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Dive into the electrifying world of 'Darkness Unleashed,' the seventh installment in Stephanie Rowe's acclaimed 'Order of the Blade' series. This captivating paranormal romance plunges readers into a high-stakes urban fantasy adventure, where ancient darkness threatens to unravel everything, and only the Order can stand against it.

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Darkness Unleashed

A scarred recluse, Jagr makes no secret of his disdain for others' company. But now, as a member of Chicago's powerful vampire clan, he has certain obligations to fulfill. The latest: track down a missing were-pureblood and return her to her sister. The problem: Regan Garrett has no intention of complying. Original.

Darkness Reborn (Order of the Blade)

Calydon warrior Kane Santiago has a past he can't remember, and a deadly legacy closing in on him. His only chance is Sarah Burns, a desperate, courageous woman fighting to save herself and her family from an ancient, brutal evil. "Very gripping and powerful! I couldn't put the book down, and I bought the whole Order of the Blade series!" ~ Amazon Review Talismans carved into his body. A lethal darkness amassing inside him. A woman who calls to his spirit on levels so intimate and so passionate that his deadened soul screams in agony. Kane Santiago forgot his past for a reason...and it's coming back for him. Sarah is on the verge of losing everything, but she can't afford to trust Kane, who is either the key to her final destruction...or her only chance of survival. Bound together by a connection so deep that it has the power to bring the past and all its nightmares back to life, Kane and Sarah must tap into the hearts they closed down so long ago or lose everything, including their souls. "Stephanie Rowe delivers another novel in her "ORDER OF THE BLADE" series that has it all: mystery, action, suspense, super evil bad guys and a love that stands strong against evil." ~Barbara M (Five-star Amazon Review) "The story brought me right into his soul." ~Sherry (Five-star Amazon Review) "Stephanie Rowe gets me hooked into her characters so deep that I keep coming back for more and more, even if I am rereading. The stories. Sigh.....I want my own Calydon." ~ FaizaAhmad (Five-star Amazon Review) "I am so hooked!" ~Diana K (Five-star Amazon Review) "How many times must I reread this series and just like every time I have, it's like the first. I CAN NOT PUT THESE BOOKS DOWN!" ~Stephanie G (Five-star Amazon Review) "I was hooked on the first paragraph and

never let go. It's like a roller coaster, just hold on and wait to find out what's coming over the next bend. This story keeps you riveted!!" ~ VivLA (Five-star Amazon Review) "KANE is my favorite. I have to say I felt his story was so amazing." ~ FaizaAhmad (Five-star Amazon Review) "Kane Kane Kane. I loved this book. I held my breath up until the end because I didn't know how things were going to turn out." ~Daydreaming Awake (Five-star Amazon Review) "Outstanding, this book very intense with a lot of action and adventure along with romance. You get sucked into the story as if you're a part of it." (Five-star Amazon Review) "This book was so good. Sarah truly captured my heart and I just wanted her man to save her. This book was just perfect." (Five-star Amazon Review) "Love, love, love this series!!!" ~Elizabeth (Five-star Amazon Review) "I'm so lost for words.....I love the stories of each Order member." ~Melissa (Five-star Amazon Review) "Only one of the most addicting paranormal writers ever!!!" ~ymdh (Five-star Amazon Review) "Very gripping and powerful! I couldn't put the book down and I bought the whole Order of the Blade series!" ~Five-star Amazon Review "One of the best written series that I've read in years." ~Hope (Five-star Amazon Review) "These books just keep getting better and better. A must read for all paranormal readers. Can't wait until the next book." ~Susan O. (Five-star Amazon Review) ABOUT THE AUTHOR: New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Stephanie Rowe is the 2018 winner of the RITA® Award for Best Paranormal Romance, as well as a five-time nominee. She is also a 2021 Vivian® Award nominee. For more information on Stephanie and her books, visit www.stephanierowe.com.

Darkness Surrendered (Order of the Blade)

Six hundred years ago, Elijah Ross was tortured into insanity and thrust into a mental hell that no living creature has ever survived...except him. Now, that ancient evil is back, and it is far more deadly.

"HBO should be taking a strong look at the series that could bank them \$\$\$\$ for years in this story." Annettepj (Amazon Review) "Sexy, lustful, imaginative, creative and heartfelt. The Order of the Blade series has it all." Mytime (Amazon Review) Elijah is all that stands between it and the destruction of all of humanity, but each step he takes drags him ruthlessly back into the nightmare that once consumed him. Elijah's only chance is Ana Matthews, whose sensual kisses and passionate fire thrust hope and light into his blackened heart and fragmented mind. But Ana's deadly past could be the final trigger for Elijah's descent into irretrievable madness and the destruction of his soul, humanity and what is left of his heart. All books in the Order of the Blade series can be read as stand-alones and in any order. "It had so much action and suspense that it kept me on the edge biting my nails. Kudos to the author for such a great imagination!! I love books where I can't predict the ending!!! You have to read this series!!!!" artemis2u (Amazon Review) "I can't read this series enough. Each book is like the best love story ever told." Amazon Review "Incredible story!" Amazon Review "Sigh & swoon.. Each time I reread these books, it only gets better. Love love love." Stephanie G (Amazon Review) "Omg. Pulls you in and keeps you there in the moment throughout the entire book. The amazing writing skills this author has are unparalleled." RKK321 (Amazon Review) "Elijah and Ana's story grabbed me from the beginning and I stopped only twice, once to pick-up food then to buy the rest of the books! Now ten of four in the am I had to let you know. Ms. Rowers writing style and rhythm keep the reader engaged to the exclusion of all else. I was enthralled!" nyrican4t-A-Bibliophile (Amazon Review) "The whole series is just breathtaking." Amazon Review "I found myself walking through the house with my kindle, rapidly turning pages to see what would happen next, oblivious to my own world." Denise K (Amazon Review) "Love this series. After reading the first book, I bought all the rest!!! Absolutely loved them!" cccmmmssss (Amazon Review) ABOUT THE AUTHOR: New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Stephanie Rowe is the 2018 winner of the RITA(R) Award for Best Paranormal Romance, as well as a five-time nominee. She is also a 2021 Vivian(R) Award nominee. For more information on Stephanie and her books, visit her on the web at www.stephanierowe.com.

Darkness Unleashed (Order of the Blade)

A warrior with blackened honor. Intensely loyal and yet violently unpredictable, immortal warrior Ryland Samuels has hours left to save the soul of the man he owes his life to, but with each passing moment, he spirals closer and closer to a hell that once trapped him, a nightmare that has been waiting to reclaim him for almost a thousand years. An angel driven to the edge. Ravaged by betrayal and loss, Catherine Taylor is almost out of time to save her daughter from a place so deadly, so haunted, that no one has emerged alive in centuries. The angel of death will not let anything stand in her way, not even the deadly, haunted warrior on a lethal mission. Ryland needs her help desperately, but she needs his even more...and they can't both get what they want. Enslaved by their own darkness. Forbidden heat explodes between the two tormented, isolated souls when they meet, a fiery, sensual connection that

threatens everything they hold most dear. Will they survive the passion raging between them? Or will it cost them the one thing each cannot bear to lose?

Unbound

I had no idea how beautiful and terrifying my life was about to become. Living as an independent artist in New York, I was soon faced with the new knowledge of my powers, a curse, and how bonding with five sexy-as-sin supernaturals would break that curse. One by one they found me—Fae, Warlock, Demon, Wolf shifter, Vampire. I'm their mate. Their equal. Their perfect match. The one to unbind them from their curse. Heart, body, and soul, I'm meant to be theirs. Theirs to share. Theirs to love. From the beginning, they warn me of my fate. The stronger our magic bonds; the greater the chance evil will find us. These incredible beings will give their lives to protect me, no matter the sacrifice, but I'm not willing to lose any of them. They've stolen my heart and I'll do whatever it takes to break the curse and stop the one who's coming for us. Unbound is the first in a fated mates trilogy. The Cursed Trilogy includes; Unbound, Unleashed, Unveiled. If you like steamy, paranormal romances with humor, action, and a kickass heroine who owns the hearts of five powerful and scintillating supernatural men, then this series is for you!

Primal Heat

As Prime of his vampire Family, Mathias Bridger is sworn to protect his own kind at any cost, but years of acting as a fierce guardian of his people have left him yearning for more out of life. His chance comes in the form of Phillipa Elliot, the beautiful police officer whose allure hasn't dimmed in the two years since they had a brief, torrid affair. And although she's involved with someone else now, Phillipa can't deny the feeling that Matt is her destiny. When the Family comes under attack from fanatical vampire hunters, Matt uncovers treachery that shatters his world. So how can he possibly invite Phillipa into it? Fighting to protect his kin, he tries to push Phillipa away to the safety of her mortal life - but he aches for her, and his will is no match for their all-consuming passion...

Inferno of Darkness (Order of the Blade)

EXCELLENT! Powerful from beginning to end." Five-star Amazon Review
Fatally wounded by his father, Dante Sinclair has only hours left to destroy his family's tainted legacy before he succumbs to the poison coursing through him. Rigidly focused on his goal, he has no time for anything else, until he meets a sensual, tormented woman that calls to his soul in ways that strip him raw and derails him from his mission. Elisha, the princess of darkness, is willing to give up her life to save the world she loves, until Dante Sinclair robs her of the one tool she has to defeat the evil that courses through her veins. The darkness is closing in on them both, and the two tormented souls are torn from their chosen paths and thrust into a passionate whirlwind of sacrifice, betrayal, and devastating choices. And so it began, many centuries ago... "Rowe is a paranormal star!" ~J.R. Ward "Great alpha characters overcoming impossible odds." ~applepie1 (Five-star Amazon Review) "The Order of The Blade is a Brotherhood of Hotties!" ~Annettepj (Five-star Amazon Review) "What an amazing book!! I would love to give it 6 stars if I could." Bossert (Five-star Amazon Review) "Keeps you riveted until the very end." Lady D (Five-star Amazon Review) "Great story full of intrigue, suspense, and love. Author Stephanie Rowe writes with a huge lesson, "A life without love isn't a life worth living!" ~D.Patience (Five-star Amazon Review)
BIO: New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Stephanie Rowe is "a paranormal star" (JR Ward). She's thrilled to be a 2021 Vivian® Award nominee, and a RITA® Award winner and five-time nominee, the highest awards in romance fiction. As the bestselling author of more than fifty books, Stephanie delights readers with her wide range of genres, which include contemporary romance, paranormal romance, and romantic suspense novels. *Author's note: Originally intended to be a novella, INFERNO OF DARKNESS ended up being too long and complex to be a novella. It is a complete novel that is slightly shorter than the other novels in the Order the Blade series.

Darkness Awakened (Order of the Blade)

A reclusive immortal warrior and a sassy, irreverent witch team up in a steamy, dangerous romance. Can two fated enemies overcome dangerous attraction to save those they love? "What a mesmerizing story. Stephanie Rowe has caught me in her net of intrigue, love, myth, and warriors." ~Voracious Reader (Five-star Amazon Review)
Haunted by a deadly curse, Grace will do whatever it takes to rescue her kidnapped sister, including blackmail a deadly, reclusive warrior into helping her. But when the attraction between them endangers everything...she'll have to make an impossible choice. Descended

from demons, Quinn Masters is sworn to protect the innocent at costs. But when his team turns on his blood brother, he must go rogue to save him. Hunted by the team he trained to perfection, Quinn is on the run, using all his skills to stay alive long enough to save the warrior he owes his life to. But when Quinn discovers the key to saving his blood brother is the dangerously addictive woman fated to destroy him, everything that matters to him is at risk. As a deadly enemy closes in, can Quinn and Grace use their ill-fated destiny to defeat an unstoppable curse...or will love steal everything from them?

"I effin love these books." ~JDE (Five-star Goodreads Review) "This story was an amazing read and I hated having to put it down every day because it was all I could think about." ~Tracey R (Five-star Amazon Review) "The plot she has weaved for this incredible story that just begun for me is outstanding, and I can't wait to continue this amazing adventure." ~AlabamaGirl (Five-star Amazon Review) "I LOVED this book!!!! I think it was new and fresh and different and sexy." (Five-star Amazon Review) "WOW, REALLY REALLY GOOD. MUST READ!! The blood bond that took place between Grace and Quinn was smoking hot!!!" ~Ginka (Five-star Amazon Review) "Perfect combination of romance, action, suspense, mystery, and humor! I was on the edge of my seat the whole time!" ~Britany (Five-star Amazon Review) "This not normally my cup of tea but this book sure as heck is my shot of whiskey! Enjoy!" ~Krystal (Five-star Goodreads Review) "It blew me away." ~Pknv (Five-star Amazon Review) "Thank the powers that be this author is prolific." ~Toni G (Five-star Goodreads Review) "I NEED more of these warriors!!!!!" ~CocoLoco4Books (Five-star Goodreads Review) "I didn't want to stop reading it to make dinner or anything else." ~Hbeebti (Five-star Goodreads Review) "This was so dreamy. Sigh." ~Ramblings of a Scattered Mind (Five-star Goodreads Review) "Adventurous, romantic, HOT, steamy and full of the type of sex that us girls only dream about." ~Melindad (Five-star Goodreads Review) "Oooh this was a yummy book." ~Helen A (Five-star Goodreads Review) ABOUT THE AUTHOR: New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Stephanie Rowe is the author of more than 50 novels. She is a RITA® Award Winner for Best Paranormal, as well as a five-time nominee. She is also a 2021 Vivian® Award nominee for Best Romantic Suspense Long, and a Golden Heart® Award winner and two-time nominee. Publishers Weekly has called her work "[a] genre-twister that will make readers...rabid for more."

Dr. Strange Beard

Everyone in Green Valley, Tennessee knows that the six bearded Winston brothers have been imbued with an unfair share of charm and charisma... and are prone to mischief. Dr. Strange Beard, the fifth book in the Winston Brothers series, from USA TODAY bestselling author Penny Reid publishes in July 2018!

Monsters of the Market

"Monsters of the Market" investigates modern capitalism through the prism of the body panics it arouses. Examining "Frankenstein," Marx's "Capital" and zombie fables from sub-Saharan Africa, it offers a novel account of the cultural and corporeal economy of global capitalism.

Punk 57

"MISHA I can't help but smile at the lyrics in her letter. She misses me. In fifth grade, my teacher set us up with pen pals from a different school. Thinking I was a girl, with a name like Misha, the other teacher paired me up with her student, Ryen. My teacher, believing Ryen was a boy like me, agreed. It didn't take long for us to figure out the mistake. And in no time at all, we were arguing about everything. The best take-out pizza. Android vs. iPhone. Whether or not Eminem is the greatest rapper ever... And that was the start. For the next seven years, it was us. Her letters are always on black paper with silver writing. Sometimes there's one a week or three in a day, but I need them. She's the only one who keeps me on track, talks me down, and accepts everything I am. We only had three rules. No social media, no phone numbers, no pictures. We had a good thing going. Why ruin it? Until I run across a photo of a girl online. Name's Ryen, loves Gallo's pizza, and worships her iPhone. What are the chances? F*ck it. I need to meet her. I just don't expect to hate what I find. RYEN He hasn't written in three months. Something's wrong. Did he die? Get arrested? Knowing Misha, neither would be a stretch. Without him around, I'm going crazy. I need to know someone is listening. It's my own fault. I should've gotten his phone number or picture or something. He could be gone forever. Or right under my nose, and I wouldn't even know it. *Punk 57 is a stand alone New Adult romance. It is suitable for ages 18+."--Amazon.com

Passion on Park Avenue

An Oprah.com Best Romance Novel of 2019! "Perfect for readers who love the dishy women's fiction of Candace Bushnell." —Booklist From the author of the New York Times bestselling *Stiletto* and *Oxford* series, the first in a sizzling new series following the unlikely friendship of three Upper East Side women as they struggle to achieve their dreams and find true love and happiness in the city that never sleeps. For as long as she can remember, Bronx-born Naomi Powell has had one goal: to prove her worth among the Upper East Side elite—the same people for which her mom worked as a housekeeper. Now, as the strongminded, sassy CEO of one of the biggest jewelry empires in the country, Naomi finally has exactly what she wants—but it's going to take more than just the right address to make Manhattan's upper class stop treating her like an outsider. The worst offender is her new neighbor, Oliver Cunningham—the grown son of the very family Naomi's mother used to work for. Oliver used to torment Naomi when they were children, and as a ridiculously attractive adult, he's tormenting her in entirely different ways. Now they find themselves engaged in a battle-of-wills that will either consume or destroy them. "Strong characters and relatable situations elevate Layne's bighearted contemporary...[which] digs into class differences, emotional baggage, and the reality of dealing with aging parents" (Publishers Weekly, starred review). With the sexy combination of charm, heart, and snark, Lauren Layne's new series is perfect for fans of Christina Lauren and Sally Thorne.

Capitalism and Environmental Collapse

This book intends to be an alert to the fact that the curve measuring environmental costs against the economic benefits of capitalism has irreversibly entered into a negative phase. The prospect of an environmental collapse has been evidenced by the sciences and the humanities since the 1960s. Today, it imposes its urgency. This collapse differs from past civilizations in that it is neither local nor just civilizational. It is global and occurs at the broadest level of the biosphere, accelerated by the convergence of different socio-environmental crises, such as: Earth energy imbalance, climate change and global warming Sea-level rise Decrease and degradation of forests Collapse of terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity Floods, droughts, wildfires, and extreme weather events Degradation of soils and water resources Increase in pollution caused by fossil fuels and coal Increase in waste production and industrial intoxication The book is divided in two parts. In the first part it presents a comprehensive review of scientific data to show the already visible effects of each of the different environmental crises and its consequences to human life on Earth. In the second part, Luiz Marques critically discusses what he calls the three concentric illusions that prevent us from realizing the gravity of the current socio-environmental crises: the illusion of a sustainable capitalism, the illusion that economic growth is still capable of providing more well-being and the anthropocentric illusion. Finally, Marques argues that "fitting" back into the biosphere will only be possible if we dismantle the expansive socioeconomic gear that has shaped our societies since the 16th century by moving from a Social Contract to a Natural Contract, which takes into account the whole biosphere. According to him, the future society will be post-capitalist or it will not be a complex society, and even perhaps, we must fear, no society at all. "This book is backed up with the latest and best science and has made the complexities understandable for the average reader, all in a context of hope for the future." - William J. Ripple, PhD, Distinguished Professor of Ecology, Director of the Alliance of World Scientists, Oregon State University

Darkness Seduced

Immortal warrior Gideon Roarke made an oath five hundred years ago to the woman who died for him. The ancient Calydon is ruthless in his quest to honor that promise, even if it means risking everything by teaming up with the one woman who will either destroy him, or finally bring redemption to his blackened, hardened soul. After escaping from a two-year imprisonment at the hands of a madman, the only thing Lily Davenport wants is to go home and reclaim her life. Unfortunately for Lily, standing between her and that goal is a sensual, demanding protector whose dangerous seduction threatens to claim her life...and her soul. *The Calydons' Destiny*: The Calydons are a race of ancient immortals cursed with a dark side. Each Calydon is destined to meet his soul mate, to be so drawn to her that he is unable to resist bonding with her through the rituals of his race... ..but their destiny is to destroy each other and all they care about the moment their bond is complete.

Contemporary Hollywood Masculinities

Kord and Krimmer investigate the most common male types - cops, killers, fathers, cowboys, super-heroes, spies, soldiers, rogues, lovers, and losers - by tracing changing concepts of masculinity in popular Hollywood blockbusters from 1992 to 2008 - the Clinton and Bush eras - against a backdrop

of contemporary political events, social developments, and popular American myths. Their in-depth analysis of over sixty films, from *The Matrix* and *Iron Man* to *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *The Lord of the Rings*, shows that movies, far from being mere entertainment, respond directly to today's social and political realities, from consumerism to "family values" to the War on Terror.

Cybersexualities

Cyberspace, the cyborg and cyberpunk have given feminists new imaginative possibilities for thinking about embodiment and identity in relation to technology. This is the first anthology of the key essays on these potent metaphors. Divided into three sections (Technology, Embodiment and Cyberspace; Cybersubjects: Cyborgs and Cyberpunks; Cyborg Futures), the book addresses different aspects of the human-technology interface. The extensive introduction surveys the ways cyborg and cyberspace metaphors have been used in relation to current critical theory and indicates the context for the specific essays. This is an invaluable guide for students studying any aspects of contemporary theory and culture.* Brings together in a unique collection the work of key authors in feminist and cyber theory* Demonstrates the wide range of contemporary critical work* Challenges constructions of gender, race and class* An extensive introduction surveys the ways cyborg and cyberspace metaphors have been used in relation to current critical theory* Brief section introductions indicate the context for the specific essays

Postfemininities in Popular Culture

Addressing the contradictions surrounding modern-day femininity and its complicated relationship with feminism and postfeminism, this book examines a range of popular female and feminist icons and paradigms. It offers an innovative and forward-looking perspective on femininity and the modern female self.

Factor Four

Since the industrial revolution, progress has meant an increase in labour productivity. Factor Four describes a new form of progress, resource productivity, a form which meets the overriding imperative for the future (sustainability). It shows how at least four times as much wealth can be extracted from the resources we use. As the authors put it, the book is about doing more with less, but this is not the same as doing less, doing worse or doing without. In 1972, the Club of Rome published *Limits to Growth*, which sent shock waves around the world by arguing that we were rapidly running out of essential resources. This Report to the Club of Rome offers a solution. It lies in using resources more efficiently, in ways which can already be achieved, not at a cost, but at a profit. The book contains a wealth of examples of revolutionizing productivity, in the use of energy; from hypercars to low-energy beef; materials, from sub-surface drip irrigation to electronic books, transport, video conferencing to CyberTran, and demonstrating how much more could be generated from much less today. It explains how markets can be organized and taxes re-based to eliminate perverse incentives and reward efficiency, so wealth can grow while consumption does not. The benefits are enormous: profits will increase, pollution and waste will decrease and the quality of life will improve. Moreover, the benefits will be shared: progress will no longer depend on making ever fewer people more productive. Instead, more people and fewer resources can be employed. While for many developing countries the efficiency revolution may offer the only realistic chance of prosperity within a reasonable time span. The practical promise held out in this book is huge, but the authors show how it is up to each of us, as well as to businesses and governments, to make it happen.

Darkness Awakened: Reimagined

In this highly anticipated remake of the first book in the RITA® Award-winning Order of the Blade series, this stunningly sexy, action-packed paranormal romance between forced mates reveals the power of true love against the darkest evil, by New York Times bestselling author Stephanie Rowe. "Outstanding characters, a fantastic storyline, with heat levels that over the top. The author pulled off a book that had me hypnotized."~*Haunted One* (Five-star Amazon Review) Ajax Steele has fought against evil for centuries, a brutal life that commanded the ultimate sacrifice. When a dangerous enemy resurfaces, Ajax must sever ties with his team and go deep to stop him. His only chance? Team up with the alluringly sexy woman destined to kill him the moment they fall in love. Cursed with a rare magic, Madison Locke has spent her life on the run from assassins, living in the shadows to conceal a terrible secret. But when her sister is kidnapped by a merciless hunter, Madison must emerge from hiding to save her. To

succeed, she must recruit the help of a dangerously tempting warrior who awakens a burning hunger inside her that threatens them both. A silken caress. A steaming kiss. Can the two fated enemies survive their deadly mate bond and save those they love? Author's Note: Perfect for brand-new readers to the series and avid fans, *Darkness Awakened: Reimagined* tells the story of *Darkness Awakened* in an entirely new way. "Fast-paced, with heat and action - I couldn't put it down and stayed up all night to finish it." ~DoctorDonnaSong "I couldn't put it down and stayed up all night to finish it. Well done, Stephanie! I can't wait for the next one!" ~Christine (Five-star Goodreads Review) "Wow! I was drawn in completely and can't wait to see where she takes these characters next! Couldn't put it down!" ~Laura (Five-star Goodreads Review) "I absolutely loved this book!...If you are a fan of this series or even if this is your first one, you will not be disappointed...I could not put it down and suffered several sleep deprived days after reading well into the night. If you are looking for a steamy, paranormal romance with lots of actionthis is the book for you!" Amanda (Five-star Goodreads Review) "Loved every minute of it...I think I liked this one better than the original one and that's saying a lot since the original series is a must have for me." Anna (Five-star Goodreads Review) "I haven't read any of the Order of the Blade books in the past but I loved this one!" ~Katherine (Five-star Goodreads Review) "This is a brilliant story." Myrna (Five-star Goodreads Review) ABOUT THE AUTHOR: New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Stephanie Rowe is the author of more than 50 novels. She is a RITA® Award Winner for Best Paranormal Romance, as well as a five-time nominee. She is also a 2021 Vivian® Award nominee. For more information on Stephanie and her books, visit www.stephanierowe.com.

The MUP Encyclopaedia of Australian Science Fiction & Fantasy

This book covers all Australian science fiction and fantasy authors, books and stories, as well as important magazines, sub-genres and works published electronically.

Knowledge, Policy and Practice in Education and the Struggle for Social Justice

The essays in this volume - written by some of the most influential authors in the sociology of education and critical policy studies - take the work of educator and sociologist Geoff Whitty as the starting point from which to examine key contemporary issues in education and the challenges to social justice that they present.

The Philosophy of J.J. Abrams

American auteur Jeffrey Jacob "J. J." Abrams's genius for creating densely plotted scripts has won him broad commercial and critical success in TV shows such as *Felicity* (1998--2002), Emmy-nominated *Alias* (2001--2006), Emmy and Golden Globe-winning *Lost* (2004--2010), and the critically acclaimed *Fringe* (2008--2013). In addition, his direction in films such as *Cloverfield* (2008), *Super 8* (2011), and the new *Mission Impossible* and *Star Trek* films has left fans eagerly awaiting his revival of the *Star Wars* franchise. As a writer, director, producer, and composer, Abrams seamlessly combines geek appeal with blockbuster intuition, leaving a distinctive stamp on all of his work and establishing him as one of Tinsel Town's most influential visionaries. In *The Philosophy of J.J. Abrams*, editors Patricia L. Brace and Robert Arp assemble the first collection of essays to highlight the philosophical insights of the Hollywood giant's successful career. The filmmaker addresses a diverse range of themes in his onscreen pursuits, including such issues as personal identity in an increasingly impersonal digitized world, the morality of terrorism, bioethics, friendship, family obligation, and free will. Utilizing Abrams's scope of work as a touchstone, this comprehensive volume is a guide for fans as well as students of film, media, and culture. *The Philosophy of J.J. Abrams* is a significant contribution to popular culture scholarship, drawing attention to the mind behind some of the most provocative television and movie plots of our day.

Canids

The new Canid Action Plan synthesizes the current knowledge on the biology, ecology and status of all wild canid species, and outlines the conservation actions and projects needed to secure their long-term survival. Aiming at conservation biologists, ecologists, local conservation officials, administrators, educators, and all others dealing with canids in their jobs, the authors aspire to stimulate the conservation of all canids by highlighting problems, debating priorities and suggesting action.

Unexpectedly Mine (A Birch Crossing Novel)

New York Times bestselling author Stephanie Rowe delivers another winner when small-town match-makers decide a handsome billionaire is the perfect man for a sassy single mom who is too busy for love.

"This book grabs you and tugs at your heartstrings from beginning to end." ~Marie B (Amazon Review)
When billionaire entrepreneur Griffin Friesé arrives in small-town Birch Crossing to fix a mistake from his past that still haunts him, he quickly discovers that life in the close-knit lake town doesn't move at the speed he's used to. He soon finds himself stranded in town while he tries to sort out his past...and the only available lodging is far from the five-star luxury he's used to. Clare Gray is a widowed single mom in need of a renter for her spare room. When the sexy out-of-town bachelor moves in to her home for a few weeks, her tidy world is upended by the interfering, cocky, and endearingly vulnerable big city businessman. Late night baking sessions involving lots of wayward chocolate, sizzling attraction, and long-held secrets combust into a surprising, intense connection between the two opposites. They both know he'll be leaving town soon, but what happens when Griffin realizes he wants more from the single mom who has given up on love?

"This is one of my favorite Romance books EVER!" ~Amazon Review
"Heartwarming doesn't even begin to describe this romance! Wow!" ~Vickie R. (Amazon Review)
"I can't say enough good things about this book. I couldn't stop reading once I started." ~Carla E. (Amazon Review)
"This book wove...deep inside my heart and soul." ~Amazon Review
Tropes alert! Contains: Instant attraction with a slow burn romance. Single mom. Match-making small town. Billionaire business exec. Lots of feels. Humor. Sigh-worthy romance. Some steamy moments. Cupcakes! ABOUT THE AUTHOR: New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Stephanie Rowe is "contemporary romance at its best" (Bex 'N' Books). She is a 2021 Vivian® Award nominee, and a 2018 winner and five-time nominee of the RITA® award, the highest awards in romance fiction. Stephanie is the author of more than fifty books, including small-town contemporary romance, contemporary western romance, paranormal romance, and romantic suspense. NOTE: Unexpectedly Mine was originally published under the title No Knight Needed as part of the Ever After series.

Radical Pedagogies

Experiments in architectural education in the post–World War II era that challenged and transformed architectural discourse and practice. In the decades after World War II, new forms of learning transformed architectural education. These radical experiments sought to upend disciplinary foundations and conventional assumptions about the nature of architecture as much as they challenged modernist and colonial norms, decentered building, imagined new roles for the architect, and envisioned participatory forms of practice. Although many of the experimental programs were subsequently abandoned, terminated, or assimilated, they nevertheless helped shape and in some sense define architectural discourse and practice. This book explores and documents these radical pedagogies and efforts to defy architecture's status quo. The experiments include the adaptation of Bauhaus pedagogy as a means of "unlearning" under the conditions of decolonization in Africa; a movement to design for "every body," including the disabled, by architecture students and faculty at the University of California, Berkeley; the founding of a support network for women interested in the built environment, regardless of their academic backgrounds; and a design studio in the USSR that offered an alternative to the widespread functionalist approach in Soviet design. Viewed through their dissolution and afterlife as well as through their founding stories, these projects from the last century raise provocative questions about architecture's role in the new century.

A Touch of Ruin

The second in the captivating Hades and Persephone series from fan-favorite bestselling author Scarlett St. Clair. "Are you saying you wouldn't fight for me?" Hades sighed and brushed his finger along her cheek. "Darling, I would burn this world for you." Persephone's relationship with Hades has gone public and the resulting media storm disrupts her normal life and threatens to expose her as the Goddess of Spring. To add to her troubles, everyone seems eager to warn Persephone away from the God of the Dead by exposing his hellish past. Things only get worse when a horrible tragedy leaves Persephone's heart in ruin and Hades refusing to help. Desperate, she takes matters into her own hands, striking bargains that lead to severe consequences. Faced with a side of Hades she never knew, and crushing loss, Persephone wonders if she can truly become Hades's queen.

Global Brain

"As someone who has spent forty years in psychology with a long-standing interest in evolution, I'll just assimilate Howard Bloom's accomplishment and my amazement." --DAVID SMILLIE, Visiting

Professor of Zoology, Duke University In this extraordinary follow-up to the critically acclaimed *The Lucifer Principle*, Howard Bloom—one of today's preeminent thinkers—offers us a bold rewrite of the evolutionary saga. He shows how plants and animals (including humans) have evolved together as components of a worldwide learning machine. He describes the network of life on Earth as one that is, in fact, a "complex adaptive system," a global brain in which each of us plays a sometimes conscious, sometimes unknowing role, and he reveals that the World Wide Web is just the latest step in the development of this brain. These are theories as important as they are radical. Informed by twenty years of interdisciplinary research, Bloom takes us on a spellbinding journey back to the big bang to let us see how its fires forged primordial sociality. As he brings us back via surprising routes, we see how our earliest bacterial ancestors built multitrillion-member research and development teams a full 3.5 billion years ago. We watch him unravel the previously unrecognized strands of interconnectedness woven by crowds of trilobites, hunting packs of dinosaurs, feathered flying lizards gathered in flocks, troops of baboons making communal decisions, and adventurous tribes of protohumans spreading across continents but still linked by primitive forms of information networking. We soon find ourselves reconsidering our place in the world. Along the way, Bloom offers us exhilarating insights into the strange tricks of body and mind that have organized a variety of life forms: spiny lobsters, which, during the Paleozoic age, participated in communal marching rituals; and bees, which, during the age of dinosaurs, conducted collective brainwork. This fascinating tour continues on to the sometimes brutal subculture wars that have spurred the growth of human civilization since the Stone Age. Bloom shows us how culture shapes our infant brains, immersing us in a matrix of truth and mass delusion that we think of as reality. *Global Brain* is more than just a brilliantly original contribution to the ongoing debate on the inner workings of evolution. It is a "grand vision," says the eminent evolutionary biologist David Sloan Wilson, a work that transforms our very view of who we are and why.

Dusty

For over two decades of pro wrestling, Dusty "the American Dream" Rhodes dominated the ring. Known for his jaw-dropping antics and bone-crunching skills, Rhodes became one of wrestling's first superstars. In this riveting narrative, Rhodes chronicles his journey through an industry plagued with political infighting, greedy promoters, destructive personalities, multi-millionaires, and great leaders.

Mapping Queer Space(s) of Praxis and Pedagogy

This book explores intersections of theory and practice to engage queer theory and education as it happens both in and beyond the university. Furthering work on queer pedagogy, this volume brings together educators and activists who explore how we see, write, read, experience, and, especially, teach through the fluid space of queerness. The editors and contributors are interested in how queer-identified and -influenced people create ideas, works, classrooms, and other spaces that vivify relational and (eco)systems thinking, thus challenging accepted hierarchies, binaries, and hegemonies that have long dominated pedagogy and praxis.

New Mana

'Mana', a term denoting spiritual power, is found in many Pacific Islands languages. In recent decades, the term has been taken up in New Age movements and online fantasy gaming. In this book, 16 contributors examine mana through ethnographic, linguistic, and historical lenses to understand its transformations in past and present. The authors consider a range of contexts including Indigenous sovereignty movements, Christian missions and Bible translations, the commodification of cultural heritage, and the dynamics of diaspora. Their investigations move across diverse island groups—Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Hawai'i, and French Polynesia—and into Australia, North America and even cyberspace. A key insight that the volume develops is that mana can be analysed most productively by paying close attention to its ethical and aesthetic dimensions. Since the late nineteenth century, mana has been an object of intense scholarly interest. Writers in many fields including anthropology, linguistics, history, religion, philosophy, and missiology have long debated how the term should best be understood. The authors in this volume review mana's complex intellectual history but also describe the remarkable transformations going on in the present day as scholars, activists, church leaders, artists, and entrepreneurs take up mana in new ways.

World Dance Cultures

From healing, fertility and religious rituals, through theatrical entertainment, to death ceremonies and ancestor worship, *World Dance Cultures* introduces an extraordinary variety of dance forms practiced around the world. This highly illustrated textbook draws on wide-ranging historical documentation and first-hand accounts, taking in India, Bali, Java, Cambodia, China, Japan, Hawai'i, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Africa, Turkey, Spain, Native America, South America, and the Caribbean. Each chapter covers a certain region's distinctive dances, pinpoints key issues and trends from the form's development to its modern iteration, and offers a wealth of study features including: Case Studies – zooming in on key details of a dance form's cultural, historical, and religious contexts 'Explorations' – first-hand descriptions of dances, from scholars, anthropologists and practitioners 'Think About' – provocations to encourage critical analysis of dance forms and the ways in which they're understood Discussion Questions – starting points for group work, classroom seminars or individual study Further Study Tips – listing essential books, essays and video material. Offering a comprehensive overview of each dance form covered with over 100 full color photos, *World Dance Cultures* is an essential introductory resource for students and instructors alike.

Death of a Hero

One of the great World War I antiwar novels—honest, chilling, and brilliantly satirical Based on the author's experiences on the Western Front, Richard Aldington's first novel, *Death of a Hero*, finally joins the ranks of Penguin Classics. Our hero is George Winterbourne, who enlists in the British Expeditionary Army during the Great War and gets sent to France. After a rash of casualties leads to his promotion through the ranks, he grows increasingly cynical about the war and disillusioned by the hypocrisies of British society. Aldington's writing about Britain's ignorance of the tribulations of its soldiers is among the most biting ever published. *Death of a Hero* vividly evokes the morally degrading nature of combat as it rushes toward its astounding finish. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture

Contains essays that provide information on various elements of popular culture in the United States during the twentieth century, covering the major areas of film, music, print culture, social life, sports, television and radio, and art and performance. Arranged alphabetically from A-to-D.

Good Outfit

"A history of the 803rd Engineer (Aviation) Battalion (separate) and their efforts in the defense of the Philippines, between 1941 and 1942"--

A Real Cowboy Knows How to Kiss (Wyoming Rebels)

New York Times bestselling author Stephanie Rowe returns to Rogue Valley, Wyoming, where a missed opportunity for love a decade ago is given a second chance. It's been four years since Steen Stockton has been able to see the sky without having to look through steel bars. Betrayal got him locked up, and it shut down his heart forever...until he runs into the only woman he's ever trusted, a woman he's never even spoken to...until now. There's only one person who has ever looked at Erin Chambers as if she mattered, a man she's never forgotten. She's come back to Rogue Valley to reclaim herself, not to get involved with a man...especially not the sensual, guarded cowboy Steen has become. Can two people with no ability to trust use a magical, unspoken connection from their past to rebuild their hearts, or will the scars of a lifetime of broken dreams and betrayal keep them from finding each other the second time around? AUTHOR BIO: New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Stephanie Rowe is the 2018 winner and a five-time nominee for the RITA® award, the highest award in romance fiction. She has more than fifty published novels. Books in the Wyoming Rebels Series: *A Real Cowboy Never Says No* *A Real Cowboy Knows How to Kiss* *A Real Cowboy Rides a Motorcycle* *A Real Cowboy Never Walks Away* *A Real Cowboy Loves Forever* *A Real Cowboy for Christmas* *A Real Cowboy Always Trusts His Heart* (Coming soon!)

Pandas in Action

Take the next steps in your data science career! This friendly and hands-on guide shows you how to start mastering Pandas with skills you already know from spreadsheet software. In *Pandas in Action* you will learn how to: Import datasets, identify issues with their data structures, and optimize them for efficiency Sort, filter, pivot, and draw conclusions from a dataset and its subsets Identify trends from text-based and time-based data Organize, group, merge, and join separate datasets Use a GroupBy object to store multiple DataFrames Pandas has rapidly become one of Python's most popular data analysis libraries. In *Pandas in Action*, a friendly and example-rich introduction, author Boris Paskhaver shows you how to master this versatile tool and take the next steps in your data science career. You'll learn how easy Pandas makes it to efficiently sort, analyze, filter and munge almost any type of data. Purchase of the print book includes a free eBook in PDF, Kindle, and ePub formats from Manning Publications. About the technology Data analysis with Python doesn't have to be hard. If you can use a spreadsheet, you can learn pandas! While its grid-style layouts may remind you of Excel, pandas is far more flexible and powerful. This Python library quickly performs operations on millions of rows, and it interfaces easily with other tools in the Python data ecosystem. It's a perfect way to up your data game. About the book *Pandas in Action* introduces Python-based data analysis using the amazing pandas library. You'll learn to automate repetitive operations and gain deeper insights into your data that would be impractical—or impossible—in Excel. Each chapter is a self-contained tutorial. Realistic downloadable datasets help you learn from the kind of messy data you'll find in the real world. What's inside Organize, group, merge, split, and join datasets Find trends in text-based and time-based data Sort, filter, pivot, optimize, and draw conclusions Apply aggregate operations About the reader For readers experienced with spreadsheets and basic Python programming. About the author Boris Paskhaver is a software engineer, Agile consultant, and online educator. His programming courses have been taken by 300,000 students across 190 countries. Table of Contents PART 1 CORE PANDAS 1 Introducing pandas 2 The Series object 3 Series methods 4 The DataFrame object 5 Filtering a DataFrame PART 2 APPLIED PANDAS 6 Working with text data 7 MultiIndex DataFrames 8 Reshaping and pivoting 9 The GroupBy object 10 Merging, joining, and concatenating 11 Working with dates and times 12 Imports and exports 13 Configuring pandas 14 Visualization

Count the Nights by Stars

Count your nights by stars, not shadows. Count your life with smiles, not tears. 1961. After a longtime resident at Nashville's historic Maxwell House Hotel suffers a debilitating stroke, Audrey Whitfield is tasked with cleaning out the reclusive woman's room. There, she discovers an elaborate scrapbook filled with memorabilia from the Tennessee Centennial Exposition. Love notes on the backs of unmailed postcards inside capture Audrey's imagination with hints of a forbidden romance . . . and troubling revelations about the disappearance of young women at the exposition. Audrey enlists the help of a handsome hotel guest as she tracks down clues and information about the mysterious "Peaches" and her regrets over one fateful day, nearly sixty-five years earlier. 1897. Outspoken and forward-thinking Priscilla Nichols isn't willing to settle for just any man. She's still holding out hope for love when she meets Luca Moretti on the eve of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition. Charmed by the Italian immigrant's boldness, Priscilla spends time exploring the wondrous sights of the expo with Luca--until a darkness overshadows the monthslong event. Haunted by a terrible truth, Priscilla and Luca are sent down separate paths as the night's stars fade into dawn.

Dark Wolf Rising

New York Times bestselling author, Stephanie Rowe, launches her explosive new Heart of the Shifter series, in which passion and loyalty are brutally tested in a world where survival is never guaranteed. A decade ago, wolf shifter Cash Burns severed all ties to his past in order to protect his best friend, the childhood sweetheart he has never forgotten. When she's targeted for assassination by his pack on Christmas Eve, he's the only one who can save her...but at a cost greater than he can afford. Haunted by a tragic secret, Brynn McKenzie has been fighting for survival, alone in a world she doesn't fit. She's on the run for her life, forced to choose between redemption and survival. She has nowhere to turn, until the man who walked away from her so long ago appears in her hotel room with a knife and a promise she can't afford to believe. When passion ignites between Bryn and Cash, will it shatter what little hope they have for survival, or make them stronger than they ever thought they'd be? Books in the Heart of a Shifter series: Dark Wolf Rising Dark Wolf Unbound (3/1/16)

Film Studies

Film Studies: A Global Introduction reroutes film studies from its Euro-American focus and canon in order to introduce students to a medium that has always been global but has become differently and insistently so in the digital age. Glyn Davis, Kay Dickinson, Lisa Patti and Amy Villarejo's approach encourages readers to think about film holistically by looking beyond the textual analysis of key films. In contrast, it engages with other vital areas, such as financing, labour, marketing, distribution, exhibition, preservation, and politics, reflecting contemporary aspects of cinema production and consumption worldwide. Key features of the book include: clear definitions of the key terms at the foundation of film studies coverage of the work of key thinkers, explained in their social and historical context a broad range of relevant case studies that reflect the book's approach to global cinema, from Italian "white telephone" films to Mexican wrestling films innovative and flexible exercises to help readers enhance their understanding of the histories, theories, and examples introduced in each chapter an extensive Interlude introducing readers to formal analysis through the careful explication and application of key terms a detailed discussion of strategies for writing about cinema Films Studies: A Global Introduction will appeal to students studying film today and aspiring to work in the industry, as well as those eager to understand the world of images and screens in which we all live.

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