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"This is a stand-alone novel with material enough for six... By the halfway point, it had blown my mind twice... an audacious, genre-bending whirlwind." —New York Times "It reads like Snow Crash had a dance-off with Gideon the Ninth, in a world where language isn't a virus from outer space, it's a goddamn alien invasion." —Charles Stross In modern day Los Angeles, a shadowy faction led by the Governor of California develops the arcane art of combat linguistics, planting the seeds of a future totalitarian empire. Isobel is the Queen of the medieval rave-themed VR game Sparkle Dungeon. Her prowess in the game makes her an ideal candidate to learn the secrets of "power morphemes"—unnaturally dense units of meaning that warp perception when skilfully pronounced. But Isobel's reputation makes her the target of a strange resistance movement led by spellcasting anarchists, who may be the only thing stopping the cabal from toppling California over the edge of a terrible transformation, with forty million lives at stake. Time is short for Isobel to level up and choose a side—because the cabal has attracted much bigger and weirder enemies than the anarchist resistance, emerging from dark and vicious dimensions of reality and heading straight for planet Earth! At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Unraveling Isobel Simon and Schuster At Point Fullerton, one thousand miles straight north of civilization, Sergeant William MacVeigh wrote with the stub end of a pencil between his fingers the last words of his semi-annual report to the Commissioner of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police at Regina. He concluded: "I beg to say that I have made every effort to run down Scottie Deane, the murderer. I have not given up hope of finding him, but I believe that he has gone from my territory and is probably now somewhere within the limits of the Fort Churchill

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Getting Revenge on Lauren Wood

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Longlisted for the FT/McKinsey Business Book of the Year Award A groundbreaking chronicle of the birth--and death--of a pair of jeans, that exposes the fractures in our global supply chains, and our relationships to each other, ourselves, and the planet Take a look at your favorite pair of jeans. Maybe you bought them on Amazon or the Gap; maybe the tag says "Made in Bangladesh" or "Made in Sri Lanka." But do you know where they really came from, how many thousands of miles they crossed, or the number of hands who picked, spun, wove, dyed, packaged, shipped, and sold them to get to you? The fashion industry operates with radical opacity, and it's only getting worse to disguise countless environmental and labor abuses. It epitomizes the ravages inherent in the global economy, and all in the name of ensuring that we keep buying more while thinking less about its real cost. In *Unraveled*, entrepreneur, researcher, and advocate Maxine Bédard follows the life of an American icon--a pair of jeans--to reveal what really happens to give us our clothes. We visit a Texas cotton farm figuring out how to thrive without relying on fertilizers that poison the earth. Inside dyeing and weaving factories in China, where chemicals that are banned in the West slosh on factory floors and drain into waterways used to irrigate local family farms. Sewing floors in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka are crammed with women working for illegally low wages to produce garments as efficiently as machines. Back in America, our jeans get stowed, picked, and shipped out by Amazon warehouse workers pressed to be

as quick as the robots primed to replace them. Finally, those jeans we had to have get sent to landfills--or, if they've been "donated," shipped back around the world to Africa, where they're sold for pennies in secondhand markets or buried and burned in mountains of garbage. A sprawling, deeply researched, and provocative tour-de-force, *Unraveled* is not just the story of a pair of pants, but also the story of our global economy and our role in it. Told with piercing insight and unprecedented reporting, *Unraveled* challenges us to use our relationship with our jeans--and all that we wear--to reclaim our central role as citizens to refashion a society in which all people can thrive and preserve the planet for generations to come.

Gnome Invasion Simon and Schuster Desire, a spark, and a decision made too fast. A Las Vegas stripper is plunged into the depraved world of a psychopath. But is she the only target of his twisted desires? A regular Sunday night in a Las Vegas strip club is rocked when a local oddball dies mysteriously during a private dance. Amber falls immediately in lust with the hot paramedic who arrives, and follows him outside. But her casual encounter quickly descends into a terrifying, twisted nightmare from which she is unable to escape. Five days later, it's Lana's next shift at the club. She's a fly-in-fly-out dancer paying her way through law school - and she's Amber's best friend. But where is Amber, and what about the dead client? Was it an accident, suicide, or murder? Finding neither the police nor the club are taking much interest, Lana conducts her own inquiries. Thrust into a web of lies and deceptions she is determined to unravel, she's desperate to uncover the truth about the death, but the person she most needs to speak to is Amber. An addictively dark, psychological thriller, *Isobel Blackthorn's 'Twerk'* exposes the working lives of strippers beyond the glamor - the challenges, the rewards, and the risks.

Lost on Nairne Island Ruth Finlay Mysteries

The Fractured Labyrinth is a thrilling dark fantasy novel that will keep you on the edge of your seat from start to finish. Follow the story of Lyra, a young woman

who finds herself trapped in a twisted and dangerous labyrinth, filled with deadly traps and sinister creatures. As she fights for survival, she must also unravel the mystery behind the labyrinth's creation and confront the dark forces that seek to control it. With vividly described settings, dynamic characters, and a gripping plot full of surprises, *The Fractured Labyrinth* is a must-read for anyone who loves dark fantasy and pulse-pounding adventure.

Latchkey Simon and Schuster

Partnered with a boy named Brody, high school senior Avery embarks on a class project to find her birth mother, after Avery's former best friend, also adopted, dies.

Fourth Grade Fairy Simon and Schuster

When her long-estranged father invites sixteen-year-old Liv Varanakis to help him film a documentary about his theories on Atlantis, she looks forward to reconnecting but discovers he may have invited her to Greece for a very different reason.

Isobel Kensington Publishing Corp.

Draft copy

At the Quietest Word Simon and Schuster -a Shadow Force: Psi romance- Delta Force operator Ricardo Manella nearly died in the Honduran jungle. But while captive in a drug lord's camp, he discovers a unique talent that saves his life. Michelle Bowman never thought about saving lives until a previously unknown telepathic connection to Ricardo saves his. However, her old college roommate's twin brother proves he possesses other powers—especially the skill to consistently piss her off. When they become involved in a security test gone bad, they must depend upon each other and their unique method of communication to save both of their lives.

Living With It Penguin

From the author of *Unraveling Isobel* and *The Education of Hailey Kendrick*, a smart, romantic novel about a teenage con artist who might be in over her head. Sadie can't wait to get away from her backwards small town, her delusional mom, her jailbird dad, and the tiny trailer where she was raised...even though leaving those things behind also means leaving her best friend Brendan. Sadie wants a better life, and she has been working steadily toward it, one con at a time. But when Sadie's mother wipes out Sadie's savings, her escape plan is suddenly gone. She needs to come up with a lot of cash—and fast—or she'll be stuck in this town forever. With Brendan's help, she devises a plan—the ultimate con—to get the money. But the more lies Sadie spins, the more she starts falling for her own hoax...and perhaps for the wrong boy. Sadie wanted to change her life, but she wasn't prepared to have it

flipped upside down by her own deception. With her future at stake and her heart on the line, suddenly it seems like she has a lot more than just money to lose...

The Almost Truth Myriad Editions

Hailey Kendrick has always done exactly what's expected of her. She has the right friends, dates the right boy, gets good grades, and follows the rules. But one night, Hailey risks everything by breaking a very big rule in a very public way...and with a very unexpected partner in crime. Hailey gets caught, but her accomplice does not, and Hailey takes the fall for both of them. In the process, she loses everything--her best friend, her boyfriend, her popularity, her reputation. But some secrets are worth keeping, no matter the cost...or are they?

Remember Penguin

The third in a series of books about Willow's adventures as she masters her secret fairy powers, navigates sprite training, tries to ignore her perfect older sister, and maintains a friendship with Katie, the most un-normal of humans. Willow Avery seems to be advancing in her fairy training with alarming speed. In addition to being able to talk to animals (a very unusual power), she can also fly! But it isn't all good news. Willow's human bff, Katie, has discovered that fairies exist and that's put the Averys in a difficult position. They're under review from the Fairy Council as to what humans' knowledge of fairies could mean. Meanwhile, Willow is entering the school science fair and she's vowed not to use her magic to help her win. So she tests different methods of watering plants the old fashioned way: trial and error. However, a vindictive garden gnome, Jakob DeGroot, is appalled at her plant abuse and does everything in his power to thwart her science project. Of course, drama continues with Bethany and Katie, and new crush Nathan at school. And it looks like Jakob might be meddling with her human classmates' projects too! Can Willow stop the meddling gnome and still be able to compete--all without magic?

Comparative Genomics Mythic Delirium Books

All Willow Doyle wants is to be normal, to fit in at her new school, and to have a best friend. But there's no way Willow will ever be normal. There isn't anything normal about her or the Doyle family. Willow comes from a long line of fairy godmothers and she's expected to be one too when the time comes. (At the moment she's merely sprite status.) Maybe that would be cool if it were like the old days when the humans -- known as humdrums -- knew fairy godmothers existed and the fairies didn't have to keep their fairy status

secret. Now they're stuck helping humans who don't even believe in them. Rather than help normals, Willow would rather be human. She's sick of being weird. When she's given the chance to attend a humdrum elementary school for two weeks, this is Willow's chance to finally experience a normal life -- but will she be able to fit in? And can she find her best friend there, even if her parents discourage making friends with humans?

Love & Olives Simon and Schuster

A darkly comic novel that "combines the perfect mix of mystery and romance to create a delightfully creepy chick lit-y ghost story" (*School Library Journal*), from the author of *The Education of Hailey Kendrick* and *Getting Revenge on Lauren Wood*. Isobel's life is falling apart. Her mom just married some guy she met on the Internet only three months before and is moving them to his sprawling, gothic mansion off the coast of nowhere. Goodbye, best friend. Goodbye, social life. Hello, icky new stepfather, crunchy granola town, and unbelievably good-looking, officially off-limits stepbrother. But on her first night in her new home, Isobel starts to fear that it isn't only her life that's unraveling—her sanity might be giving way too. Because either Isobel is losing her mind, just like her artist father did before her, or she's seeing ghosts. Either way, Isobel's fast on her way to being the talk of the town for all the wrong reasons.

The Almost Truth Springer Science & Business Media

When a teenaged con artist realizes that she looks like an age-enhanced photo of a missing child, she decides to pull the ultimate con. Until she begins to suspect she may actually be the missing child.

Unraveled Simon and Schuster

Important suggestions and studies regarding the Shroud of Turin, never-before presented to the public. BONUS: interview with heroic fireman Mario Trematore (he saved the Shroud from 1997 fire).

The Shroud of Turin Aladdin

Harper, whose father's company trademarked the "Memtex" procedure for wiping out bad memories, is surprised when her father objects to her having a treatment but afterwards, she begins having strange flashes about her own life and she joins forces with Neil, one of the company's protesters, to find the truth.

Never Enough CreateSpace

Finding your soul mate is the ultimate dream come true. But for Samara Marshall, it's a matter of life and death. . . After falling for a Cambion and then turning into one herself, Samara never

thought her senior year could get more complicated. The gaps in her memory, the mysterious deaths, and the constant danger that threaten her once quiet town have a common thread: Tobias, a demon with a lot of enemies. He's also Samara's other soul mate and he's suddenly disappeared. Samara knows the key to finding Tobias lies with her inner demon, who has her own agenda and threatens to take over completely. But Samara isn't the only one who wants to find Tobias. His enemies are getting closer, and their plans for retribution could mean deadly consequences for Samara and her true soul mate, Caleb. . . . "Jaime Reed's books are irresistible." --Ann Aguirre, author of *Enclave* Praise for *The Cambion Chronicles* "Sexy and snarky! I dare you not to laugh while reading this fantastic debut."--Kody

Keplinger, author of *Shut Out* "With a sassy, kick-ass heroine, Jaime Reed's *Living Violet* will keep readers turning pages late into the night." --Eileen Cook, author of *Unraveling Isobel* "Jaime Reed's books are irresistible. They couldn't be more delicious if they were made of cake and frosted in chocolate." --Ann Aguirre, author of *Enclave* *What Would Emma Do?* 1st World Publishing
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The Count of Monte Cristo meets *Mean Girls* in this scandalicious, hilarious tale of friendship, betrayal, makeovers, and revenge.