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## Wandering Souls

Two men think they've found the perfect opportunity--a chance to rob the stash house of Simon Shuller, one of Philadelphia's biggest drug lords. But their plans are spoiled when one of Shuller's men catches them as they break into the stash house. Temperatures flare as the men capture Shuller's worker, Poncho, and force

him to show them the goods. What they didn't expect was for Poncho's partner to be armed and very dangerous. An altercation breaks out and when the smoke clears, Nard, Poncho's accomplice, is the only one left standing. Thinking quickly, Nard cleans shop and makes his escape, but not before being spotted by a few neighbors. Not wanting to kill anyone else, he makes a mad dash for the streets but wonders if the witnesses will give up his identity. What he needs now is a plausible alibi. If he doesn't come up with one fast, it could mean life in prison, or death on the streets.

### **The Zane Collection #3**

The New York Times bestseller Adapted into a major motion picture distributed through Lionsgate From the Queen of Erotica, Addicted tells the provocative story of one married woman's struggle to deal with the fall-out of her forbidden desires. The world of Addicted is continued in the New York Times bestseller Nervous, and Zane's highly-anticipated upcoming novel Vengeance, available May 24, 2016. For successful businesswoman Zoe Reynard, finding the pleasure she wants, the way she wants it, is not worth the risk of losing everything she has: a charmed marriage to her childhood sweetheart, a thriving company, and three wonderful children. But Zoe feels helpless in the grip of an overpowering addiction...to sex. After finding a compassionate therapist to help her, Zoe finally summons the courage to tell her torrid story, a tale of guilt and desire as shocking as it is compelling. From the

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sensitive artist with whom she spends stolen hours on rumpled sheets, to the rough and violent man who leads her toward destruction, Zoe is desperately searching for fulfillment—and, perhaps, something darker and deeper. As her life spins out of control and her sexual escapades carry her toward a dangerous fate, Zoe races to uncover the source of her “fatal attraction.” Chilling secrets tumble forth and perilous temptations build toward a climax that could threaten her sanity, her marriage...and her life.

### **Dear G-Spot**

Sometimes romantic, sometimes raw, New York Times bestselling author Zane presents three novels of intoxicating sensuality. The Sex Chronicles With a unique ability to tell it like it is—and also to tell it like it could be in your wildest dreams—Zane crafts stories about everyone from the sensual housewife who wants her husband to experiment more to a secret underground sorority of women that organizes some rather unconventional social events. By turns tender and outrageous, The Sex Chronicles is a pleasure from beginning to end. Nervous Jonquinette has always been nervous around men, but on the weekends her alter ego, Jude, goes on intense sexual escapades. When Jonquinette seeks the help of Dr. Marcella Spencer, the psychiatrist Zane originated in her bestselling novel Addicted, Jude's response is to go on a sexual rampage. In the meantime, Jonquinette becomes interested in her new neighbor, Mason, but Jude has no

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intention of letting Jonquinette fall in love—not when Jude's having so much fun. Based on a short story of the same title from her bestselling collection *The Sex Chronicles*, *Nervous* is classic Zane with an edge. So, relax, sit back. You're in for a nerve-tingling read. Skyscraper Most corporations hand out bonus checks or gift certificates for Christmas, but Wolfe Industries hands out drama. *Skyscraper* chronicles the week before the annual Christmas party at Wolfe Industries, an African American-owned automobile manufacturer. The week leading up to the Wolfe Industries annual Christmas party is unforgettable, as the lives of four people who have barely interacted with one another in the past begin to cross paths in the most disturbing ways. By the time the party is over, they will be lucky if the skyscraper is still standing.

### **Another Man's Wife**

Journalist Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were their curse and their salvation. Rex and Rose Mary and their four children lived like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns, camping in the mountains. Rex was a charismatic, brilliant man who, when sober, captured his children's imagination, teaching them how to embrace life fearlessly. Rose Mary painted and wrote and couldn't stand the responsibility of providing for her family. When the money ran out, the Walls retreated to the dismal West Virginia mining town Rex had tried to escape. As the dysfunction escalated, the children had to

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fend for themselves, supporting one another as they found the resources and will to leave home. Yet Walls describes her parents with deep affection in this tale of unconditional love in a family that, despite its profound flaws, gave her the fiery determination to carve out a successful life. -- From publisher description.

### **Alibi**

Disturbingly sexy and devilishly delicious, *Man Swappers* explores the taboo topic of women openly sharing other women's men. A titillating story of sibling rivalry gone haywire, will thrill readers to a whole new level of satisfaction. Bombshell sisters Porsha, Persia, and Paris do everything together. They work hard, travel far, and are always on the prowl for their next relationship. Getting attention from attractive men has never been a problem for these vixens. But there's a catch: you date one sister, you date them all. So what happens when two of the sisters secretly break the rules to get one of the men all to themselves? And what happens when they find out it's the same man?

### **The Black E.O.E. Journal**

For both Zane and Darby, their small town roots hold a terrible secret. Now, decades later, they've come together to build a new life. But will the past set them

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free or pull them under? Zane Bigelow grew up in a beautiful, perfectly kept house in North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains. Strangers and even Zane's own aunt across the lake see his parents as a successful surgeon and his stylish wife, making appearances at their children's ballet recitals and baseball games. Only Zane and his sister know the truth, until one brutal night finally reveals cracks in the facade, and Zane escapes for college without a thought of looking back. Years later, Zane returns to his hometown determined to reconnect with the place and people that mean so much to him, despite the painful memories. As he resumes life in the colorful town, he meets a gifted landscape artist named Darby, who is on the run from ghosts of her own. Together they will have to teach each other what it means to face the past, and stand up for the ones they love.

### **Infinite Words**

An eagerly awaited collection of stories dealing with domestic abuse, edited by the New York Times bestselling author Zane. *Breaking the Cycle* is a stunning and moving anthology of stories, each of which focuses on an aspect of domestic abuse. This powerful collection is sure to serve as a wake-up call for people either dealing with a domestic abuse situation, or those watching someone else endure it. In the title story, Zane describes the turmoil that a young girl suffers at the hands of her stepfather. The girl and her mother plan their escape, but at the last minute the mother falters. In D.V. Bernard's "The Lonely Echoes of My Youth," readers are

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introduced to a young boy raising himself on the fringes of a drug-infested neighborhood. Nane Quartay's provocative story, "The Grindstone," describes a boy who witnesses a brutal murder which will have far-reaching effects on him and his family. Tracy Price-Thompson weaves a powerful tale in "The Stranger" when a woman constantly abused by her husband finds inner strength after a brutal attack. Collen Dixon's "The Break of Dawn" will keep readers deep in thought long after they finish reading her story about a young desperate mother terrified that her own daughter will grow up and become victimized herself. Dywane D. Birch's "Victory Begins With Me" reflects how one woman has to struggle to get her life back to normal. Shonda Cheekes' "Silent Suffering" flips the script when a man finds himself abused by the female in his life. Newcomer J.L. Woodson's "God Does Answer Prayers" deals with a young boy fighting for his life in a hospital bed, put there by one of the people who is supposed to love him the most: a parent. These stories capture the dangerous realities of domestic abuse, while also pointing toward the steps that need to be taken to break the cycle that perpetuates it. It is sure to serve as a rallying cry for all those who desire victory over their own victimization, and a guide for understanding the complex undercurrents that make such patterns possible.

### **Engine Empire: Poems**

A trilogy of three interconnected poems addresses prosperity in a nineteenth-

century California mining town, present-day Shenzhen, China, and the far future.

**Old scams, new victims : breaking the cycle of victimization : hearing before the Special Committee on Aging, United States Senate, One Hundred Ninth Congress, first session, Washington, DC, July 27, 2005.**

Three prolific authors bring truth to the title of this heart-wrenching book, *Love Is Never Painless*, with a collection of novellas that explores the deeper side of love -- the side rarely explored in love stories. In Eileen M. Johnson's "How the Other Half Lives," longtime friends Jamellah and Fernecia are having trouble with the men in their lives. And as their worlds seem to crumble, they must count on their friendship to keep it together. In "Love Is 2 Blame," by V. Anthony Rivers, Malcolm is devastated after his two-year relationship with Shaylisa ends. And trying to move on will not be easy -- but the lovely Zahara may be the perfect woman to show Malcolm what true love is all about. In Zane's "Staring Evil in the Face," Robier has everything: a successful career, beautiful children, and the woman of his dreams. Having loved Tiphonie since college, he is determined to keep his marital vows -- until Tiphonie is involved in a horrible car accident that changes the entire course of their lives. From nervous breakdowns to drug addiction, in *Love Is Never Painless*, Zane, Johnson, and Rivers have penned powerful stories that not

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only will have readers talking, but will bring a new perspective to their own relationships.

### **Breaking the Cycle**

From the Queen of Erotica, a smart, witty, and extremely sexy collection of short stories—the second volume to her highly successful Zane’s Sex Chronicles, the book behind the Cinemax series. Scenarios run the gamut from committed, monogamous couples looking to experiment to wild, single sisters who form a very unconventional sorority. You’ll meet a high-paid multitasking career woman who gets her groove back in “When Opposites Attract.” You’ll take a ride with an adventurous couple who try something new in “The Subway—A Quickie.” You’ll discover a new way of celebrating Christmas in “The Santa Claus.” Spicing up real-life scenarios with over-the-top sexual fantasy, Zane gives readers the best time they’ve ever had between the pages of a book. Zane’s hottest collection yet, with all-new characters and settings, these stories are tailored to women—but perfect for lovers to share.

### **Superwoman's Child**

Anyone who has struggled with sex addiction knows that living with constant

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sexual compulsions can be extremely difficult. But summoning the courage to find help for this condition can be even more of a challenge. If addictions to pornography, strip clubs, massage parlors, prostitutes, phone sex, or chat rooms have made you feel trapped, this book can help you find a way to break free. Written by a former sex addict who specializes in counseling people who suffer from sexually compulsive behavior, *Breaking the Cycle* presents a step-by-step plan to enjoying a life of productivity and purpose. You can free yourself from the powerful, compulsive urges that may have damaged your career, finances, or relationships with friends and family. The exercises in this book will show you how to regain control of your life and build meaningful intimate connections with others.

### **The Sisters of APF**

Finally, a book of insightful and practical advice for the millions of people suffering from low-grade depression, also known as dysthymia or chronic discontent. Frustrated. Stressed. Irritable. Discouraged. Cynical. Fed up. These are among the feelings experienced by millions of people. Whether they realize it or not, their feelings are not caused by a negative attitude, a lack of gratitude, or laziness. Rather, these feelings are among the symptoms of a condition called dysthymia, also known as chronic discontent or low-grade depression. It blocks feelings of happiness, contentment, and passion, leaving emptiness, a lack of meaning, and

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despair. This powerful and practical book explains how this condition takes hold—and presents simple yet profound ways to overcome it once and for all. Using anecdotes from his private practice as well as insightful questions and exercises, psychotherapist Alan Downs, Ph.D., shines light into the dark corners of this isolating and debilitating condition and includes a five-week program to help you feel good again. Not a superficial, magic-bullet approach, *The Half-Empty Heart* is a probing, honest book that offers a path to meaningful change. The path begins here.

### **Jet**

### **Oodles of Poodles**

Sometimes the most enviable life is really a private hell. On the surface, Sarah Jenkins appears to have it all: a handsome, wealthy and successful husband, a precocious five-year-old daughter, and a beautiful home in an affluent Seattle neighborhood. Her quirky best friend and fellow high school teacher, Maggie, marvels at her luck—and envies her happiness. But Sarah is far from happy. She feels empty and on edge, harangued by a critical inner voice—and as the truth about her marriage and details of her past emerge, her “perfect” life begins to

crumble. But just when it seems all is lost, a long forgotten, unopened letter changes everything, and with the support of friends, Sarah begins to rebuild her life. Can she quiet the critical voice in her head and learn to value herself instead?

### **Caramel Flava**

Men and women test the limits of love and devotion in this sexy and suspenseful first novel, which evokes the emotional honesty and moral complexity of real life. Newcomer Shonda Cheekes makes her contemporary debut in a hip, wonderfully wise story about letting go and moving on. When Yani Fenton married Jarrin Miller, she thought it would last forever. But five years ago, her husband of fifteen years walked out on his family without a backward glance. Since then, Yani and her two children have played a waiting game, certain that he is coming back. Now, with the help of her friends and her sister Asia, Yani is finally over her "love hangover" and ready to get on with her life. At a party, she meets Alex Chance, a prominent New York businessman who's looking for a relationship with a woman who isn't out for everything she can get. Their powerful attraction leads to a whirlwind courtship and a fairy-tale like wedding. But their happy ending is threatened by Jarrin's sudden reappearance, which forces Yani to face the truth about her marriage -- and the life-altering choice she will have to make as another man's wife. With generous helpings of affection, humor, and romantic suspense, Shonda Cheekes has created a story that crackles with wit and the rifs and rhythms of modern life.

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Alternating between the first-person outlooks of Yani and Alex, *Another Man's Wife* captivates readers with a sassy tale of brothers and sisters on the move and searching for love and fulfillment. Imbued with the author's fresh, unique voice, it is a provocative and seductive look at relationships in the twenty-first century.

### **The Zane Collection #1**

#### **Cassette Books**

In this searing debut thriller, a detective on the edge must stop a vicious killer even as he mends the emotional scars in his own life. Passion, jealousy, courage, and violence come to a head in *Love and Justice*, a thrilling new novel from a promising young literary voice.

#### **My Darkest Hour**

The aim of this book is to quickly empower you to make better decisions by giving you step-by-step explanations of the best techniques. We always make decisions under uncertainty and pressure, especially in business. We need faster and better

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decisions to cope, but we don't have the time to learn how to make them well. That is where I come in. I wrote this book to allow you to make better decisions without spending weeks studying theory and practice. THE INTRODUCTION gives you a snapshot of two decision-making biases, of the worst mistake you can do when making decision, and a lesson taken straight from philosophy. - Decision Biases (why your brain isn't always your friend in decisions) - The Worst Mistake in Decision-Making - A Lesson From Another Time THE FIRST CHAPTER looks at frameworks of reference, meaning how you can apply decision-making to achieve your goals, for example how and why some decisions are able to automatically give you a competitive advantage. - The OODA Loop - The Recognition-Primed Decision Model - GROW or the John Whitmore Model - The PDSA Cycle CHAPTERS 2 TO 5 look at separate phases of decision-making: understanding your context, understanding the problem, generating solutions and selecting one option out of many. 2 - CONTEXT Contexts can be very different - and there is no one size fits all approach, which is why this book provides you with five. - SWOT and PEST - TELOS - Porter's Five Forces - Causal Loops Diagrams 3 - PROBLEM ASSESSMENT Before making decisions, then, you need to work on finding out exactly what you are trying to solve. This chapter gives you 5 tools to do so: - Root Cause Analysis: Ishikawa's Diagram and the 5 Whys Technique - Pareto Analysis - Kipling Method (5W1H) - CATWOE 4 - GENERATING IDEAS In "pure" decision-making, little attention is given to this phase, as it belongs to a different field: creativity. This book includes two tools: - Zwicky's Box - SCAMPER 5 - WEIGHING ALTERNATIVES

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This book gives you six tools for this, each one with its specificities: - Weights and Factors: the Grid Analysis and the KT Matrix - The Paired Comparison Analysis - The Quantitative Strategic Planning Matrix - The Analytic Hierarchy Process - The Eisenhower Matrix CHAPTER 6 AND 7 look at group decisions, meaning whether it's a good idea to make decisions in a group and, if it is, how that group should make decisions. 6 - DO YOU NEED YOUR TEAM? You can either involve your team in decisions or exclude them. Often, managers are torn between these two options - you have three tools to help you though: - The Vroom-Yetton-Jago Model - The Hoy-Tarter Model - The Hersey-Blanchard Model 7 - GROUP TECHNIQUES To be used when making decisions in a group is necessary. - The Nominal Group Technique - The Delphi Method - Hartnett's Consensus-Oriented Decision-Making Model - The Stepladder Technique - DeBono's Six Thinking Hats - The Charette Procedure - RAPID CHAPTERS 8 AND 9 look at decisions in corporate strategy and analyse a decision's consequence 8 - CORPORATE STRATEGY These decision tools have all been developed for corporations, but they still hold value for smaller businesses. - The BCG Matrix - The Advantage Matrix - The GE Matrix - Blind Spot Analysis 9 - CONSEQUENCES In other words: "how can I make sure that the decision I made is the best one and will work in my specific situation?" Unfortunately nobody can answer this. Any decision method can only skew the odds of having made the right decision in your favour. That said, there are a few techniques you can apply. - Impact Assessment - Plus-Minus-Interesting - Decision Trees - Cost-Benefit Analysis - Futures Wheel

## The Glass Castle

By the New York Times bestselling author of *The Bone Clocks* | Shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize A postmodern visionary and one of the leading voices in twenty-first-century fiction, David Mitchell combines flat-out adventure, a Nabokovian love of puzzles, a keen eye for character, and a taste for mind-bending, philosophical and scientific speculation in the tradition of Umberto Eco, Haruki Murakami, and Philip K. Dick. The result is brilliantly original fiction as profound as it is playful. In this groundbreaking novel, an influential favorite among a new generation of writers, Mitchell explores with daring artistry fundamental questions of reality and identity. *Cloud Atlas* begins in 1850 with Adam Ewing, an American notary voyaging from the Chatham Isles to his home in California. Along the way, Ewing is befriended by a physician, Dr. Goose, who begins to treat him for a rare species of brain parasite. . . . Abruptly, the action jumps to Belgium in 1931, where Robert Frobisher, a disinherited bisexual composer, contrives his way into the household of an infirm maestro who has a beguiling wife and a nubile daughter. . . . From there we jump to the West Coast in the 1970s and a troubled reporter named Luisa Rey, who stumbles upon a web of corporate greed and murder that threatens to claim her life. . . . And onward, with dazzling virtuosity, to an inglorious present-day England; to a Korean superstate of the near future where neocapitalism has run amok; and, finally, to a postapocalyptic Iron Age Hawaii in the last days of history. But the story doesn't end even there. The narrative then boomerangs back through

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centuries and space, returning by the same route, in reverse, to its starting point. Along the way, Mitchell reveals how his disparate characters connect, how their fates intertwine, and how their souls drift across time like clouds across the sky. As wild as a videogame, as mysterious as a Zen koan, *Cloud Atlas* is an unforgettable tour de force that, like its incomparable author, has transcended its cult classic status to become a worldwide phenomenon. Praise for *Cloud Atlas* “[David] Mitchell is, clearly, a genius. He writes as though at the helm of some perpetual dream machine, can evidently do anything, and his ambition is written in magma across this novel’s every page.”—The New York Times Book Review “One of those how-the-holy-hell-did-he-do-it? modern classics that no doubt is—and should be—read by any student of contemporary literature.”—Dave Eggers “Wildly entertaining . . . a head rush, both action-packed and chillingly ruminative.”—People “The novel as series of nested dolls or Chinese boxes, a puzzle-book, and yet—not just dazzling, amusing, or clever but heartbreaking and passionate, too. I’ve never read anything quite like it, and I’m grateful to have lived, for a while, in all its many worlds.”—Michael Chabon “*Cloud Atlas* ought to make [Mitchell] famous on both sides of the Atlantic as a writer whose fearlessness is matched by his talent.”—The Washington Post Book World “Thrilling . . . One of the biggest joys in *Cloud Atlas* is watching Mitchell sashay from genre to genre without a hitch in his dance step.”—Boston Sunday Globe “Grand and elaborate . . . [Mitchell] creates a world and language at once foreign and strange, yet strikingly familiar and intimate.”—Los Angeles Times From the Hardcover edition.

### **Man Swappers**

From a young author who has lived through what he writes about, Superwoman's Child is an eye-opening novel chronicling one teenage son's struggle with his trouble-filled life. Growing up the only male in a house full of women is no easy task. Sometimes the women can be "as sweet as pie," while other days they turn into something he wouldn't dare say out loud. So is the life of Sean Morris, a teenager with an absent father and troubles many would recognize. Even though his father's been practically missing in action for a while, Sean still wonders if his father will ever be there for him, especially now, when he needs him most. Will Sean be able to handle new challenges without a male role model? Or will he come to terms with the fact that the only people he needs in his life are the ones who actually love him -- the "superwomen" who are already there? Sure to resonate with parents and teenagers alike, Superwoman's Child is by turns humorous and heart wrenching -- a revealing story of the determined perseverance of one son and the unwavering encouragement of his mother.

### **The Facts of Business Life**

Lieutenant Eve Dallas walks the thin line between love and hate in the 40th In Death thriller from #1 New York Times bestselling author J. D. Robb... Eve Dallas

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has solved a lot of high-profile murders for the NYPSP and gotten a lot of media. She—and her husband Roarke—are getting accustomed to being objects of attention, of gossip, of speculation. But now Eve has become the object of one person's obsession. Someone who finds her extraordinary, and thinks about her every hour of every day. Who believes the two of them have a special relationship. Who would kill for her—again and again... With a murderer reading meanings into her every move, handling this case will be a delicate—and dangerous—psychological dance. And Eve knows that underneath the worship and admiration, a terrible threat lies in wait. Because the beautiful lieutenant is not at all grateful for these bloody offerings from her “true and loyal friend.” And in time, idols always fall... From the Paperback edition.

### **Love & Justice**

In this groundbreaking memoir, *My Darkest Hour: The Day I Realized I Was Abusive*, Harold L. Turley II goes beyond identifying emotional, economical, and domestic abuse/domestic violence to prescribing a course of action for both the victim and abuser. Coupling stories of how Turley was abused and inflicted abuse upon others, *My Darkest Hour* offers readers the tools needed to recognize a problem in a relationship and how to transform it. His testimony assures one that such a transformation is possible—given the desire to want to change. Turley also gives advice on how to avoid abusive situations and different ways to channel

one's anger. Combining practical applications and Biblical scriptures with his trademark support and assurance, Turley demonstrates how to empower oneself, release abusive behavior, and change life for the better.

### **Breaking the Cycle**

New York Times bestselling author Zane shares the lessons she's learned over the years about successful book publishing, filmmaking, and TV production. Drawing on decades of experience as a mega-bestselling novelist, successful publisher, and executive producer of two TV shows, Zane offers practical advice on writing and publishing to aspiring writers across all media, including books, TV, and film. With her signature wit and straightforward style, Zane tells it like it is, emphasizing hard work, discipline, and commitment as the keys to a successful writing career. Part One covers the writing and creative process, including how to define your writing style, how to outline a story, how to develop characters, typical mistakes to avoid, writing for your medium, and the revision process. Part Two covers the book publishing process, from finding a literary agent who best understands your work, to getting your work in the hands of publishers, to building an audience for your work. Zane also shares wisdom from her early years as a self-published author for those seeking an alternative to traditional publishing. Infinite Words isn't just a reference guide; it's an essential companion for writers facing the unique challenges and opportunities of today's ever-evolving world.

### **Gettin' Buck Wild**

Deeva McCoy is floundering in a less than satisfying job when her life seems to go from bad to worse when she's fired. While consoling herself at home, she's sucked into the daytime drama of a popular talk show where unsuspecting men are set up by a sexy decoy on live television. This gives Deeva an idea, and soon she unleashes an entrepreneurial brainstorm and is running her own business -- DeCoys, Inc. Soon, women are paying her to see if their men are potential cheaters. After meeting Tristan Savage and spending what she believed to be an incredible weekend together, her world seems to shatter once more when Monday morning the woman sitting across from her has requested her services to investigate him. Unable to fight her mutual attraction, Deeva finds herself breaking one of her primary rules of business as she continues her relationship with Tristan. But when Tristan finds out about her line of work and the possible reason behind their meeting the passionate relationship they've developed is at risk. With all the style, colorful characters, and unforgettable moments that readers love, DeCoys, Inc. exposes the danger of mixing pleasure with business.

### **Cloud Atlas**

A successful woman entrepreneur addresses the taboo of depression that pervades

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African-American culture, drawing on her own experiences of suffering and recovery while counseling readers from all walks of life on how to overcome cycles of denial and psychological pain. Reprint. 50,000 first printing.

### **Love Is Never Painless**

A book about many of the different mixed-breeds of poodles. It is informative and fun.

### **Addicted**

New York Times bestselling author Zane presents a tantalizing short story collection, Zane's Sex Chronicles, which is now the basis of the Cinemax series Zane's Sex Chronicles -- the first urban erotic series on television. The series calls for a sexual revolution and brings forth our favorite characters -- Patience James aka Zane, Maricruz, Lyric, Eboni, and Ana Marie -- as a force to be reckoned with as they balance common day-to-day issues, a slew of hot sex, and the fine men in the big city. Learn more about their backgrounds in this special tie-in edition. Like the series, Zane's Sex Chronicles is about empowerment and liberation -- both in and out of the bedroom. Pleasurable from beginning to end, this anthology brings together fifteen hunger-inducing stories from the original bestselling editions of

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The Sex Chronicles: Shattering the Myth and Gettin' Buck Wild: Sex Chronicles II. Zane's Sex Chronicles weaves together a compilation of bold characters and provocative stories of passion and intoxicating eroticism to seduce both men and women.

### **Obsession in Death**

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT: Being your own boss can be a great career choice Success is what you decide it is Doing what you have a passion and talent for can be very profitable Monetary risk, hard work, and new ideas should be financially rewarded Understanding the business basics every successful owner focuses on—and in what order—would be beneficial Success works for you only after you've worked for it Marketplace battles are won before they are played Knowing what owning a business is really like would make ownership success a lot easier Change can create great opportunities Knowing when to exit a business is as important a life and business decision as becoming an entrepreneur in the first place THEN THE FACTS OF BUSINESS LIFE IS FOR YOU! Written by a successful business owner with four decades of experience, The Facts of Business Life is full of real-world concepts that owners must use and embrace if they want to become and stay successful. This multiple award-winning book has been endorsed by some of America's top business leaders, like Steve Forbes and Ken Fisher, and has been recognized as "one of the best five business books of the year" and "a must read for

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entrepreneurs or those wanting to be one.” McBean begins with clear explanations and real-life examples of the seven Facts of Business Life that every successful business owner knows and executes consistently, including exactly what they are as well as how and when to use them. He then goes on to show how those facts impact on the five levels every successful business passes through, from “Ownership and Opportunity” to “Moving On When It’s Time to Go,” explaining that while the facts themselves remain the same, as a business becomes successful and moves through its life cycle, the way they are applied must change to fit changing circumstances. But there are even more reasons why this breakthrough business book is a must read, including: Its principles are based on the author’s own experience in starting and running successful businesses in a variety of industries. It shows that the most successful businesspeople create profitable opportunities rather than wait for them to present themselves. It enables readers to analyze the likelihood of their own success based on the characteristics most successful owners have. It reveals the #1 priority for all owners and their employees, and why every owner needs to continually focus on it (Hint: it’s not being profitable). It emphasizes that becoming successful is no guarantee that success will last, and that success itself can be a trap that eventually leads to failure. It shows that a business’s culture isn’t just a mission statement but also the processes created to operate the business and the employees who implement them. It discusses the steps that must be taken even before a business is started to increase the odds of its becoming a lasting success. It covers every step in a

business' life cycle, including the last one, showing that the best time to exit a business is when you don't have to, and that unless you pick that time, someone else will. MANY BUSINESS BOOKS INCREASE THEIR READERS' KNOWLEDGE—THE FACTS OF BUSINESS LIFE NOT ONLY INCREASES THAT KNOWLEDGE, IT SHOWS YOU HOW TO TURN IT INTO PROFITS.

### **Into a Dark Realm**

### **Better Than This**

On March 19, 1969, First Lieutenant Homer R. Steedly, Jr., shot and killed a North Vietnamese soldier, Dam, when they met on a jungle trail. Steedly took a diary—filled with beautiful line drawings—from the body of the dead soldier, which he subsequently sent to his mother for safekeeping. Thirty-five years later, Steedly rediscovers the forgotten diary and begins to confront his suppressed memories of the war that defined his life, deciding to return to Viet Nam and meet the family of the man he killed to seek their forgiveness. Fellow veteran and award-winning author Wayne Karlin accompanied Steedly on his remarkable journey. In *Wandering Souls* he recounts Homer's movement towards a recovery that could only come about through a confrontation with the ghosts of his past—and the need

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of Dam's family to bring their child's "wandering soul" to his own peace. Wandering Souls limns the terrible price of war on soldiers and their loved ones, and reveals that we heal not by forgetting war's hard lessons, but by remembering its costs.

### **Bystander**

Chronicles the sexual escapades and adventures of the women of a sorority dedicated to sexual freedom and fulfillment.

### **Black Pain**

### **Sex Chronicles**

Three provocative and sensual novels from New York Times bestselling author Zane. Afterburn Weaving the carnal and the comical in true Zane fashion, two hapless lovers' struggle to find love in a world gone mad is a timeless talk about everything that can go wrong in the dating game—and a few things that can go right. Total Eclipse of the Heart When a tragic event brings Brooke and Damon together, they see truths about their relationships they never wanted to accept.

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Sometimes two people meet by pure chance, but sometimes it's a total eclipse of the heart. The Hot Box Best friends Milena and Lydia are playing the game with Jacour, Yosef, Glenn, and Phil. The only problem: the men do not realize that they are playing. Milena lives a sheltered and dismal existence and has not allowed a man to touch her body in eight years . . . until now. Lydia dreams of getting away from small-town America but, until she can make that happen, she is prepared to do whatever it takes to continue to have her bills paid . . . on time. Good sex always does the trick. Two women. Four men. Two love triangles. Reading has never been this hot because, once again, Zane is taking you outside the box.

### **Effective Decision-Making**

Eric is the new kid in seventh grade. Griffin wants to be his friend. When you're new in town, it's hard to know who to hang out with—and who to avoid. Griffin seems cool, confident, and popular. But something isn't right about Griffin. He always seems to be in the middle of bad things. And if Griffin doesn't like you, you'd better watch your back. There might be a target on it. As Eric gets drawn deeper into Griffin's dark world, he begins to see the truth about Griffin: he's a liar, a bully, a thief. Eric wants to break away, do the right thing. But in one shocking moment, he goes from being a bystander . . . to the bully's next victim. This title has Common Core connections.

## **Another Time, Another Place**

I grew up in a pretty strict Catholic household where religion was always really important. My parents always taught me that I could do anything I put my mind to if I worked hard enough for it and that I should always be good and kind because what goes around comes around. I brought all these ideals with me into adulthood, and it seemed to be working well for me?until my husband and I decided to try to start a family. After a year of trying to get pregnant, my faith was shaken. Why didn't God want me to have a baby? Am I really that bad of a person that God doesn't think I should have such a gift? Finally, my pregnancy test came back positive, and I thought my tests and trials were over. Oh, I knew there would be small hurdles to get over; all young families experience that?I was just glad the worst was over. I missed feeling like I could depend on God. Little did I know my fertility issues were just a small blip compared to the trials we would experience after becoming pregnant. I originally wrote this book for my babies as they approach their first birthday. I wanted them to know how much they were loved and wanted from the beginning and for them to know their story. After having a few family members read the book, they agreed that I should publish it, as it has the potential to touch many lives. I hope it does.

## **The Half-Empty Heart**

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Turn up the heat with five sensual novellas that take the readers on a wild ride of stimulation. Led and edited by the New York Times bestselling author Zane, *Another Time, Another Place* transports sensuous and steamy encounters across the world and through history. From when the pharaohs ruled, to the forbidden romances in the time of the Vietnam War, to a future where technology has reshaped the meaning and making of love, this anthology showcases the popular talents of contributors such as Rique Johnson, Dywane D. Birch, and more. Readers explore the many cultures and traditions that have shaped the concept of romance. These five novellas takes readers to places they've only imagined before, fleshing out the sizzling detail and proving a satisfying read in the tradition of such runaway favorite anthologies as *Chocolate Flava* and *Blackgentlemen.com*. With its lush settings and a taste for the unknown, *Another Time, Another Place* is a treat for the adventurous soul. This delicious collection, featuring five of the hottest African-American authors today, brings whole new worlds to life.

### **Under Currents**

### **Decoys, Inc.**

The Conclave of Shadows has smashed the Nighthawks' dread plot to destroy the

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Empire of Great Kesh through civil war, putting an end to the murderous brotherhood's reign of terror. But there is no time for the victors to celebrate, for the mad sorcerer, Leso Varen, has taken refuge with the Magicians of the Assembly on the world of Kelewan, and is lost among the most powerful men and women of that empire. And a devastating new threat looms on the horizon: hordes of the Dasati—the most vicious warriors in the known universe—are massing to overrun both Kelewan and Midkemia. The great sorcerer Pug knows of no power that will vanquish the invaders. And he realizes he must now enter another realm of reality if his world is to survive—and make his way to the poisonous heart of the Dasati Empire to find the answers he needs to defeat the fearsome enemy. Joining him on his quest into the dark unknown will be the brave Magnus and Nakor . . . and a disturbing young stranger named Bek, whose terrifying bloodlust and uncanny strength attest to a host of sinister secrets waiting to be revealed. But the champions of Midkemia will need every ally they can muster if their mission is to succeed in the most terrible place they have ever ventured—as they and all Midkemians prepare for battle against the encroaching doom that would swallow their world.

### **Living in the One Percentile**

Dear G-Spot is New York Times bestselling author Zane's long-awaited guide to what she knows better than anyone else: love and sex. Dear G-Spot includes real

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letters from real people, both women and men, who have sought Zane's advice over the years -- the preacher's wife worrying about being judged, the virgin, the guy next door, the gay man next door, the woman with low self-esteem, and the other woman with a sex drive over the moon. In her own uniquely candid and humorous way, Zane answers all your questions -- even questions you never thought to ask -- about making whoopee.

### **Talking Book Topics**

Zane, the queen of erotic fiction and publisher of Strebor Books, an imprint of Atria Books/Simon & Schuster, presents the second in a series of collections of great erotic fiction. Based on the Featured Erotica section of her website, [Eroticanoir.com](http://Eroticanoir.com), which gets more than three million hits a year from around the world, these sensual tales, handpicked by Zane, are sure to please her fans. These stories are written specifically with both African-American and Latino readers in mind, but they are for all people because as Zane always states: "Sensuality is universal." Among the contributors are names already familiar to readers of erotica, such as Tracee A. Hanna, Teresa Lamai, Michelle De Leon, Naleighna Kai, William Fredrick Cooper, and, of course, Zane -- as well as emerging voices, such as Pat Tucker, James W. Lewis, and Nikki Sinclair. Zane always selects stories that turn her on, and she guarantees they will turn you on, also. These storytellers take risks. The stories are unique and creative. The contributors to this book are great

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