

Son Of The Cursed Bear Sons Of Beasts Book 1

The stories collected in *Bear and His Daughter* span nearly thirty years - 1969 to the present - and they explore, acutely and powerfully, the humanity that unites us. In "Miserere," a widowed librarian with an unspeakable secret undertakes an unusual and grisly role in the anti-abortion crusade. "Under the Pitons" is the harrowing story of a reluctant participant in a drug-running scheme and the grim and unexpected consequences of his involvement. The title story is a riveting account of the tangled lines that weave together the relationship of a father and his grown daughter.

Painter, Brooke Belle, is running from her past and hoping that a few weeks in a quaint country cabin will bring her artistic muse back from the brink. But when she lands smack dab in the middle of Asheland Mobile Park, she's sure there's been a mistake. Not only has her mentor rented her a dilapidated mobile home in the middle of nowhere, but the trailer park is filled with big, burly, growly, flirty, sexy-as-hell lumberjacks. And one in particular is making her think that maybe she's landed right where she needs to be. Tagan James has a lot on his shoulders. As second in a woodcutting crew of bear shifters, he's got all he can handle keeping his people from tearing each other apart on the job site. But when the beautiful, and terribly human, Brooke Belle lands on his doorstep, all honest and vulnerable and pulling at his animal's protective instincts, he has to decide whether to boot her out of his park to protect his heart, or take a risk and save her muse. Every bear shifter knows finding a mate can destroy a dominant like him. But as Brooke shows Tagan just how strong she can be, he's second guessing everything-including his vow to never fall for a woman. Content Warning: explicit love scenes, naughty language, and piles of sexy shifter secrets. Adult only bear shifter romance.

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****Don't miss this riveting final installment to T. S. Joyce's bestselling Boarlander Bears series.**** Clinton Fuller has been burned by love, but that doesn't stop him from thinking of his first mate and what could've been. And when she blows into town, with no memory of him or what happened to her, he does his best to stop history from repeating itself. He's harboring a curse-his bear-and he isn't right for anyone anymore, especially not some fragile human with a bright future and a legitimate shot at happiness. He can't drag her through the mud with him again, but Alyssa isn't taking no for an answer. And now, his dominant, broken animal is putting her in more danger than she's ever been. He can't get her out of his head, and now he'll have to convince her to run if she wants to survive what broke them apart all those years ago. Alyssa Dunleavy is having dreams of a boy who saved her once, but when she lays eyes on Clinton, nothing makes sense anymore. Half of her life has been erased from her memories, and now the stories surrounding her accident are clashing with what she sees. But as she gets to know the standoffish Crazy Clinton of the Boarlanders, it becomes obvious he isn't the sweet boy from her dreams at all, but a half-crazed monster grizzly shifter who is working through some major life changes. Even though he makes it clear she should stay far away from him for safety's sake, she can't help but be drawn to his animal magnetism. And now she's falling head-over-heels for a stranger keeping a mountain of secrets...or maybe he's no stranger at all. Content Warning: Explicit love scenes, naughty language, and piles of sexy shifter secrets. Intended for mature audiences.

Illustrated with modern, evocative paintings, a sumptuous interpretation of the classic Grimms' fairy tale finds two very different but loving sisters sharing a peaceful existence in a woodland cottage before rescuing an enchanted prince.

Perhaps only the animals can tell us what it is to be human The souls of ten animals caught up in human conflicts over the last century and connected to both famous and little-known writers in surprising ways tell their astonishing stories of life and death. In a trench on the Western Front, a cat recalls her owner Colette's theatrical antics in Paris. In Nazi Germany, a dog seeks enlightenment. A Russian tortoise once owned by the Tolstoys drifts in space during the Cold War. During the Siege of Sarajevo, a starving bear tells a fairy tale. And a dolphin sent to Iraq by the U.S. Navy writes a letter to Sylvia Plath. Exquisitely written, playful, and poignant, Ceridwen Dovey's *Only the Animals* is a remarkable literary achievement by one of our brightest young writers. An animal's-eye-view of humans at our brutal, violent worst and our creative, imaginative best, it asks us to find our way back to empathy not only for animals but for other people, and to believe again in the redemptive power of reading and writing fiction. Ten-year-old William receives a wooden model of a medieval castle as a gift. It has everything he could possibly want, right down to a miniature drawbridge, a portcullis and a silver knight. In this enthralling story that weaves the everyday problems of growing up with magic and fantasy, the castle introduces William to an adventure involving magic, a ferocious dragon, a wicked wizard, and his own personal quest, where courage will finally triumph over fear.

It all begins with a letter. Fall in love with Penguin Drop Caps, a new series of twenty-six collectible and hardcover editions, each with a type cover showcasing a gorgeously illustrated letter of the alphabet. In a design collaboration between Jessica Hische and Penguin Art Director Paul Buckley, the series features unique cover art by Hische, a superstar in the world of type design and illustration, whose work has appeared everywhere from Tiffany & Co. to Wes Anderson's recent film *Moonrise Kingdom* to Penguin's own bestsellers *Committed* and *Rules of Civility*. With exclusive designs that have never before appeared on Hische's hugely popular Daily Drop Cap blog, the Penguin Drop Caps series debuted with an 'A' for Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, a 'B' for Charlotte Brönte's *Jane Eyre*, and a 'C' for Willa Cather's *My Ántonia*. It continues with more perennial classics, perfect to give as elegant gifts or to showcase on your own shelves. R is for Rushdie. Set in an exotic Eastern landscape peopled by magicians and fantastic talking animals, Salman Rushdie's classic children's novel *Haroun and the Sea of Stories* inhabits the same imaginative space as *Gulliver's Travels*, *Alice in Wonderland*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. Haroun, a 12-year-old boy sets out on an adventure to restore the poisoned source of the sea of stories. On the way, he encounters many foes, all intent on draining the sea of all its storytelling powers.

"A back country orphan struggles to defy his uncle's prophesy that he will become a baptist prophet"--NoveList.

A universal portrait and an insider's look at life in Latin America in this "vivid, graceful, tautly constructed" novel of love,

anger, hope, and tragedy (Tim O'Brien). At the heart of this "profound . . . quietly stunning work that leaves soft tracks in the heart" is Chayo, the flower-seller, and her husband Candelario, the salad-maker, who finally may be blessed with the child they thought they would never have (The Washington Post Book World). Their cause for happiness, however, triggers a series of events that marks the lives of everyone in the small village of Santiago, Mexico. Woven into Chayo's and Candelario's story are an unforgettable array of characters: Marta, the hotel maid who reads cast-off American magazines and dreams of El Paso; don Justo, the heartbroken fortune-teller; Esperanza, the midwife who finds new love with Rafael, the shy schoolteacher. Their secret dreams and desires are known only to the omniscient sea and to the curandera Remedios, a healer who hears them all. Winner of the Minnesota Book Award for Fiction Finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Award

"I believe that man will not merely endure: he will prevail. He is immortal, not because he alone among creatures has an inexhaustible voice, but because he has a soul, a spirit capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance." —William Faulkner, on receiving the Nobel Prize
Go Down, Moses is composed of seven interrelated stories, all of them set in Faulkner's mythic Yoknapatawpha County. From a variety of perspectives, Faulkner examines the complex, changing relationships between blacks and whites, between man and nature, weaving a cohesive novel rich in implication and insight.

Everything is a joke to an easygoing shifter like Ryder Croy. At least on the outside, because inside, he's on the hunt for a mate and is beginning to feel like he's not meant for a bond. He's on the tail end of a slew of bad decisions, but he's determined to turn it around and get his life back on track. When Sexy Lexi Porter stumbles into his life, she's nothing that he expected, and everything he didn't know he wanted. She's beautiful, sassy, a professional, and seven levels out of his league, but he's going for it. Now all he has to do is convince Lexi that he's the one who can make her happy. Lexi Porter isn't looking for love. She's been burned and is building a life in the small town she grew up in. The last thing she expects is to attract the interest of a rare snowy owl shifter famous for his family ties, online presence, and wit. He attracts attention wherever he goes but he has his sights set on her and she has to admit, the attention is flattering. And when she gets a peek at the real Air Ryder, she's stunned by what she finds. This smokin' hot shifter is not what he seems, and now he's working his way straight into her heart. Too bad for Lexi, Air Ryder's past has followed him to the serene mountains outside of Bryson City, and if she isn't careful, she could find herself in deep danger and changed forever. Content Warning: Explicit love scenes, naughty language, and piles of sexy shifter secrets. Intended for mature audiences.

A girl travels east of the sun and west of the moon to free her beloved prince from a magic spell.

NORWEGIAN FOLK TALES were collected and published in the mid 19th century by Peter Christian Asbjørnsen (1812-1885) and Jørgen Moe (1813-1882). The folk tales were early on illustrated by our leading artists, and contributed to the development of a national identity. The book contains 20 of the most wellknown folk tales, such as: White-Bear-King-Valemon, Little Freddie and his Fiddle, The Seventh Father of the House, The Princess who Always had to have the Last Word. NORWEGIAN HERITAGE is a series of books about our most important and best-known national icons. The respective titles introduce major personalities from the worlds of art and literature, science and sports, but also the many natural wonders of the country, as well as significant historical periods and cultural expressions. Each book offers an updated introduction to readers who wish to familiarize themselves with a given subject.

Rose was born into the world facing north, and as a north child, superstition says that she will be a wanderer, travelling far from home. This prophecy is fulfilled when she is taken on the back of a white bear to a mysterious empty castle, where a silent stranger appears to her night after night. When her curiosity overcomes her, she loses her heart, and must journey to a land east of the sun and west of the moon to reclaim it. "An enchanting retelling of a traditional fairytale, this beautifully written story completely swept me away" - Becky Stradwick, Borders UK Shortlisted - Ottakar's Children's Book Prize 2006

Son of the Cursed Bear

Torren Taylor has a gorilla problem. The birthmark on his back says he is supposed to be the new Kong, but he wants nothing to do with his people. Shunning their traditions means his silverback is out of control and on a one-way track to crazy-town. He accepted his shortened life a long time ago, but right now all he wants to do is live long enough to for a couple last bucket list items. When a rare beauty shows up at his door and offers to keep his animal steady for two hundred bucks a week, well, he's mighty tempted to pay to prolong his life. Especially if it means spending time with Candace, who seems to have a knack for calming dominant men. She's a good girl gone bad, and he wants to corrupt her even further. But something's brewing against his crew, and drawing her in closer will put her at risk. And now Torren is torn on one important decision: be selfish and live longer, or shorten Candace's life with the danger building around the Sons of Beasts. Candace Sumner needs a change. She's back in Foxburg paying off big debts and taking desperate measures to do so. She had to give up her dreams to come back to her hometown, and now she wants a break from the monotony. And maybe a friend or two wouldn't hurt either. An offer to keep a local silverback shifter steady sounds like an adventure, but when she sees Torren for the first time, her plans at aloofness are squashed. He is the type of man who is the perfect combination of sweet and deadly that could finally make her feel safe in her life. Too bad he's going crazy, and his crew could go down in flames at any second. Candace wanted an adventure, but she didn't bargain for love, betrayal, and a group of the worst-best friends a shifter like her could ask for. Content Warning: Explicit love scenes, naughty language, and piles of sexy shifter secrets. Intended for mature audiences.

Easton Novak is hiding something fearsome inside of him. An unconventional upbringing has turned his inner grizzly into a berserker-one who has all but destroyed his humanity. Being around people isn't easy. Not when he doesn't understand any of their reactions, or half of what they're saying. And if he can convince his alpha he's half sane, he just

might let Easton live. But when the raven from Easton's childhood shows up at his door again, he knows he's slowly sinking into a madness he can't come back from. She's not real. She can't be. Raven shifter, Aviana King, is terrified of bears. They're her people's natural enemy, but she hasn't been able to forget the bear cub she befriended all those years ago. Faced with a loveless courtship she doesn't want, she visits Easton just to see if the sparking feelings she felt for him when they were kids are still there. The only problem is, he thought she was just a friendly raven all those years ago, and now he doesn't recognize her human form at all. But as she searches for the courage to approach him and his terrifying Gray Back Crew, it becomes clear that the sweet silver bear cub from her childhood has grown into a powerful, dominant, barely-controlled monster grizzly. Now, the greatest threat to Aviana's life is the man she loves. He isn't Easton Novak anymore. He's Beaston. Content Warning: explicit love scenes, naughty language, and piles of sexy shifter secrets.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • In this, the extraordinary conclusion of the ice-age epic series, Earth's Children®, Ayla, Jondalar, and their infant daughter, Jonayla, are living with the Zelandonii in the Ninth Cave. Ayla has been chosen as an acolyte to a spiritual leader and begins arduous training tasks. Whatever obstacles she faces, Ayla finds inventive ways to lessen the difficulties of daily life, searching for wild edibles to make meals and experimenting with techniques to ease the long journeys the Zelandonii must take while honing her skills as a healer and a leader. And there are the Sacred Caves that Ayla's mentor takes her to see. They are filled with remarkable paintings of mammoths, lions, and bears, and their mystical aura at times overwhelms Ayla. But all the time Ayla has spent in training rituals has caused Jondalar to drift away from her. The rituals themselves bring her close to death, but through them Ayla gains A Gift of Knowledge so important that it will change her world. **BONUS:** This edition contains a reading guide and an interview with Jean M. Auel. Sixth in the acclaimed Earth's Children® series.

Look out for the original series starring Katherine Langford coming soon to Netflix! The Lady of the Lake is the true hero in this cinematic twist on the tale of King Arthur created by Thomas Wheeler and legendary artist, producer, and director Frank Miller (300, Batman: The Dark Knight Returns, Sin City). Featuring 8 full-color and 30 black-and-white pieces of original artwork by Frank Miller. Whosoever wields the Sword of Power shall be the one true King. But what if the Sword has chosen a Queen? Nimue grew up an outcast. Her connection to dark magic made her something to be feared in her Druid village, and that made her desperate to leave... That is, until her entire village is slaughtered by Red Paladins, and Nimue's fate is forever altered. Charged by her dying mother to reunite an ancient sword with a legendary sorcerer, Nimue is now her people's only hope. Her mission leaves little room for revenge, but the growing power within her can think of little else. Nimue teams up with a charming mercenary named Arthur and refugee Fey Folk from across England. She wields a sword meant for the one true king, battling paladins and the armies of a corrupt king. She struggles to unite her people, avenge her family, and discover the truth about her destiny. But perhaps the one thing that can change Destiny itself is found at the edge of a blade.

The first in a new fantasy duology, The Glass Spare is a gorgeously told tale of love, loss, and deadly power from Lauren DeStefano, the bestselling author of the Chemical Garden series. Perfect for fans of Shannon Hale and Renee Ahdieh. Wilhelmina Heidle, the fourth child and only daughter of the king of the world's wealthiest nation, has grown up in the shadows. Kept hidden from the world in order to serve as a spy for her father—whose obsession with building his empire is causing a war—Wil wants nothing more than to explore the world beyond her kingdom, if only her father would give her the chance. Until one night Wil is attacked, and she discovers a dangerous secret. Her touch turns people into gemstone. At first Wil is horrified—but as she tests its limits, she's drawn more and more to the strange and volatile ability. When it leads to tragedy, though, Wil is forced to face the destructive power within her and finally leave her home to seek the truth and a cure. But finding the key to her redemption puts her in the path of a cursed prince who has his own ideas for what to do with Wil's power. With a world on the brink of war and a power of ultimate destruction, can Wil find a way to help the kingdom that's turned its back on her, or will she betray her past and her family forever?

What happens after a fairy tale comes to an end? In a magical world where fairy tales come to life, a beautiful princess named Snow White is rescued by her Prince Charming, but her story is not yet over. Snow White's wicked stepmother ~ the Evil Queen ~ is planning to destroy the princess and happy endings once and for all, and sets out across the vast Enchanted Forest to recruit the darkest and most evil fairy tale characters to help her. Learning of her wicked stepmother's plans, Snow White sets out on her own quest to recruit a team of fairy tale heroes from other tales, and along the way she faces evil monsters, witches, giants, magic and trickery, and learns far more about herself than she ever bargained for. Starring a plethora of fairy tale characters inspired by the famous stories of the "Brothers Grimm", take a journey with some of your favourite childhood characters in the first instalment of the "Fairest" franchise, written by Fabian De Sousa and filled with beautiful illustrations by drachenmagier.

'Things Fall Apart' tells the story of Okonkwo, an important man in the Igbo tribe in the days when white men were first on the scene. Okonkwo becomes exiled from his tribe, as a result of his pride and his fears, with tragic consequences.

In this modern-day "lively re-imagining of classical mythology" (Deborah Harkness), when a string of women are murdered in an ancient pagan ritual, Selene DiSilvia -- known by some as the goddess Artemis -- hears their cries for help and takes up her bow once more. Manhattan has many secrets. Some are older than the city itself. The city sleeps. In the predawn calm, Selene DiSilvia finds the body of a young woman washed ashore, gruesomely mutilated and wreathed in laurel. Her ancient rage returns, along with the memory of a promise she made long ago -- when her name was Artemis. Jordanna Max Brodsky's acclaimed debut sets Greek Gods against a modern Manhattan backdrop, creating an unputdownable blend of myth and mystery. The Olympus Bound series: The Immortals Winter of the Gods Olympus Bound For more from Jordanna Max Brodsky, check out: The Wolf in the Whale

The first book in Chris Colfer's #1 New York Times bestselling series The Land of Stories about two siblings who fall into

a fairy-tale world! Alex and Conner Bailey's world is about to change forever, in this fast-paced adventure that uniquely combines our modern day world with the enchanting realm of classic fairy tales. The Land of Stories tells the tale of twins Alex and Conner. Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, they leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with fairy tale characters they grew up reading about. But after a series of encounters with witches, wolves, goblins, and trolls alike, getting back home is going to be harder than they thought.

Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories. Jr Lib Guild. Teacher's Guide available. Reprint.

Katherine Arden's bestselling debut novel spins an irresistible spell as it announces the arrival of a singular talent with a gorgeous voice. "A beautiful deep-winter story, full of magic and monsters and the sharp edges of growing up."—Naomi Novik, bestselling author of *Uprooted* Winter lasts most of the year at the edge of the Russian wilderness, and in the long nights, Vasilisa and her siblings love to gather by the fire to listen to their nurse's fairy tales. Above all, Vasya loves the story of Frost, the blue-eyed winter demon. Wise Russians fear him, for he claims unwary souls, and they honor the spirits that protect their homes from evil. Then Vasya's widowed father brings home a new wife from Moscow. Fiercely devout, Vasya's stepmother forbids her family from honoring their household spirits, but Vasya fears what this may bring. And indeed, misfortune begins to stalk the village. But Vasya's stepmother only grows harsher, determined to remake the village to her liking and to groom her rebellious stepdaughter for marriage or a convent. As the village's defenses weaken and evil from the forest creeps nearer, Vasilisa must call upon dangerous gifts she has long concealed—to protect her family from a threat sprung to life from her nurse's most frightening tales. Praise for *The Bear and the Nightingale* "Arden's debut novel has the cadence of a beautiful fairy tale but is darker and more lyrical."—*The Washington Post* "Vasya [is] a clever, stalwart girl determined to forge her own path in a time when women had few choices."—*The Christian Science Monitor* "Stunning . . . will enchant readers from the first page. . . . with an irresistible heroine who wants only to be free of the bonds placed on her gender and claim her own fate."—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review) "Utterly bewitching . . . a lush narrative . . . an immersive, earthy story of folk magic, faith, and hubris, peopled with vivid, dynamic characters, particularly clever, brave Vasya, who outsmarts men and demons alike to save her family."—*Booklist* (starred review) "An extraordinary retelling of a very old tale . . . *The Bear and the Nightingale* is a wonderfully layered novel of family and the harsh wonders of deep winter magic."—Robin Hobb

First published in 1938, 'Anthem' is a dystopian fiction novel by British writer Ayn Rand. It takes place at some unspecified future date when mankind has entered another dark age. Technological advancement is now carefully planned and the concept of individuality has been eliminated.

From the New York Times bestselling author comes a breathtaking fantasy of a cursed kingdom, warring clans, and unexpected salvation. Bayr of Saylok, bastard son of a powerful and jealous chieftain, is haunted by the curse once leveled by his dying mother. Bartered, abandoned, and rarely loved, she plagued the land with her words: From this day forward, there will be no daughters in Saylok. Raised among the Keepers at Temple Hill, Bayr is gifted with inhuman strength. But he's also blessed with an all-too-human heart that beats with one purpose: to protect Alba, the first girl child born in nearly two decades and the salvation for a country at risk. Now the fate of Saylok lies with Alba and Bayr, whose bond grows deeper with every whisper of coming chaos. Charged with battling the enemies of their people, both within and without, Bayr is fueled further by the love of a girl who has defied the scourge of Saylok. What Bayr and Alba don't know is that they each threaten the king, a greedy man who built his throne on lies, murder, and betrayal. There is only one way to defend their land from the corruption that has overtaken it. By breaking the curse, they could defeat the king...but they could also destroy themselves.

This novel of awesome beauty and power is a moving saga about people, relationships, and the boundaries of love. Nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's *The Great American Read* Through Jean M. Auel's magnificent storytelling we are taken back to the dawn of modern humans, and with a girl named Ayla we are swept up in the harsh and beautiful Ice Age world they shared with the ones who called themselves *The Clan of the Cave Bear*. A natural disaster leaves the young girl wandering alone in an unfamiliar and dangerous land until she is found by a woman of the Clan, people very different from her own kind. To them, blond, blue-eyed Ayla looks peculiar and ugly—she is one of the Others, those who have moved into their ancient homeland; but Iza cannot leave the girl to die and takes her with them. Iza and Creb, the old Mog-ur, grow to love her, and as Ayla learns the ways of the Clan and Iza's way of healing, most come to accept her. But the brutal and proud youth who is destined to become their next leader sees her differences as a threat to his authority. He develops a deep and abiding hatred for the strange girl of the Others who lives in their midst, and is determined to get his revenge. This eBook includes the full text of the novel plus the following additional content: • An *Earth's Children*® series sampler including free chapters from the other books in Jean M. Auel's bestselling series • A Q&A with the author about the *Earth's Children*® series

Bookshop owner Penelope Thornton-McClure and her ghostly companion must solve the case of a literary killer in this *Haunted Bookshop* mystery from Cleo Coyle, writing as Alice Kimberly. Pen has just received an extremely rare collection of Edgar Allan Poe's complete works. Rumor has it a secret code, trapped within the books' leather-bound pages, leads to buried treasure. Well, it looks like they got the buried part right—because, as Pen sells off the valuable volumes, everyone who buys...dies. Once these books go missing from their owners' cold hands, Pen will need resident ghost and hard-boiled P.I. Jack Shepard to help crack the case. The police are skeptical that the deaths involved foul play—so it's up to them to unravel these shocking endings...

A medieval curse gives Brother and Sister Bear an adventure they'll never forget! On a beautiful sunny day in Bear Country Park, Brother Bear is riding his skateboard and Sister Bear and her new butterfly friend are skipping rope. Then they notice a sign on the Shagbark Hickory Bulletin Board: HELP WANTED! AT ARCHEOLOGICAL DIGS. Determined to be the first to apply, Sister and Brother Bear hotpaw it to the Bearsonian Institution and meet Professor Actual Factual. He drives them to the dig, where Sister Bear unearths a medieval suit of armor, complete with a curse. They transport the find back to the museum and assemble the knight, hoping it will attract bears from all over. But the next morning, it comes charging out of the tower room! Will the exhibit go

on and give everyone in Bear Country a true knight to remember?

Come for a visit in Bear Country with this classic First Time Book® from Stan and Jan Berenstain. Sister has learned a new word . . . and it's a big blooper. How will Papa, Mama, and Brother react when they hear her say it, and will they be able to help her break this bad habit? This beloved story is a perfect way to teach children about the importance of choosing their words carefully. "This main character has echoes of Rylee Adamson, yet still holds her own flare, the world building is unique and the book has some beautiful snarky humor that left me gobbling it up! The author has a deft hand at bringing bad ass women to life, I can't wait for book two!" ~ReviewerThe Witch's Reign...a land of unnatural hellish cold ruled over by the Ice Witch herself, who is in turn guarded by three creatures-Wolf, Bear, and Raven. Those lovely beasts derive their power directly from their mistress and just happen to kill any who cross their paths. To get THERE, you first must pass through the Dragon's Ground. Full of, you guessed it, dragons who for the record, also do not like trespassers.Sounds like a fun place to go, doesn't it? Yeah, not so much. You see the thing is my best friend, Darcy was sent with a team into the Witch's Reign to recover a powerful jewel that belongs to our mentor, and they are long overdue to come back. That leaves me, Zamira "Reckless" Wilson to go after my friend because no one else will. Somehow, I get saddled with a human-a male no less!-tagging along for the ride. A human that is as weak and useless as my shifting abilities. Throw in a weapon that might be trying to kill me, and a small dragon that has a penchant for Shakespearean insults, and you've got my life in a nutshell.May the sands of the desert swallow me whole because this is going to be a friggin bumpy ride.

"Sleeping Bear is one of the very best thrillers you'll read this year. It's one of those rare novels that keeps getting better and better and better. Remember the author's name—Connor Sullivan." —James Patterson, New York Times bestselling author Perfect for fans of Brad Thor and Vince Flynn, this white-knuckled debut thriller follows a former Army veteran seeking solitude in the Alaskan wilderness after her husband's death—only to find herself a pawn in a deadly game with Russia. After her young husband's untimely death, Army veteran Cassie Gale decides to take a few days of solitude in the Alaska wilderness before she starts her new job. But when she fails to show up on her first day and her dog is discovered injured at her wrecked campsite, her father knows that this is much more than a camping trip gone awry. As it turns out, Cassie's not the first person to disappear without a trace in Alaska's northern interior. Bears. Wolves. Avalanches. Frostbite. Starvation. There are many ways to die in here. But not all disappearances can be explained. Cassie's is one of them, along with a number of other outdoor enthusiasts who have vanished in recent years. Regaining consciousness in a Russian prison, Cassie finds herself trapped in a system designed to ensure that no one ever escapes alive. It will require all her grit and skills to survive. Meanwhile, her father rushes to outrun the clock, scouring thousands of acres, only to realize she's been taken by a far more nefarious adversary—one with the power of the Eastern Bloc behind it. Ties to his past life, one full of secrets, threaten to surface. He knows there's a price to be paid, but he's determined it won't be his daughter.

The second in an exciting fantasy duology about a princess cursed to turn any living thing she touches into gemstone from Lauren DeStefano, the bestselling author of the Chemical Garden series. Perfect for fans of Shannon Hale and Renée Ahdieh. Wil, the exiled princess of northern Arrod, must do what she never thought possible: return home to discover the origins of her own curse. But home is very different from how she left it—Wil's unpredictable elder brother Baren is now king, leading a war against the Southern Isles. And with time running out, Wil must navigate the dangerous secrets within her family to find the truth. Nothing goes as planned, and suddenly Wil and her allies are fighting for their lives as the Southern king is out to ensure neither of his children will survive to take the throne. Traveling across cursed seas and treacherous kingdoms, Wil and Loom must make peace with their pasts if they hope to secure the future of their world. But when their plans lead them right back to evil marveler Pahn, and to Baren—who is more dangerous than ever—can Wil and her friends outsmart their enemies, this time for good?

****Don't miss the epic finale in T. S. Joyce's bestselling Red Havoc Panthers series****The countdown is on. Crazy Lynn Matheson has six days until she'll join all the other shifters who have lost their minds and been put down by their alphas. All she wants to do is get through the next week with the Gray Back Crew as quietly as possible, but some of the big, dominant males in Damon's Mountains are pushing her to fight her destiny. The main culprit? A tatted-up, motorcycle-riding, trouble-making giant of a man named Jathan Barns. He's watching her every move, angering the panther inside of Lynn. She wants nothing to do with love, but Jathan is stirring up emotions she never thought she would feel again, and now he's making her question everything-her destiny included.The countdown is on. Jathan Barns has six days to save Crazy Lynn. She fell apart when she left Damon's Mountains, and now no matter what it costs him, he is determined to keep her alpha from putting her down. He would fight every shifter on earth to keep her safe, but he can't save a half-crazed panther shifter who doesn't want to save herself. The plan is simple: manipulate Lynn into being the tough girl he knows she is, without losing his heart in the process. But the more time he spends with her, the more he learns things aren't always what they seem. She isn't weak like he thought, and as he begins to understand her, it becomes clear that her broken panther might be just the right match for his Bad Bear.Content Warning: Explicit love scenes, naughty language, and piles of sexy shifter secrets. Intended for mature audiences.

Deep in a high security shifter prison dwells the most dangerous shifter in the world. Vyr Daye is the Red Dragon, alpha to the Sons of Beasts Crew, loner, watcher, fire-breather...and he's also completely misunderstood. The media has dragged him through the mud, his reputation is shot, and his own father helped to put him in prison for a one-year sentence. Only this prison isn't what it seems and he's fighting to keep his dragon alive. All he needs to do is keep steady for six more months and then he can live his life as quietly as possible with his crew, but one sexy, fast-talking prison counselor saunters in and wrecks his focus. Riyah isn't what she seems, but no one can sense her powers besides Vyr. He'll keep her secrets if she keeps his. And as the dragon inside of him starts losing his battle, he'll need her help to gather his crew and pull him from the brink before it's too late. And the more he gets to know the beguiling woman, the more he thinks she's here for more important reasons than even he understands.Riyah Mercer has been hired to infiltrate the shifter prison and watch Vyr's back. He doesn't trust her, but he doesn't realize she is his only friend here. She can see him struggling, and can see the dragon fading. As she starts falling hard for the stoic man, she becomes determined to do anything to save him. But saving the dragon means unleashing his fire on the world, and that's not the only danger Riyah is in. There are eyes everywhere in the prison and they are creating something monstrous down in the cell where they keep the Red Dragon. If she is caught helping the man she's falling in love with, it could mean the end for them both.Content Warning: Explicit love scenes, naughty language, and piles of sexy shifter secrets. Intended for mature audiences. In one of the greatest American classics, Baldwin chronicles a fourteen-year-old boy's discovery of the terms of his identity. Baldwin's rendering of his protagonist's spiritual, sexual, and moral struggle of self-invention opened new possibilities in the

American language and in the way Americans understand themselves. With lyrical precision, psychological directness, resonating symbolic power, and a rage that is at once unrelenting and compassionate, Baldwin tells the story of the stepson of the minister of a storefront Pentecostal church in Harlem one Saturday in March of 1935. Originally published in 1953, Baldwin said of his first novel, "Mountain is the book I had to write if I was ever going to write anything else." "With vivid imagery, with lavish attention to details ... [a] feverish story." —The New York Times

From bestselling author Katherine Lasky comes the first book in WOLVES OF THE BEYOND, a stunning new spinoff from her legendary owl series, Guardians of Ga'hoole. A wolf mother has given birth, but the warm bundle snuffling next to her brings only anguish. The pup, otherwise healthy, has a twisted leg, and the mother knows what the harsh code of the pack demands. Her pup will be taken from her and abandoned on a desolate hill. The pack cannot have weakness - the wolf mother knows that her pup is condemned to die. But alone in the wilderness, the pup, Faolan, does not perish. This his story - a story of survival, of courage, and of love triumphant. This is Faolan's story, the wolf pup who rose up to change forever the Wolves of the Beyond.

****Don't miss the exciting first book in T. S. Joyce's brand new standalone series, Sons of Beasts****Bounty Hunter, Nox Fuller, has been challenged to do the impossible. He's supposed to bring the Red Dragon in for a year long stint in shifter prison, but this job could be the death of him. His focus should be on the hunt, but when he meets a shy shifter named Nevada, he can't help but be distracted by the curvy beauty. He doesn't care that she has trouble speaking to people. He's different too. But as he finds out exactly what kind of shifter he's falling for, he realizes he's in way over his head. Stuck between a war with the local crew, and the fire-breathing Red Dragon, Nox has to tread very carefully. Too bad he's the least careful bear shifter in existence. It's not just his safety at risk as he hunts Vyr though. The closer he gets to the dragon, the more danger he and Nevada are both in. Nevada Foxburg has a life full of secrets. One chance meeting with a feral grizzly shifter from Damon's Mountains puts not only her at risk, but her people too. They're doomed from the start, and she's supposed to pair up with a shifter like her, but Nox is wild, battle-hardened, funny, sexy-as-sin, and too interesting for his own good. He makes life fun, and keeps her on her toes. But he's got secrets too, and when she finds out he's in her hometown hunting the most dangerous creature on earth, she has to make a choice. Stay safe deep in the sanctuary of her crew, or risk her life to have Nox's back. Content Warning: Explicit love scenes, naughty language, and piles of sexy shifter secrets. Intended for mature audiences.

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