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Bounty hunter Stephanie

Plum's life is set to blow sky high when international murder hits dangerously close to home, in this dynamite

novel by Janet Evanovich. Before Stephanie can even step foot off Flight 127 Hawaii to Newark, she's knee deep in trouble. Her dream vacation turned into a nightmare, and she's flying back to New Jersey solo. Worse still, her seatmate never returned to the plane after the L.A. layover. Now he's dead—and a ragtag collection of thugs and psychos, not to mention the FBI, are all looking for a photograph he was supposed to be carrying. Only one person has seen

the missing photo: Stephanie Plum. Now she's the target. An FBI sketch artist helps Stephanie re-create the person in the photo, but Stephanie's descriptive skills are lacking. Until she can improve them, she'll need to watch her back. Over at the bail bonds agency things are going from bad to worse. Vinnie's temporary HQ has gone up in smoke. Stephanie's wheelman, Lula, falls for their largest skip yet. Lifetime arch nemesis Joyce Barnhardt moves into Stephanie's

apartment. And everyone wants to know what happened in Hawaii? Morelli, Trenton's hottest cop, isn't talking about Hawaii. Ranger, the man of mystery, isn't talking about Hawaii. And all Stephanie is willing to say about her Hawaiian vacation is . . . It's complicated.

Under the Table

Penguin
Piers Anthony's bestselling Xanth series is one of the cornerstones of fantasy, a lively and whimsical interpretation of a genre often criticized

for taking itself too seriously. Anthony's first Xanth novel, *A Spell for Chameleon*, was initially edited to target a more traditional audience. Now, in an eBook exclusive, *A Spell for Chameleon* has been reworked line by line—its language matching the simpler, playful way with words that made Piers Anthony an enduring fan favorite. Xanth is an enchanted land where magic rules, a land of centaurs and dragons and basilisks where every citizen has a unique spell to call their

own. For Bink of North Village, however, Xanth is no fairy tale. He alone has no magic. And unless he gets some—and fast!—he will be exiled. Forever. But the Good Magician Humfrey is convinced that Bink does indeed have magic. In fact, both Beauregard the genie and the magic wall chart insist that Bink has magic as powerful as any possessed by the King, the Good Magician Humfrey, or even the Evil Magician Trent. Be that as it may, no one can fathom the nature of Bink's very

special magic. This is even worse than having no magic at all . . . and he still faces exile! Queen Bee HarperCollins Seventeen-year-old Annabel Conway is tired of the Hillcrest High School elite making her life miserable because she's not a size two. This summer, she's hiring a personal trainer to help her lose weight. Annabel doesn't expect her trainer to be a gorgeous guy around her age. Boys like Tegan are jerks. They pretend to like girls like her so they can make an

idiot out of them. Been there, done that. Totally not going there again. She kind of hates him on principal. Blond. Muscular. Funny. It doesn't help that he knows her measurements! Soon, Tegan's so much more than that. He's the boy who teaches her to box when she has a bad day. Who jogs with her and lets her set the pace. Who kisses her until she melts. He makes her feel beautiful regardless of what the scale says. Unlike her mom, he doesn't expect perfection,

and he doesn't try to shield her from the world like her dad and best friend. Tegan likes her the way she is. But what happens when he's not there? He can't always be there... Will Annabel be able to stand on her own and learn that she already measures up? That her worth doesn't lie in what the world thinks, the scale says, or even what Tegan tells her-but in herself?
Mud, Sweat and Tears
 HarperCollins UK
 Thanks to a combination of business savvy, breathtaking chutzpah,

and lucky timing, Helena Rubinstein managed to transform herself from a poor Polish emigrant to the world's first self-made female tycoon. She went from selling homemade "Crème Valaze" out of her house in Australia to becoming an international cosmetics magnate. Tiny and plump, wearing extravagant jewels and spiked heels, she was a fixture of upper-crust New York for many years. She was larger than life, and never took no for an answer: when she was refused from a New York

City apartment on the grounds that she was Jewish, she went ahead and bought the whole building and promptly moved in. The story of Eugène Schueller and L'Oréal begins in 1907, in a dingy working-class part of Paris, where a young Schueller sat at his family's kitchen table trying to develop the first harmless artificial hair dye. The tale of how L'Oréal went from that point to the world's largest cosmetics company is fascinating and full of intrigue, with a

little of everything: fascist assassins, bitter unmaskings, political scandals. In 1988, although Schueller and Rubinstein had long since passed away, their worlds collided when L'Oréal bought Rubinstein's company — leading to a series of scandals that threw a new and sinister light on L'Oréal. For starters, Rubinstein was Jewish, but Schueller and many other top L'Oréal executives had been active Nazi collaborators. What came to light threatened the

reputations of some of France's most powerful men - up to and including its president. This is a powerful, dramatic, and largely untold story about the ugly truth behind a beauty empire.

Real Happy Family Harper Collins

Following the success of the New York Times bestseller Sidney Sheldon's *Mistress of the Game*, this sweeping tale of love and betrayal, vengeance and redemption, will leave you racing to its shocking, triumphant end What

happens when a woman who has everything loses everything? And when a woman who has nothing realizes she has nothing to lose? Blessed with the face of an angel and the guileless, trusting nature of a child, Grace Brookstein is the prized wife of the king of Wall Street, Lenny Brookstein. A billionaire many times over, with estates around the world, a fleet of yachts, and a life that is the stuff of fantasies, the revered financial wizard made his fortune tending the nest eggs of ordinary

people—the elderly, blue-collar workers, small charities, and working families struggling to make a better life for themselves and their children. The embodiment of America itself—ambitious, hardworking, generous, and warmhearted—Lenny is a fixture of the business pages and the society columns, where he and Grace are celebrated for their philanthropic contributions and their lavish annual fund-raising ball. Despite the stock market's terrifying

collapse, the Brooksteins' glamorous lifestyle of Palm Beach polo tournaments and G5 jets remains untouched—until the day Lenny goes sailing from their Nantucket beach estate and never comes home. When his abandoned yacht is found far out at sea, Grace is devastated. Lenny was her world. She has no idea that his disappearance is just the beginning of a dark, terrifying nightmare of murder, lies, greed, and betrayal that will shatter her life and destroy

everything she has ever known. . . . Before she can begin to grieve, the shocking news breaks that the \$75 billion invested in Quorum, Lenny's hedge fund, is gone—and everyone believes that Grace has stolen the money. Overnight, the delicate beauty who was once the toast of moneyed society has become a reviled modern-day Marie Antoinette, alone and power-less to stop her infamous fall. Grace is certain someone is framing her, and she'll do

whatever it takes to prove it, even if it means taking the law into her own hands. Surrounded by enemies, with no one to turn to, Grace must learn to rely on herself—a bold, dangerous journey that will transform her in ways she never thought possible and lead her to a startling new life. Filled with the passion, glamour, twists, and driving suspense that made Sidney Sheldon a bestselling legend, *Sidney Sheldon's After the Darkness* is an entertaining thrill ride that

continues the grand tradition set by the master himself.

The Secrets of Mary Bowser McClelland & Stewart

Miranda Smith isn't surprised to discover a cache of racy photographs in her husband's desk--after all, he is the president of Ballantyne Bras. But she's more than shocked to realize it's his buff, burly body encased in the red satin bustier and matching bikini panties...and he's nowhere to be found.

Neither is their life savings nor the company coffers. Thus begins Miranda's hilarious, frantic scramble to unravel the mystery behind her husband's disappearance, illegal accounting practices, and penchant for wearing silky teddies and kitten heels.

The Temporary Roomie

Harper Collins

The Right Fight, the new management guide from noted business strategists Saj-nicole Joni and Damon Beyer, turns management thinking on its head and shows why, in the fast-

moving, hyper-competitive marketplaces of the 21st century, leaders need to both foster alignment and orchestrate thoughtful controversy in their organizations to get the best out of them. The authors' groundbreaking research—including examples as diverse as Unilever, Microsoft, Coca-Cola, Dell, the Clinton Administration, and the Houston Independent School System—shows that happy workers can become bored or complacent and thus less

productive than workers who are subjected to a little properly managed tension. Readers of Good to Great and Winning, as well as the Harvard Business Review and Strategy + Business, will find much to ponder in The Right Fight. *Big Girl Panties* Bantam In her midforties and settled into the responsibilities and routines of adulthood, Dani Shapiro found herself with more questions than answers. Was this all life was—a hodgepodge of errands, dinner dates, e-

mails, meetings, to-do lists? What did it all mean? Having grown up in a deeply religious and traditional family, Shapiro had no personal sense of faith, despite repeated attempts to create a connection to something greater. Feeling as if she was plunging headlong into what Carl Jung termed "the afternoon of life," she wrestled with self-doubt and a searing disquietude that would awaken her in the middle of the night. Set adrift by loss—her father's early death; the life-threatening

illness of her infant son; her troubled relationship with her mother—she had become edgy and uncertain. At the heart of this anxiety, she realized, was a challenge: What did she believe? Spurred on by the big questions her young son began to raise, Shapiro embarked upon a surprisingly joyful quest to find meaning in a constantly changing world. The result is *Devotion*: a literary excavation to the core of a life. In this spiritual detective story, Shapiro explores the varieties of

experience she has pursued—from the rituals of her black hat Orthodox Jewish relatives to yoga shalas and meditation retreats. A reckoning of the choices she has made and the knowledge she has gained, *Devotion* is the story of a woman whose search for meaning ultimately leads her home. Her journey is at once poignant and funny, intensely personal—and completely universal. [The Guestbook at Willow Cottage](#) William Morrow New York Times Bestseller "A genuinely moving story

about race and class, parenting and marriage. . . Chabon is inarguably one of the greatest prose stylists of all time." — Benjamin Percy, Esquire New York Times bestselling, Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Michael Chabon has transported readers to wonderful places: to New York City during the Golden Age of comic books (The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay); to an imaginary Jewish homeland in Sitka, Alaska (The Yiddish Policemen's Union); to discover The

Mysteries of Pittsburgh. Now he takes us to Telegraph Avenue in a big-hearted and exhilarating novel that explores the profoundly intertwined lives of two Oakland, California families, one black and one white. In Telegraph Avenue, Chabon lovingly creates a world grounded in pop culture—Kung Fu, '70s Blaxploitation films, vinyl LPs, jazz and soul music—and delivers a bravura epic of friendship, race, and secret histories. As the summer of 2004 draws to a close, Archy

Stallings and Nat Jaffe are still hanging in there—longtime friends, bandmates, and co-regents of Brokeland Records, a kingdom of used vinyl located in the borderlands of Berkeley and Oakland. Their wives, Gwen Shanks and Aviva Roth-Jaffe, are the Berkeley Birth Partners, a pair of semi-legendary midwives who have welcomed more than a thousand newly minted citizens into the dented utopia at whose heart—half tavern, half temple—stands

Brokeland. When ex-NFL quarterback Gibson Goode, the fifth-richest black man in America, announces plans to build his latest Dogpile megastore on a nearby stretch of Telegraph Avenue, Nat and Archy fear it means certain doom for their vulnerable little enterprise. Meanwhile, Aviva and Gwen also find themselves caught up in a battle for their professional existence, one that tests the limits of their friendship. Adding another layer of

complications to the couples' already tangled lives is the surprise appearance of Titus Joyner, the teenage son Archy has never acknowledged and the love of fifteen-year-old Julius Jaffe's life. Sidney Sheldon's After the Darkness LP HarperCollins A sizzling story of everyone's favorite couple from amazing Stephanie Evanovich's New York Times bestseller Big Girl Panties: hunky professional baseball player Chase Walker and his sassy wife Amanda.

When pro baseball player Chase Walker first meets Amanda at her restaurant, it's love at first sight. While Amanda can't help noticing the superstar with the Greek-god-build, he doesn't have a chance of getting to first—or any other—base with her. A successful entrepreneur who's built her business from scratch, Amanda doesn't need a Prince Charming to sweep her off her feet. And a curvy girl who likes to cook and eat isn't interested in being around the catty, stick-thin herd of females

chasing Chase and his teammates. But Chase isn't about to strike out. A man who isn't interested in playing the field, he's a monogamist who wants an independent woman like Amanda. His hopes rally when she discovers that squeaky-clean Chase has a few sexy and very secret pre-game rituals that turn the smart, headstrong businesswoman on—and into his number one fan. Then a tabloid discovers the truth and turns their spanking good fun into a late- night punchline. Is

Amanda ready to let loose and swing for the fences? Or will the pressure of Chase's stardom force them to call it quits? The F Word Harper Collins Big Girl Panties by Stephanie Evanovich is a rollicking and poignant romantic comedy about a young widow who decides to get in shape...and winds up getting her groove back—and a whole lot more! Holly Brennan used food to comfort herself through her husband's illness and death. Now she's alone at age thirty-two. And she

weighs more than she ever has. When fate throws her in the path of Logan Montgomery, personal trainer to pro athletes, and he offers to train her, Holly concludes it must be a sign. Much as she dreads the thought of working out, Holly knows she needs to put on her big girl panties and see if she can sweat out some of her grief. Soon, the easy intimacy and playful banter of their training sessions lead Logan and Holly to most intense and steamy workouts. But can Holly and Logan go the

distance as a couple now that she's met her goals—and other men are noticing?

Hereafter Harper Collins
Welcome to Trenton, New Jersey, where bounty hunter Stephanie Plum's life is about to implode in Janet Evanovich's wildest, hottest novel yet! **FIRST A STRANGER APPEARS**

While chasing down the usual cast of miscreants and weirdos Stephanie discovers that a crazed woman is stalking her. **THEN THE STRANGER REVEALS HER SECRETS**
The woman dresses in

black, carries a 9mm Glock, and has a bad attitude and a mysterious connection to dark and dangerous Carlos Manoso ...street name, Ranger. **NEXT, SOMEBODY DIES**
The action turns deadly serious, and Stephanie goes from hunting skips to hunting a murderer. **SOON, THE CHASE IS ON**
Ranger needs Stephanie for more reasons than he can say. And now, the two are working together to find a killer, rescue a missing child, and stop a lunatic from raising the body count. When

Stephanie Plum and Ranger get too close for comfort, vice cop Joe Morelli (her on-again, off-again boyfriend) steps in. Will the ticking clock stop at the stroke of twelve, or will a stranger in the wind find a way to stop Stephanie Plum...forever? Filled with Janet Evanovich's trademark action, nonstop adventure, and sharp humor, *Twelve Sharp* shows why her novels have been called "hot stuff" (The New York Times), and Evanovich herself "the master" (San

Francisco Examiner).
Under the Wide and
 Starry Sky St. Martin's
 Press

Don't miss this gorgeous
 romantic comedy from
 bestseller Holly Martin!
 Welcome to Willow
 Cottage - throw open the
 shutters, let in the sea
 breeze and make yourself
 completely at home. Oh,
 and please do leave a
 comment in the
 Guestbook!

The Silence of
 Bonaventure Arrow Simon
 and Schuster
 "Fresh, frank, and
 fearless. Liza Palmer is a

road warrior of
 contemporary fiction."
 —Georgia Clark, author of
 The Regulars Olivia
 Morten is perfect. Maybe
 she's constantly hungry,
 but her body is to die for.
 Maybe her high-flying
 publicist job has taken
 over her life, but her
 clients are L.A.'s hottest
 celebrities. Maybe her
 husband is never around,
 but he is a drop-dead-
 gorgeous doctor. And
 maybe her past harbors
 an incredibly
 embarrassing secret, but
 no one remembers high
 school...right? When Ben

Dunn, Olivia's high school
 arch nemesis and onetime
 crush, suddenly
 resurfaces, all of her hard-
 won perfection begins to
 unravel. As she finds
 herself dredging up long-
 suppressed memories,
 she is forced to confront
 the most painful truth of
 all: sometimes who we
 become isn't who we
 really are.

The Right Fight Bantam
 "If I could only read one
 writer from now until the
 end of my life, it would be
 Dorothea Benton Frank."
 —Elin Hilderbrand, the
 New York Times

bestselling author
Immerse yourself in the
enchanting world of New
York Times bestselling
author Dorothea Benton
Frank's Carolina
Lowcountry in this
evocative tale that returns
at long last to her beloved
Sullivans Island.
Beekeeper Holly McNee
Jensen quietly lives in a
world of her own on
Sullivans Island, tending
her hives and working at
the local island library.
Holly calls her mother The
Queen Bee because she's
a demanding hulk of a
woman. Her mother, a

devoted hypochondriac,
might be unaware that
she's quite ill but that
doesn't stop her from
tormenting Holly. To
escape the drama, Holly's
sister Leslie married and
moved away, wanting
little to do with island life.
Holly's escape is to
submerge herself in the
lives of the two young
boys next door and their
widowed father, Archie.
Her world is upended
when the more
flamboyant Leslie returns
and both sisters, polar
opposites, fixate on
what's happening in their

neighbor's home. Is
Archie really in love with
that awful ice queen of a
woman? If Archie marries
her, what will become of
his little boys? Restless
Leslie is desperate for
validation after her
imploded marriage,
squandering her favors on
any and all takers. Their
mother ups her game in
an uproarious and
theatrical downward
spiral. Scandalized Holly is
talking to her honey bees
a mile a minute, as
though they'll give her a
solution to all the chaos.
Maybe they will. Queen

Bee is a classic Lowcountry Tale—warm, wise and hilarious, it roars with humanity and a dropperful of whodunit added for good measure by an unseen hand. In her twentieth novel, Dorothea Benton Frank brings us back to her beloved island with an unforgettable story where the Lowcountry magic of the natural world collides with the beat of the human heart.

Granny Panties Bantam
The New York Times
bestselling author of Big
Girl Panties puts a modern

twist on My Fair Lady in this funny, romantic confection in which a canny young woman makes over her awkward millionaire client . . . with some hot, sexy, and surprising results. Suffocating in a dead-end marriage, Midwesterner Zoey Sullivan fled to New York and moved in with her older sister Ruth, a carefree, vivacious beauty with a string of eligible bachelors at her beck and call. Giving herself three months in the city to clear her head and find a direction, Zoey dodges

calls from her ex Derek, and distracts herself by cooking and catering a few private dinners and parties. Pursuing her passion for cooking was never an option when she was with Derek, and now Zoey relishes her independence. When Zoey's meets reclusive millionaire Tristan Malloy, she's blown away by his kitchen—a marble and stainless steel temple worthy of the culinary gods—and charmed by his impeccable gentlemanly manners. But despite his firm body, handsome

looks, and piles of cash, Tristan—a computer programmer—is shy and more than a little socially awkward. Zoey is sure that Tristan has all the right raw ingredients—and she’s the right person to spice them up turn him into a delectable dish. But Zoey’s unprepared for just how well her makeover works. Tristan turns out to be even sexier once he’s gained a little confidence and the right wardrobe. Beneath the gorgeous package, Tristan is a great guy who deserves a woman who really

appreciates him. Slowly but surely, Zoey realizes she may have found her perfect match—but does Tristan even know how her feelings have changed? Is that warm look in his eyes gratitude for the new and exciting world she’s ushered him into, or something more? And what will happen when Zoey’s ex comes to town, looking to win her back?

[Explosive Eighteen](#)

HarperCollins

“Elizabeth Blackwell is a story-telling genius. Her mesmerizing writing

weaves a spell that will enchant you. While Beauty Slept breathes new life into the fairytale genre with a historical twist that will take your breath away.” —Meg Cabot, #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Princess Diaries and Heather Wells mystery series I am not the sort of person about whom stories are told. Those of humble birth suffer their heartbreaks and celebrate their triumphs unnoticed by the bards, leaving no trace in the fables of their time...

And so begins Elise Dalriss's story. When she hears her great-granddaughter recount a minstrel's tale about a beautiful princess asleep in a tower, it pushes open a door to the past, a door Elise has long kept locked. For Elise was the companion to the real princess who slumbered—and she is the only one left who knows what actually happened so many years ago. As the memories start to unfold, Elise is plunged back into the magnificent world behind the palace walls

she left behind more than a half century ago, a labyrinth where the secrets of her real father and the mysterious fate of her mother connect to an inconceivable evil. Elise has guarded these secrets for a lifetime. As only Elise understands all too well, the truth is no fairy tale. *While Beauty Slept* Harper Collins A haunting and moving collection of original narratives that reveals an expatriate's coming-of-age in Paris and the magic she finds in ordinary objects An awkward,

curious girl growing up in a foreign country, Stephanie LaCava finds solace and security in strange yet beautiful objects. When her father's mysterious job transports her and her family to the quaint Parisian suburb of Le Vésinet, everything changes for the young American. Stephanie sets out to explore her new surroundings and to make friends at her unconventional international school, but her curiosity soon gives way to feelings of anxiety and a deep depression. In

her darkest moments, Stephanie learns to filter the world through her peculiar lens, discovering the uncommon, uncelebrated beauty in what she finds. Encouraged by her father through trips to museums and scavenger hunts at antique shows, she traces an interconnected web of narratives of long-ago outsiders, and of objects historical and natural, that ultimately help her survive. A series of illustrated essays that unfolds in cinematic fashion, *An Extraordinary*

Theory of Objects offers a universal lesson—to harness the power of creativity to cope with loneliness, sadness, and disappointment to find wonder in the uncertainty of the future.

The Naughty List Random House

Stephanie Plum returns to hunt down a new kind of criminal operating out of Trenton in the twenty-eighth book in the wildly popular series by #1 New York Times bestselling author Janet Evanovich. When Stephanie Plum is woken up in the middle of

the night by the sound of footsteps in her apartment, she wishes she didn't keep her gun in the cookie jar in her kitchen. And when she finds out the intruder is fellow apprehension agent Diesel, six feet of hard muscle and bad attitude whom she hasn't seen in more than two years, she still thinks the gun might come in handy. Turns out Diesel and Stephanie are on the trail of the same fugitive: Oswald Wednesday, an international computer hacker as brilliant as he is

ruthless. Stephanie may not be the most technologically savvy sleuth, but she more than makes up for that with her dogged determination, her understanding of human nature, and her willingness to do just about anything to bring a fugitive to justice. Unsure if Diesel is her partner or her competition, she'll need to watch her back every step of the way as she works to draw Wednesday out from behind his computer and into the real world in this "action-packed caper

filled with crazy twists and some nail-biting suspense" (Booklist, starred review). Top Secret Twenty-One Harper Collins "Granny Panties" is set in the picturesque hill country community of Fredericksburg, Texas and features Willie Stroh, a big-city girl stuck in a small-town world, or as Willie would say, "A Rizzo in a world of Sandys". Willie is an ace at managing other people's lives, mainly that of her friends, mother, grandmother and always-

in-trouble brother, but sucks at her own. Stuck in the family business due to the untimely death of her father, she dreams of something more, not unlike the plots of the romantic films she adores. When her loser fiancée of five years boots her out his apartment and life, and after an unfortunate incident with her Grandmother's underwear, Willie discovers a strength she never knew she had. Motivated to have her ex come crawling back on his hands and knees, she

begins not only a physical self-transformation but also an emotional one. With the help of self-professed rascal and

ladies man, Donovan Quinn and her best friend Stephanie Domenico, Willie soon discovers that

getting her fiancée back is the last thing she wants and that, at the most unexpected time, dreams really do come true.