he can forgive the sins of the past or will Rafe's quest for vengeance destroy them both? Note: This book contains explicit M/M content and is intended for mature audiences Although this book is part of a series, it can be read as a stand-alone. No cliffhangers. \*\*\*Special Note: I've decided to make Book 1 in this series, Loving Vin (M/F) free but only available through my website sometime in the near future. Check out [sloanekennedy.com](http://sloanekennedy.com) for more information.\*\*\*

## **Narrative Causalities**

In a sprawling estate Morgan Fletcher, the disfigured heir to a fortune of mysterious origins, spends his days in quiet study, avoiding his reflection in mirrors and the lake at the end of his garden. Two children, Moira and David, appear, and Morgan gives them free reign of the mansion he shares with his housekeeper Engel. Then more children begin to show up. They make bizarre discoveries in the mansion attics, and seem to disappear into the hidden rooms of the estate-- and perhaps into the hidden corners of Morgan's mind.

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