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Papa's Desires - Sue Lyndon 2018-03-14

Be a good girl for papa. Twenty-two year old Hyacinth is finally getting married. She eagerly looks forward to life with a papa who will love and care for her. She hopes he will be a patient teacher, since no one will tell her what actually happens between married people. Fortunately, her friend Cammie has sent a letter with some explanations in it. However, Hyacinth can't help but wonder if Cammie is making up tales. Men have what? And they put it where? A chance encounter with the exceedingly tall and handsome Lord Grayson gives Hyacinth a funny feeling in her lady parts and she starts to wonder if there's some truth in her friend's rather explicit letter. But, why is Hyacinth thinking about Lord Grayson in that way, instead of her betrothed, Lord Kensington? When a twist of fate results in Hyacinth marrying Lord Grayson instead of Lord Kensington, she is both nervous and overjoyed. Her new papa gently introduces her to the secrets of the marital bed and awakens desires she never expected. He's as loving as she imagined a papa should be, but he's also strict and won't hesitate to redden her bottom cheeks when she's been a naughty little girl, among other intimate punishments that leave her both blushing with shame and craving his touch. As time goes on, she cannot help but think that she has been truly blessed and a lifetime of love and happiness awaits her. But what will happen when Papa discovers his little bride has been keeping secrets?

Captive - A. D. Robertson 2014-06-24

Sworn enemies are plunged into a steamy, forbidden romance in the first book of a new series that explore the darker side of the richly imagined world of Nightshade. Twenty-five-year-old Tristan Doran is a direct descendant of the Keepers - witches who have embraced dark magic. Deferring only to his overlord, Lord Bosque Mar, Tristan enjoys incredible power and privilege. For most of his life, he has been kept largely out of the centuries-old Witches War. But then Sarah, a beautiful young human Searcher, is captured and imprisoned in his castle. Blinded by their passion, captive and captor give in to their desires - only to learn that their love is at the heart of a prophecy predicting the downfall of the Keepers' ages-old reign. 'Let's just say that if castles could steam, this one would.' Booklist

The Prince's Captive Virgin (Mills & Boon Modern) (Once Upon a Seduction..., Book 1) - Maisey Yates 2017-06-01

Innocent in the beast's bed!

The Prince's Slave - P. J. Fox 2015

Shy, reclusive exchange student Belle Wainwright doesn't know that her world is about to change. Talked into a night out against her better judgment, she finds herself in an exclusive club where she knows no one. And finds herself the target of slavers whose purpose is to satisfy those men-and women-whose tastes have grown too dark for the modern

world. Whose needs cannot be met by normal means. Who love...but on their own terms. Abandoned by her friends, she's simultaneously rescued and captured by a man who is at once a hero and a figure from nightmare. A dark prince who hints, enigmatically, at his own even darker needs. Who describes himself as a man with no soul. But who is, nonetheless, beautiful and brilliant. And whom Belle finds captivating, even though she knows she shouldn't.... This book is intended for mature audiences.

Dragon Captives - Lisa McMann 2017-02-07

Ten years after Alex and Aaron Stowe brought peace to Quill and Artimé, their younger twin sisters journey beyond the islands in this New York Times bestselling first novel of a new sequel series to *The Unwanteds*, which Kirkus Reviews called "The Hunger Games meets Harry Potter." Identical twins Fifer and Thisbe Stowe have amazing yet uncontrollable magical abilities. They're naturally more gifted than even their brother, Alex, the head mage of Artimé, could hope to be. But when they accidentally use their magic in the jungle of Artimé to strike down a beloved creature, Alex is furious, and threatens to lock them away until they can learn to control their power. The threat is soon forgotten, though, when Hux, the ice blue dragon, comes to Artimé bearing the horrible news that his siblings have been enslaved by the notoriously evil Revinir, ruler of the dragon land. Seeking a chance to right their wrong and escape their brother's wrath, Thisbe, Fifer, and their friend Seth sneak away to rescue the dragons from grave peril. Will their untrained abilities be enough to save the dragons—and themselves—when they come face-to-face with the Revinir?

The Castle of Otranto Illustrated - Horace Walpole 2021-03-23

The Castle of Otranto is a book by Horace Walpole first published in 1764 and generally regarded as the first gothic novel. In the second edition, Walpole applied the word 'Gothic' to the novel in the subtitle - "A Gothic Story". The novel merged medievalism and terror in a style that has endured ever since. The aesthetics of the book shaped modern-day gothic books, films, art, music and the goth subculture

Emily Windsnap and the Pirate Prince - Liz Kessler 2019-03-12

Emily Windsnap ends up surrounded by pirates — and on a life-changing adventure — in the eighth installment of the New York Times best-selling series. Traveling home by cruise ship should be a relaxing break after Emily's latest adventure, but things take a turn when the ship is overtaken by a pirate king and his crew. After the pirates collect everyone's riches, they steal something even more valuable: Aaron. The pirate king's eldest son takes Aaron captive, forcing him to help guide the pirates to the mythical Trident's Treasure. So Emily dives into action and joins the younger son's crew in hopes of saving Aaron. But while experiencing life on the waves, Emily is surprised to find herself not only enjoying the pirate life, but actually bonding with the crew — especially Sam, the pirate king's son. Between helping Sam unravel riddles to beat his brother to the treasure and making sure that her friends are safe, Emily realizes that she needs to be true to herself. Will she cast aside her mermaid life to join her new friends, or will she find a way to follow her own path?

The Castle - Skye Warren 2017-04-04

FINAL BOOK IN THE TRILOGY! Safe in the ivory tower... Gabriel Miller swears he'll keep me safe. Enemies lurk outside, waiting to strike. An army held back by these walls. Except some animal instinct warns me the danger is much closer. It's already here. Is Gabriel my protector or my enemy? Is this house a castle or a cage? There's nowhere for me to go, no one left for me to trust. No escape from a past determined to capture its prize. THE CASTLE is book three in the Endgame series from New York Times bestselling author Skye Warren about revenge and seduction in the game of love. This is the final novel in the story of Gabriel and Avery. "Positively sinful, and outrageously sexy!" - Lisa Renee Jones, New York Times bestselling author

Beauty and the Beast: Lost in a Book - Jennifer Donnelly 2017-01-31

Smart, bookish Belle, a captive in the Beast's castle, has become accustomed to her new home and has befriended its inhabitants. When she comes upon Nevermore, an enchanted book unlike anything else she has seen in the castle, Belle finds herself pulled into its pages and transported to a world of glamour and intrigue. The adventures Belle has

always imagined, the dreams she was forced to give up when she became a prisoner, seem within reach again. The charming and mysterious characters Belle meets within the pages of *Nevermore* offer her glamorous conversation, a life of dazzling Parisian luxury, and even a reunion she never thought possible. Here Belle can have everything she ever wished for. But what about her friends in the Beast's castle? Can Belle trust her new companions inside the pages of *Nevermore*? Is *Nevermore*'s world even real? Belle must uncover the truth about the book, before she loses herself in it forever.

The Monk - M. G. Lewis 2021-02-09

Left at a monastery as a baby, Ambrosio grew up to be a cruel and stern monk, renowned for his sermons and piety. When a nun named Agnes goes to Ambrosio for the sacrament of confession, she admits that she is pregnant after having a long love affair with a man named Raymond. Though admissions told in confession are meant to be kept in confidence, Ambrosio turns Agnes over to the authorities in her convent for punishment. Without a trace of guilt or a second thought, Ambrosio returns to his normal life after this, unaware that he was soon to get himself into a situation that would make him empathize with Agnes. Meanwhile, Raymond, Agnes' lover, is confronted by her brother, who is angry that Raymond played a part in his sister's tarnished reputation. In order to earn support and sympathy, Raymond tells he and Agnes' elaborate love story, challenging the society's reaction to their relationship and pregnancy. Ambrosio, however, is unaware of this, nor does he think about it after he meets a beautiful woman named Matilda. Overcome with lust, Ambrosio begins an illicit affair with Matilda, breaking his vow of celibacy. Though he considers ending things with Matilda, Ambrosio finds himself addicted to her company, as Matilda helps satiate his every desire. As their relationship unfolds, however, Ambrosio finds himself longing for more and more. Committing crimes, harming others, and relying on supernatural help, the once virtuous monk is now running out of time to repent. M.G Lewis' *The Monk: A Romance* was one of the best-selling novels of its era. With romance, crime, supernatural beings, and near-death experiences, this gothic

horror is a gripping and haunting narrative that has remained compelling even to modern audiences. Featuring the depiction of taboo topics, social commentary, and themes of religion and temptation, *The Monk: A Romance* is as introspective as it is eerie. This edition of *The Monk: A Romance* by M.G Lewis is now presented with a new, eye-catching cover design and is printed in a stylish font, making it both accessible and contemporary.

Kings Rising - C. S. Pacat 2016-02-02

The stunning conclusion of worldwide phenomenon—from the boldly original author of *Captive Prince* and *Prince's Gambit*. His identity now revealed, Damen must face his master Prince Laurent as Damianos of Akielos, the man Laurent has sworn to kill. On the brink of a momentous battle, the future of both their countries hangs in the balance. In the south, Kastor's forces are massing. In the north, the Regent's armies are mobilising for war. Damen's only hope of reclaiming his throne is to fight together with Laurent against their usurpers. Forced into an uneasy alliance the two princes journey deep into Akielos, where they face their most dangerous opposition yet. But even if the fragile trust they have built survives the revelation of Damen's identity—can it stand against the Regents final, deadly play for the throne?

The Flame in the Mist - Kit Grindstaff 2013

Thirteen-year-old Jemma finds herself in a race for her life when she discovers an ancient prophecy that reveals the truth about her past and an unimaginably great and dangerous destiny—to defeat the evil Agromonds and restore peace and sunlight to Anglavia.

The Captive - Victoria Holt 1989-10-01

In Rosetta Cranleigh's eighteenth year, her life is suddenly shattered when her first ocean voyage ends in a shipwreck off the African coast. Only the quick thinking of a mysterious young deck hand, John Player, saves her from the rage of the sea—and sweeps her into the tempestuous waters of passion.

The Glass Castle - Jeannette Walls 2007-01-02

A triumphant tale of a young woman and her difficult childhood, *The Glass Castle* is a remarkable memoir of resilience, redemption, and a

revelatory look into a family at once deeply dysfunctional and wonderfully vibrant. Jeannette Walls was the second of four children raised by anti-institutional parents in a household of extremes.

The Prince's Slave - P. J. Fox 2014-12-02

The stunning conclusion of *The Prince's Slave*.... Fairy tales can't last forever. Belle's prince offers her a world beyond imagining: of wealth, power, and most importantly freedom. The freedom to explore her deepest passions, both in and outside the bedroom. But is that enough? Can she turn her back on the life she's always known, for him? Locked within his castle, her prince must confront his own demons. While Belle, in turn, must confront the most important question of all: who is she, and what does she want? This book is intended for mature audiences.

[The Captive Knight](#) - Lisa Ann Verge 2017-11-14

After her dowry castle is seized as a prize of war, Aliénor's future is shattered. No dowry means no marriage, no escape from lifelong servitude, and no protection for her beloved, crippled brother. But everything changes when her father captures a prisoner: The very same rogue knight who stole her lands...

The Captive Kingdom (The Ascendance Series, Book 4) - Jennifer A. Nielsen 2020-10-06

Acclaimed author Jennifer A. Nielsen returns to the beloved world of her New York Times bestseller *The False Prince* in a highly anticipated fourth book in the Ascendance Series! In a peaceful Carthya, Jaron leads as the Ascendant King with Imogen beside him -- but the peace he fought so long for is not destined to last. On a routine sea voyage, Jaron's ship is brutally attacked, and he is taken hostage. The mysterious captors and their leader, Jane Strick, accuse Jaron of unthinkable acts. They are also in possession of some shocking items -- including the crown and sword that belonged to Jaron's older brother, Darius. The items unearth a past Jaron thought he had put behind him. Though it seems impossible, Jaron must consider: Could Darius be alive? And what does Strick want from Jaron? Against his will, Jaron will be pulled back into a fight for the throne -- and a battle to save his kingdom. Return to Carthya to uncover new secrets, high-stakes action, and Jennifer A. Nielsen's signature

breathtaking twists.

Captive of Wolves - Eva Chase 2020-12-09

My blood is their salvation... and my ruin. For years, the monsters who killed my family have held me in a cage. Brutalized and half-starved. Only kept alive so they can steal my blood. Until one evening when four eerily gorgeous men break me out of my prison. They give me a soft bed and delicious food. They say they'll protect me-but their generosity may come at a price. My rescuers are monsters like my captors: fae who shift into wolves. A curse gripping the faerie realm turns them wild under the full moon. Only my blood can cure their rage. These fearsome men need me, and not just to lift the curse. A tragedy left them outcasts, and offering me to their rulers could win them back the home and the power they lost. No matter how kindly they treat me, no matter how their smoldering eyes and strong hands stir unfamiliar desires in both my body and my heart, their castle is just another prison. As long as I'm a prize more than a person, my life will never be my own. I've survived this long without giving up. I won't roll over now. But how can one damaged human girl hold her own against the savage fae? *Captive of Wolves is the first in a new paranormal romance saga featuring possessive wolf shifters, fraught fae politics, and a wounded heroine coming into her own. Grab it now and get swept away in the fantasy!*

EngLits-Don Quixote (pdf) - Publishing Interlingua Publishing 2006-10
Detailed summaries of great literature.

As Old As Time - Liz Braswell 2016-09-06

What if Belle's mother cursed the Beast? *As Old as Time* is the third book in a new YA line that reimagines classic Disney stories in surprising new ways. When Belle touches the Beast's enchanted rose, memories flood through Belle's mind—memories of a mother she thought she would never see again. And, stranger still, she sees that her mother is none other than the beautiful enchantress who cursed the castle and all its inhabitants. Shocked and confused, Belle and the Beast will have to unravel a dark mystery about their families that is 21 years in the making.

The Complete Stories - Flannery O'Connor 1971

Thirty-one tales depicting the humorous, if near tragic conditions of life in the Deep South during the fifties

The Gothic Novel and the Stage - Francesca Saggini 2015-08-12

In this ground-breaking study Saggini explores the relationship between the late eighteenth-century novel and the theatre, arguing that the implicit theatricality of the Gothic novel made it an obvious source from which dramatists could take ideas. Similarly, elements of the theatre provided inspiration to novelists.

Highland Captive - Hannah Howell 2008-11-01

New York Times bestselling author Hannah Howell breathes life into the enchanting beauty of the Scottish Highlands in this epic romance between a strong-willed captor and the striking young woman he both confines and protects . . . The windswept Scottish Highlands hold great beauty, but also great danger. So when Aimil Mengue is abducted by a feuding clan, she is right to fear for her life—and her virtue. For Aimil's keeper is the infamous warrior Parlan MacGuin. Aimil sets out to hate him, but Parlan is more honorable—and infinitely more alluring—than expected. Though betrothed to another, Aimil cannot deny her startling desire for the man who holds her captive... Parlan MacGuin knows well his reputation as a fierce warrior; he uses it to claim land and lovers. But beautiful Aimil is a different type of conquest. Now Parlan feels an unfamiliar longing for the woman he keeps at ransom as their forbidden passion threatens to spark an unstoppable blood feud—or forever fill their hearts . . .

The White Castle - Orhan Pamuk 1998-03-31

From the Nobel Prize winner and the acclaimed author of *My Name is Red* comes a dazzling work of historical fiction and a treatise on the enigma of identity and the relations between East and West. From a Turkish writer who has been compared with Borges, Nabokov, and DeLillo, a young Italian scholar in the 17th century sailing from Venice to Naples is taken prisoner and delivered to Constantinople. There he falls into the custody of a scholar known as Hoja—"master"—a man who is his exact double. In the years that follow, the slave instructs his master in Western science and technology, from medicine to pyrotechnics. But

Hoja wants to know more: why he and his captive are the persons they are and whether, given knowledge of each other's most intimate secrets, they could actually exchange identities. Set in a world of magnificent scholarship and terrifying savagery, *The White Castle* is a colorful and intricately patterned triumph of the imagination. Translated from the Turkish by Victoria Holbrook.

A Little History of the World - E. H. Gombrich 2014-10-01

E. H. Gombrich's *Little History of the World*, though written in 1935, has become one of the treasures of historical writing since its first publication in English in 2005. The Yale edition alone has now sold over half a million copies, and the book is available worldwide in almost thirty languages. Gombrich was of course the best-known art historian of his time, and his text suggests illustrations on every page. This illustrated edition of the *Little History* brings together the pellucid humanity of his narrative with the images that may well have been in his mind's eye as he wrote the book. The two hundred illustrations—most of them in full color—are not simple embellishments, though they are beautiful. They emerge from the text, enrich the author's intention, and deepen the pleasure of reading this remarkable work. For this edition the text is reset in a spacious format, flowing around illustrations that range from paintings to line drawings, emblems, motifs, and symbols. The book incorporates freshly drawn maps, a revised preface, and a new index. Blending high-grade design, fine paper, and classic binding, this is both a sumptuous gift book and an enhanced edition of a timeless account of human history.

The Ninth Century and the Holy Grail - W. J. Stein 2009-09-15

"One of the most valuable and original works on the Grail yet to appear in any language." --John Matthews, author of *The Mystic Grail* "The definitive work on the historical background to the Grail Romances of the mediaeval age." --Trevor Ravenscroft, author of *The Spear of Destiny* Much plagiarized and its contents distorted over the years, Stein's seminal work is a classic of original scholarly and spiritual research. In studying the central Grail narrative of Wolfram von Eschenbach's *Parzival*, Stein takes a twofold approach. On the one hand, he searches

historical records for the identity of actual people and events concealed behind the Grail epic's veil of romance. On the other hand, Stein deciphers Eschenbach's hidden spiritual messages, showing Parzival to be an esoteric document containing powerful pictures of the human being's inner path of development. Stein reveals the period of the ninth century to be far deeper and more important than to be of mere historical and academic interest. It is the karmic ground from which grows the very destiny of our modern era--the grand battle that must take place between the powers of the Grail and the hindrance of sinister anti-Grail forces at large today.

Highlander's Captive - Mariah Stone 2020-08-02

She's lost in the past. He's a powerful Scottish warrior. Can star-crossed love find a future between the ages? Search-and-rescue officer Amy MacDougall fears being trapped - both in small, dark places and in a relationship. But while chaperoning a high school trip to Scotland, she's forced to confront her claustrophobia to save a student in a castle dungeon. And when a magical rock in the ruins catapults her through time to 1307 AD, she's alarmed to come face-to-face with a handsome Scottish warrior. Highlander Craig Cambel refuses to trust anyone after the MacDougall clan kidnapped and assaulted his sister. So when he discovers a beautiful woman in a secret tunnel in the stronghold he's infiltrating, he locks her up to prevent her from warning the enemy. But when she proves helpful to his people despite being a MacDougall, he can't stop his icy mistrust melting into desire. As Amy searches for a way back home, she finds her phobia of commitment fading and falls for the brave Scot. But when Craig learns the mysterious woman isn't who he thought she was, all his dark doubts reignite. Will the distance of centuries shatter their hearts forever, or will they give in to destiny and build a happy future? *Highlander's Captive* is the enchanting first book in the *Called by a Highlander* time travel romance series. If you like courageous warriors, quick-witted heroines, and lush historical details, then you'll adore Mariah Stone's passionate story. Buy *Highlander's Captive* to find love long ago today!

Papa's Joy - Sue Lyndon 2018-07-30

You belong to Papa now. Nineteen-year-old Daisy, Talcott House's resident eavesdropper, snoop and prankster, is about to marry Lord Edward Kensington. The unlikely couple fell in love when Daisy literally landed at his feet on the day he was supposed to wed another. Daisy is as surprised as anyone that a man as handsome and important as Lord Kensington would wish to marry a plain girl such as her. But, when she looks into his eyes and he touches her hand, a warm tingle moves through her and takes her breath away. After a period of darkness and despair, Edward decides to take a wife. For reasons known only to himself, he eschews the crush and crowds of the London season and seeks the assistance of Miss Wickersham in finding a bride amongst the Little Ladies of Talcott House. He asks only that she be biddable and obedient. Once they are wed, Daisy learns marital relations are even better than the sweet rapture she has read about in the romance novels she used to swipe from Miss Wickersham's private library. With Papa's loving guidance--and firm hand--Daisy blossoms and begins to hope she and her papa will have their own happily ever after. Except for that one, deepest, darkest, most horrible secret which she must never reveal, even to her loving papa. Publisher's Note: Like all the books in the Little Ladies of Talcott House series, *Papa's Joy* can be read as a standalone novel.

Captive Paradise - James L. Haley 2014-11-04

The most recent state to join the union, Hawaii is the only one to have once been a royal kingdom. After its "discovery" by Captain Cook in the late 18th Century, Hawaii was fought over by European powers determined to take advantage of its position as the crossroads of the Pacific. The arrival of the first missionaries marked the beginning of the struggle between a native culture with its ancient gods, sexual libertinism and rites of human sacrifice, and the rigid values of the Calvinists. While Hawaii's royal rulers adopted Christianity, they also fought to preserve their ancient ways. But the success of the ruthless American sugar barons sealed their fate and in 1893, the American Marines overthrew Lili'uokalani, the last queen of Hawaii. James L. Haley's *Captive Paradise* is the story of King Kamehameha I, The

Conqueror, who unified the islands through terror and bloodshed, but whose dynasty succumbed to inbreeding; of Gilded Age tycoons like Claus Spreckels who brilliantly outmaneuvered his competitors; of firebrand Lorrin Thurston, who was determined that Hawaii be ruled by whites; of President McKinley, who presided over the eventual annexation of the islands. Not for decades has there been such a vibrant and compelling portrait of an extraordinary place and its people.

Domestic fortress - Rowland Atkinson 2016-11-04

Today's home is a kind of fortress that tells us as much about our need for privacy as it does about ensuring our security. Fortress homes, gated communities and elaborate defensive systems have become everyday features of urban life, highlighting the depth of fear as well as the desire for prestige and social display and the ideological strength of home ownership. This book offers a fresh analysis of our homes, our demands for security and anxieties about invasion, loss and finding seclusion in a worrying and divided world. Using a rich range of sources from cutting-edge research to media accounts, the book considers the fantasies and realities of dangers to the contemporary home and its inhabitants, and details the extreme measures now used in the pursuit of total safety.

The Prince's Slave - P. J. Fox 2015

The captivating second installment in *The Prince's Slave*.... Belle doesn't know what to do. Who is this enigmatic prince, her captor, and what are her feelings for him? And are those feelings--can those feelings be genuine? Given their circumstances? Daunted by what she's discovered of him, and his world, she nonetheless finds herself drawn deeper...into his desires and, she's discovering, her own. For their affair, an artful interplay of dominance and submission, is like nothing she's ever experienced.... This book is intended for mature audiences.

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight (A New Verse Translation) - 2008-11-17

A poetic translation of the classic Arthurian story is an edition in alliterative language and rhyme of the epic confrontation between a young Round Table hero and a green-clad stranger who compels him to meet his destiny at the Green Chapel. Reprint. 20,000 first printing.

EngLits-Henry IV, Part II (pdf) - Publishing Interlingua Publishing 2006-10

Detailed summaries of great literature.

Captured (The Captive Series Book 1) - Erica Stevens 2020-09-27

Taken from her beloved family and woods, Aria's biggest fear isn't death... it's becoming a blood slave for a member of the vampire race. No matter her fate, she must keep her identity hidden from the monsters imprisoning her. She's already branded a member of the rebellion, but the vampires can never learn the truth of her involvement. Hoping for death, Aria's world turns upside down when Braith steps forward to claim her. The powerful vampire delays her execution, but it's only a matter of time before he destroys her. Aria's determination to hate Braith only increases when she learns he's a member of the royal family responsible for reducing humans to nothing more than servants and slaves. However, his strange kindness and unexpected gentleness slowly make her realize he's more than just a monster. Torn between her loyalties to the rebellion, and a growing love for her greatest enemy, Aria must decide between everything she's ever known and a love she never dreamed of finding. ***The Captive Series is mature YA/New Adult. This book contains some language, violence, and sexual situations.

Recommended for ages sixteen and up.*** Recommended reading order for the completed Captive Series. Captured (Book 1) Renegade (Book 2) Refugee (Book 3) Salvation (Book 4) Redemption (Book 5) Broken (The Captive Series Prequel) Vengeance (Book 6) Unbound (Book 7)

The Color Purple - Alice Walker 1992

The lives of two sisters--Nettie, a missionary in Africa, and Celie, a southern woman married to a man she hates--are revealed in a series of letters exchanged over thirty years

Captive - Jex Lane 2016-08-05

Matthew Callahan has spent seven years struggling against the insatiable hunger for blood consuming him. Unable to stop the vampire inside from preying on humans, he keeps himself confined to a lonely existence. Everything changes the night he is lured into a trap and taken prisoner by High Lord General Tarrick--a seductive incubus who feeds off

sexual energy. Forced into the middle of a war between vampires and incubi, Matthew is used as a weapon against his own kind. Although he's desperate for freedom, he is unable to deny the burning desire drawing him to the incubus general he now calls Master.

Alamut - Vladimir Bartol 2012-12-18

Alamut takes place in 11th Century Persia, in the fortress of Alamut, where self-proclaimed prophet Hasan ibn Sabbah is setting up his mad but brilliant plan to rule the region with a handful of elite fighters who are to become his "living daggers." By creating a virtual paradise at Alamut, filled with beautiful women, lush gardens, wine and hashish, Sabbah is able to convince his young fighters that they can reach paradise if they follow his commands. With parallels to Osama bin Laden, Alamut tells the story of how Sabbah was able to instill fear into the ruling class by creating a small army of devotees who were willing to kill, and be killed, in order to achieve paradise. Believing in the supreme Ismaili motto "Nothing is true, everything is permitted," Sabbah wanted to "experiment" with how far he could manipulate religious devotion for his own political gain through appealing to what he called the stupidity and gullibility of people and their passion for pleasure and selfish desires. The novel focuses on Sabbah as he unveils his plan to his inner circle, and on two of his young followers — the beautiful slave girl Halima, who has come to Alamut to join Sabbah's paradise on earth, and young ibn Tahir, Sabbah's most gifted fighter. As both Halima and ibn Tahir become disillusioned with Sabbah's vision, their lives take unexpected turns. Alamut was originally written in 1938 as an allegory to Mussolini's fascist state. In the 1960's it became a cult favorite throughout Tito's Yugoslavia, and in the 1990s, during the Balkan's War, it was read as an allegory of the region's strife and became a bestseller in Germany, France and Spain. Following the attacks of September 11, 2001, the book once again took on a new life, selling more than 20,000 copies in a new Slovenian edition, and being translated around the world in more than 19 languages. This edition, translated by Michael Biggins, in the first-ever English translation.

The Captive Maiden - Melanie Dickerson 2013-11-19

Happily Ever After ... Or Happily Nevermore? Gisela's childhood was filled with laughter and visits from nobles such as the duke and his young son. But since her father's death, each day has been filled with nothing but servitude to her stepmother. So when Gisela learns the duke's son, Valten—the boy she has daydreamed about for years—is throwing a ball in hopes of finding a wife, she vows to find a way to attend, even if it's only for a taste of a life she'll never have. To her surprise, she catches Valten's eye. Though he is rough around the edges, Gisela finds Valten has completely captured her heart. But other forces are bent on keeping the two from falling further in love, putting Gisela in more danger than she ever imagined.

Captive and Crowned - Elizabeth Newsom 2019-09-17

The half-dragon King of Torva needs a queen, but the human bride he has captured may prove to be more trouble than she's worth. Evelyn is on a mission to find her mom, who left her family soon after Evelyn was born. But things go terribly wrong when crashing a high school graduation party leads to her being mistaken for her sister, kidnapped, taken to another world, and married to the king of the realm. As she plots her escape with the assistance of a handsome and mysterious duke, she becomes a pawn in a bigger game, a game of betrayal, murder, and revenge. Someone wants her dead, and the only way to avoid assassination is to escape Torva. But the King isn't willing to let her leave easily - and neither are the assassins.

Homegoing - Yaa Gyasi 2016-06-07

A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK • Ghana, eighteenth century: two half sisters are born into different villages, each unaware of the other. One will marry an Englishman and lead a life of comfort in the palatial rooms of the Cape Coast Castle. The other will be captured in a raid on her village, imprisoned in the very same castle, and sold into slavery. One of Oprah's Best Books of the Year and a PEN/Hemingway award winner, Homegoing follows the parallel paths of these sisters and their descendants through eight generations: from the Gold Coast to the plantations of Mississippi, from the American Civil War to Jazz Age Harlem. Yaa Gyasi's extraordinary novel illuminates slavery's troubled

legacy both for those who were taken and those who stayed—and shows how the memory of captivity has been inscribed on the soul of our nation.