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Dive into the sixth gripping installment of the Inspector Ikmen Series. 'Petrified Inspector Ikmen' presents an unputdownable murder mystery, renowned for its ingenious plot that will keep you guessing until the very last page. Fans of intricate crime novels won't want to miss this thrilling addition.

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Petrified (Inspector Ikmen Mystery 6)

Madness, obsession and a curiously preserved corpse in Istanbul... Petrified is the sixth dark and gripping mystery from the Inspector Ikmen series by the hugely talented crime writer, Barbara Nadel. Perfect for fans of Donna Leon and Jason Goodwin. 'Atmospheric, skilfully written and well plotted' - Time Out Summer in Istanbul is hot. The kind of heat that can drive even the sanest people a little crazy... An elderly woman is found dead in a flat with the perfectly preserved body of a young man. In an ancient part of the Jewish quarter, two children are missing. Their father, an artist whose genius borders on insanity, only seems more driven in his work. And a raid on a Russian gangster yields nothing except the dead body of a girl he claims is his daughter. Could the connection to all cases lie in a macabre forgotten art? But Inspector Cetin Ikmen's worries aren't just work-related. His protégé, Süleyman, is going dangerously off the rails, threatening to compromise not just himself, but months of painstaking investigation. Ikmen faces a complex case which threatens to rock the very fabric of Turkish society. What readers are saying about Petrified: 'A well-crafted interplay of stories - absolutely fascinating' 'An intriguing mystery that impresses for its descriptions of life within multicultural Istanbul and its characters' 'The theme and characters stayed with me for days after I had read this book'

Forfeit (Ikmen Mystery 23)

GREED, LUST AND BETRAYAL LEAD TO MURDER in Barbara Nadel's twenty-third Ikmen mystery, as Ikmen and Süleyman work to uncover a tragic tale of dark secrets and double lives... In the early hours of the morning, Turkish TV star Erol Gencer is found dead at his home on the outskirts of Istanbul. But he is not alone. Beside him lies a Syrian refugee whose stomach has been split open with a cheese knife. Did Gencer kill his guest before committing suicide, or are they victims of a sinister double murder? The dead Syrian is soon identified as Wael Al Hussain, whose wife, Samira, is in prison for attempting to kill Gencer a year ago. At the time, no one believed Samira's story that Gencer's wife had planned the attack, but now Samira's sister begs Çetin Ikmen to re-examine her claim. Meanwhile, Inspector Mehmet Süleyman is on leave with his teenage son, Patrick, who is visiting from Ireland, but when Detective Kerim Gürsel's transsexual ex-lover, Pembe, is also murdered, shortly after confessing that Wael Al Hussain had used her for sexual favours, Süleyman knows he must help Kerim solve this complex case. Entering a world of the Syrian diaspora, where tales of mythical storytellers abound,

Ikmen and Süleyman uncover a tragic tale of dark secrets and double lives where nothing is at it seems...

Murder Knows No Season

Four novellas by award-winning author Cathy Ace featuring her criminology professor sleuth Cait Morgan, the popular women of the WISE Enquiries Agency and Wales's own DI Evan Glover, plus a standalone thriller.

Bride Price (Inspector Ikmen Mystery 24)

Every relationship comes at a cost in this tense and gripping Turkish mystery from award-winning crime writer Barbara Nadel and featuring Ikmen - 'one of modern crime fiction's true heroes' *The Times* When jeweller Fahrettin Muftugolu is found dead in his apartment in the Istanbul district of Vefa, it looks like suicide. Searching the jeweller's home, Inspector Mehmet Suleyman and his team come across a hoard of extraordinary artefacts including solid gold religious relics and a mummified human head. But are they real and, if so, who owns these priceless possessions? As his colleagues begin their investigation, Suleyman is distracted by troubles of his own. His wedding to Gonca Serekoglu is days away, but when Gonca receives her bridal bedcover from a Roma haberdasher and discovers that it is covered in blood, she sees this as a curse on their marriage. Suleyman asks his old friend Cetin Ikmen to help him uncover the truth, but the task is not that simple... Meanwhile, as the stories swirling around Muftugolu become increasingly sinister, the dead man's wife appears, laying claim to his valuables, and Suleyman is drawn into a dark and dangerous world of smuggling and savagery . . .

Blood Business (Ikmen Mystery 22)

Brothers Ugur and Lokman Bulut are locked in a bitter inheritance battle and need a sample of their mother's DNA to contest her Will. But when her body is exhumed, her corpse is found to be missing and a fresh body, with its heart removed, has been put in her grave. Assigned to the case, Inspector Mehmet Süleyman quickly realises that the heart has been illegally harvested, and his team has a murder inquiry on its hands. Meanwhile, retired inspector Çetin Ikmen is tracking down a missing person: Sevval Kalkan, a once-famous actress, who has joined an underground movement called the Moral Maze, whose mission is to help the destitute living on Istanbul's streets. The unidentified body in the grave cannot be Sevval's, but her shocking reappearance leads Ikmen to fear that she, too, is a victim of organ harvesting... Joining forces, Süleyman and Ikmen confront Istanbul's darkest underbelly to expose the horrifying truth of a city in crisis.

Dance with Death

A body is discovered in a cave in the remote region of Cappadocia, Turkey. The woman died of gunshot wounds, and her corpse has lain undisturbed for twenty years. Inspector Cetin Ikmen is summoned from Istanbul to investigate and discovers a complex web of intrigue. Was she killed by her boyfriend, driven mad by love, or her husband, believing she would never bear the son he wanted so badly? When it is revealed the girl was pregnant when she died, the whispers and accusations increase. Ikmen, stifled among a rural community thriving on folklore and intrigue, begins to think he will never see clearly through the lies surrounding this case. One thing, however, is clear: the past is as potent as the present.

A Noble Killing (Inspector Ikmen Mystery 13)

When Honour can be deadly... The brilliant thirteenth Istanbul crime novel from Barbara Nadel's Inspector Ikmen Mysteries series delves into the shocking world of honour killing. A Noble Killing will enthral fans of Andrea Camilleri and Colin Cotterill. 'Add Inspector Ikmen and his motley crew to the growing list of outstanding fictional cops plying their trades across all parts of Europe and Asia, which have become hotbeds of police procedural excellence' - *Booklist Turkey*: the police are called to the scene of what seems to be the honour killing of a young girl. Burnt alive, she is not the first girl to suffer such an horrific death in Istanbul. Further investigations by Inspectors Cetin Ikmen and Mehmet Suleyman reveal that the girl had a secret boyfriend who has now disappeared. He and the girl's family are prime suspects, even though forensic evidence is scant. Why does the family, in common with other families of girls immolated in the city, now appear to be broke? There are also links to an infamous local gangster. Religion, organised crime and the lengths some people will go to in order to conform, come

together in a tragic story of violence in a divided and changing society. And Mehmet Suleyman is on the verge of making a mistake that could ruin his career... What readers are saying about A Noble Killing: 'Nadel writes with warmth, understanding and looks deep into the human soul' 'An exciting crime story that draws one in from the first page until the end. Impossible to put down' 'The twists and turns of the case keep you guessing'

A Time to Die

Ever since it was built in 1912, Woolwich Foot Tunnel has been the subject of rumour and speculation. Running underneath the Thames it connects north and south, and in the hot summer of 1976, when young John Saunders apparently entered the Tunnel and completely disappeared on his way to his sister's house, it was a grim and frightening place. John was never seen again until he re-emerged forty-two years later, complete with an American accent. Happy to submit to the DNA testing his sister Brenda demands, this man is definitely John Saunders, but when nothing that he tells Brenda rings true, she decides to enlist the services of Hakim and Arnold to try and uncover the truth. He is who he says he is, but his story about what happened between 1976 and 2018 makes no sense. Why has he come back now . what does he want?

Last Rights (Francis Hancock Mystery 1)

How deeply can you bury a crime? Critically acclaimed crime writer Barbara Nadel introduces undertaker Francis Hancock in the first of her brilliant World War Two crime series. Last Rights is perfect for fans of Elly Griffiths and Nicola Upson. 'Gripping and unusual detective story... vivid and poignant' - Literary Review October 1940. The London borough of West Ham is in the grip of yet another night of bombing, and undertaker Francis Hancock is in the grip of yet another night of temporary insanity. A veteran of World War One, Francis is forced by the nightly air raids to relive the trauma of the trenches, and all he can do is try to outrun the horrific flashbacks. So when he sees a man lurching through the rubble, screaming about being stabbed but with no visible wound, Francis dismisses it at the ravings of another lost soul... until the man's body turns up at his funeral parlour, two days later. Suspecting foul play, Francis feels compelled to discover what really happened that night - but he finds himself pitted against violent thugs, an impenetrable network of lies and his own fragile sanity. What readers are saying about Last Rights: 'Nadel brings the horrors of the Blitz straight home to the reader in a very readable way that no history book or documentary could come close' 'Tight, disciplined and very interesting novel' 'A good, atmospheric read for those of us who enjoy a good murder'

A Knife to the Heart (Ikmen Mystery 21)

The twenty-first chilling Istanbul crime thriller starring Çetin Ikmen, 'the Morse of Istanbul' (Daily Telegraph), from Silver Dagger Award-winning author Barbara Nadel. Not to be missed by fans of Donna Leon. A derelict villa near Istanbul holds dark spirits, secrets and murder... Retired inspector Çetin Ikmen must confront his demons to reveal the shocking truth behind a young girl's death... When historian Suzan Tan is asked to examine the contents of a derelict villa on the Bosphorus, she is intrigued to discover a Ouija board among the artefacts. Forty years ago, a young girl was found with a knife in her heart in this villa. It is said that before her death this very Ouija board spelled out her name. The verdict was suicide - but what if it was a brutal act of murder and her killer was still walking free? Suzan asks Ikmen to solve the case, and despite his reluctance to get involved, he soon finds himself drawn into the mystery. With the help of his friend Inspector Süleyman, Ikmen delves into Istanbul's dark underbelly to uncover a terrifying tale of secrets, lies and murder.

Web of Lies

London, December 2019. Two young boys, Habib and Loz, are trying their luck at selling knock-off pain remedies to pensioners. But they are troubled by an encounter with a potential elderly customer and a young man with a blood-smeared face. Mumtaz Hakim wants to help if she and her partner Lee Arnold can, even though there's no way their detective agency could reasonably charge the boys. While they set about uncovering the truth behind the odd situation in the shadow of St Paul's Cathedral, they find themselves drawn into a gruesome investigation involving an old man and a newborn baby.

Incorruptible (Inspector Ikmen Mystery 20)

'Inspector Ikmen thrillers combine brightly coloured scene setting with deliciously tortuous plots' Guardian INCORRUPTIBLE is the gripping new Istanbul crime thriller starring Inspector Ikmen, 'the Morse of Istanbul' (Daily Telegraph), from award-winning author Barbara Nadel. Not to be missed by fans of Donna Leon. In the backstreets of Istanbul, a young woman's body is found. Dumped in a dustbin and covered in cut flowers, she is the victim of a frenzied and vicious stabbing. Inspector Ikmen discovers that the woman was well known in Istanbul. Newspapers had been calling her the blessed woman; cured of cancer in a Christian miracle and a proclaimed messenger of the Virgin Mary. These controversial claims had made her fierce enemies in the predominantly Islamic community and she had unwittingly stirred up divisions amongst the Christians of the city. But as Ikmen digs further into the case he uncovers powerful hatred and dark secrets lurking within her family. And to find the truth he must delve into a toxic world of fear, concealment and lies. The question is: was this a killing in the name of faith or does the answer lie somewhere else?

After the Mourning (Francis Hancock Mystery 2)

After the Mourning is the second novel in the acclaimed Francis Hancock World War Two crime series by Barbara Nadel. Perfect for fans of Martin Walker and Maureen Jennings. 'The denouement is exciting... the atmosphere of a city under nightly bombardment is very well portrayed and I'm looking forward to the next book' - Sunday Telegraph Undertaker Francis Hancock has seen the worst that humanity can do to itself. Why then does the murder of a young gypsy girl in Epping Forest move him so much? Travellers, gypsies, the homeless, deserters and German spies inhabit this stretch of open ground that was once her home. Francis knows it's not wise to delve into this human melting pot, but he is drawn to the exotic customs of the gypsies, their music and magic. But as he investigates the girl's murder further, the death toll rises and Francis uncovers a much bigger conspiracy, at the heart of which lies something even Adolf Hitler is prepared to kill for... What readers are saying about After the Mourning: 'Probably one of the best books I have read in a long while' 'I'd recommend this book to lovers of atmospheric and well-plotted crime novels' 'Nadel's sense of time and place is outstanding'

A Passion for Killing

A serial killer is stalking the streets of Istanbul, seemingly targeting gay men.

Belshazzar's Daughter

When a brutal murder shocks Istanbul's rundown Jewish quarter, the Turkish police force unleashes their best weapon - the chain-smoking, brandy-swilling Inspector Cetin Ikmen, husband to a strict Muslim woman (who disapproves of his drinking) and loving father of eight (with another on the way). With a colorful, multi-layered setting and a delicious labyrinthine plot, Barbara Nadel's Belshazzar's Daughter is a stunning and evocative crime debut, and Inspector Ikmen will surely join the ranks of beloved foreign cops Aurelio Zen and Guido Brunetti.

Deadly Web (Inspector Ikmen Mystery 7)

Games of sex and death have terrifying consequences... Silver Dagger Award-winning author Barbara Nadel explores a series of shocking and dark deaths across Istanbul in Deadly Web, the seventh instalment of the thrilling Inspector Ikmen crime series. Perfect for fans of Donna Leon and Abir Mukherjee. 'Perfect blend of foreign exoticism and impeccable mystery plotting... Superior police procedural sleuthing in which the locale is etched with precision and the city of Istanbul becomes an indispensable character' - Crime Time A naked teenage girl is found dead near the beautiful Byzantine Yoros Castle in Turkey. She has stabbed herself through the heart but there is evidence of bizarre sexual practice. In another part of Istanbul, a young boy seems to have committed suicide in similar circumstances. What dark rituals could have compelled them to fatal self-abuse? Inspectors Cetin Ikmen and Mehmet Suleyman follow an internet trail that leads them to an underworld of Goth nightclubs and Satanic worship. But even those murky shadows hide more than they reveal and the answers to an ever increasing number of suspicious deaths is more shocking and terrible than they could ever have imagined. What readers are saying about Deadly Web: 'As usual complex, diverse and enjoyable' 'I could not put it down' 'I have read all of the Inspector Ikmen books [...] each one I read I always think is better than the last!'

A Private Business

It is 2012: London is hosting the Olympics and the East End Borough of Newham is at the centre of the world. But surrounding the glamorous stadia are some of the most ethnically diverse and crime-ridden streets in the capital. This is the world of Arnold and Hakim. PI Lee Arnold and his assistant, Mumtaz Hakim, work surrounded by these fierce tensions. When Arnold is hired to protect a female stand-up comedian, he knows that her outrageous routine--one that leaves no racist, ageist or sexist stone unturned--makes her a target for local hatred. But the case is not as simple as it looks. Convinced that she's being stalked, it's up to Arnold and Hakim to watch whoever is watching her, and find out whether her genuine terror is justified...

The Dying Day

A priceless manuscript. A missing scholar. A trail of riddles. Bombay, 1950 For over a century, one of the world's great treasures, a six-hundred-year-old copy of Dante's *The Divine Comedy*, has been safely housed at Bombay's Asiatic Society. But when it vanishes, together with the man charged with its care, British scholar and war hero, John Healy, the case lands on Inspector Persis Wadia's desk. Uncovering a series of complex riddles written in verse, Persis - together with English forensic scientist Archie Blackfinch - is soon on the trail. But then they discover the first body. As the death toll mounts it becomes evident that someone else is also pursuing this priceless artefact and will stop at nothing to possess it . . . Harking back to an era of darkness, this second thriller in the Malabar House series pits Persis, once again, against her peers, a changing India, and an evil of limitless intent. Gripping, immersive, and full of Vaseem Khan's trademark wit, this is historical fiction at its finest.

Building Security

Whether planning for new construction, renovations, or security upgrades of existing facilities, *Building Security: Handbook for Architectural Planning and Design* is the definitive twenty-first century reference on security design, technology, building operations, and disaster planning. Award-winning architect and author Barbara A. Nadel, FAIA, and over 50 national experts provide security design solutions for creating safe commercial, institutional, industrial, and residential buildings in the post-September 11, 2001, environment. Generously illustrated with 600 photos, drawings, tables, and checklists.

The House of Four (Inspector Ikmen Mystery 19)

A family built on lies, secrets and murder... *The House of Four* is a gripping Istanbul crime thriller featuring Inspector Ikmen, 'the Morse of Istanbul' (Daily Telegraph) from Barbara Nadel. Perfect for fans of Donna Leon and Jason Goodwin. 'Impeccable mystery plotting, exotic and atmospheric' - Guardian Everyone in the Istanbul neighbourhood of Moda knows the Devil's House. A crumbling Ottoman mansion, and once the home of a princess, it is a place associated with ill fortune. The princess's four children, now in old age, still live in separate apartments on different floors and are rumoured never to speak to each other. Then one of them is found dead, stabbed through the heart, and it is discovered that the other three siblings have met an identical fate. There is no sign of forced entry or burglary, and all evidence must be gained from letters and diaries, but as Inspector Ikmen digs into their past it becomes clear they have been harbouring a secret... Meanwhile a young couple are arrested for a series of seemingly random killings on the streets of Istanbul. They claim to have been squatting in the Devil's House. But this fiendish mystery is far from over and it will take Inspector Ikmen to the darkest and most devilish depths of this ancient city What readers are saying about *The House of Four*: 'The book really brings the colourful and diverse nature of Istanbul alive' 'I have found the whole series compulsive reading and this is one of the best' 'So evocative it makes me long to sit and watch life in the most fascinating city'

Poisoned Ground

Ex-soldier Lee Arnold and his Muslim assistant Mumtaz Hakim run a detective agency in London's ethnically diverse, crime-ridden East End. Mumtaz is approached by an Egyptian woman, Salwa, whose husband is in Belmarsh on terrorism charges. Salwa convinces Mumtaz of her husband's innocence and persuades her to go undercover to prove it. But Salwa is not what she seems. Trapped in an old tunnel that leads to the London docks, will Mumtaz escape with her life?

Arabesk

Follow's eccentric, brandy-swilling Inspector Cetin Ikmen's newly promoted subordinate, Mehmet Suleyman, as he takes the lead on the murder investigation of an Arabesk music star's wife.

Ashes to Ashes (Francis Hancock Mystery 3)

As London burns, an unlikely hero unearths a series of brutal murders... Ashes to Ashes is the third novel in the acclaimed Francis Hancock World War Two crime series by Barbara Nadel. Perfect for fans of Martin Walker and Maureen Jennings. 'A great depiction of the period and a touchingly involuntary new sleuth' - Guardian As the German Luftwaffe bomb the capital, undertaker Francis Hancock suddenly finds himself caught up in the middle of a terrifying abduction plot. It's 29 December, 1940, the night that Hitler has chosen to destroy London under a barrage of flaming incendiary bombs. Their main target - St Paul's cathedral - is where Hancock is sheltering from the onslaught. But the First World War veteran doesn't just have bombs to contend with; a young girl, who was also sheltering in the cathedral, has vanished. Then some of those charged with protecting the building are brutally murdered. Hancock must face his own demons and fears in his struggle to catch those responsible and bring them to justice... What readers are saying about Ashes to Ashes: 'The details of people's ordinary lives adds so much depth to the story' 'The tale covers madness, loyalty, patriotism, priorities, faith - all the deep stuff Barbara Nadel tackles so well' 'Barbara Nadel is a seriously perceptive, interesting writer'

Sure and Certain Death

Undertaker Francis Hancock tries to figure out how a series of murders are connected and discovers that his sister Nancy knew all of the victims.

River of The Dead (Inspector Ikmen Mystery 11)

The chilling psycho-mystery from the highly-acclaimed and award-winning author Barbara Nadel. Convicted murderer and drug baron Yusuf Kaya has escaped from Istanbul prison. He appears to have had inside help. Ikmen is called to investigate Kaya's contacts in the city, while Inspector Suleyman heads to Kaya's home town of Mardin, a dangerous city in the south east of Turkey. As Ikmen delves deeper into Kaya's past, the body count continues to rise. It's not long before the two Inspectors are caught up in a terrifying web of arms and drug running, terrorism, blackmail and murder...

A Chemical Prison (Inspector Ikmen Mystery 2)

Inspector Çetin Ikmen and forensic pathologist Arto Sarkissian have been friends since childhood, and their work together in Istanbul's criminal justice system has only served to cement their friendship. When they're both called to a flat to investigate the death of a twenty-year-old, there is no reason to think their relationship will alter. The case, however, is a strange one. Ikmen learns from the neighbours that they have never seen the man enter or leave the flat. The only visitor they're aware of is a solitary, well-dressed Armenian. Stranger still is that the limbs of the body are withered, and the victim seems to have been kept prisoner inside a gilded cage. What is it that's making Ikmen's old friend Arto, himself an Armenian, especially uncomfortable about the case?

Starseeker

Luke is in trouble. Skin and the gang have a job for him. They want him to break into Mrs Little's house and steal the jewellery box. They want him to prove that he's got what it takes. That he's part of the gang. But Luke finds more than just a jewellery box in the house. He finds something so unexpected it will change his life forever . . . This is a wonderful, rich novel, written with lyricism, drama and power. Tackling issues of loss, love, and healing, and filled with the sense of a universe bursting with music, it is unputdownable from the first page to the last.

An Act of Kindness

Lee Arnold and Mumtaz Hakim run a detective agency in London's East End. But their latest case could have devastating consequences. A new client, Nasreen, has sought Hakim's help. Recently moved to a new house, and with a baby on the way, this should be an exciting time- but Nasreen has made friends in the community that she cannot tell her husband, Abdullah, about. And when a murder takes place close to their home, Nasreen suspects that Abdullah also has something to hide. This case is a challenge for the agency, but provides a timely warning to Mumtaz- debts spiralling, her life is in danger

of spinning out of control. Both women are on a path towards destruction, as the consequences of ignoring their instincts become ever more dangerous...

The Medici Seal

A gloriously rich and authentic story of the Renaissance, *The Medici Seal* is perfect for fans of *The Da Vinci Code*, *The Borgias* or Netflix hit *Medici: Masters of Florence*! Romagna, Italy 1502. On the run and fleeing for his life, a young boy - Matteo - is saved from drowning by mysterious men, who turn out to be companions of Leonardo da Vinci. From this moment on, Matteo's life is changed forever, and he thrills at working alongside Da Vinci as he carries out his incredible work. But Da Vinci's cruel and ruthless employer, Cesare Borgia, seems set to ruin Matteo's happiness, and as Da Vinci and Matteo travel across Italy on the Borgia's business, murder, deceit and revenge follow in their trail. For Matteo carries with him a secret - a life-changing secret that both the Borgia and Medici families would kill to obtain. A secret that must, finally, come to light for all to see . . .

This Is All

Using a pillow book as her form, nineteen-year-old Cordelia Kenn sets out to write out her life for her unborn daughter. What emerges is a portrait of an extraordinary girl, who writes frankly of love, sex, poetry, nature, faith, and of herself in the world. Her thoughts range widely: on Shakespeare and breasts, periods and piano playing, friendship and trees, consciousness and sleep, and much more besides. As she writes of William Blacklin, the boy she chooses as her first lover, or Julie, the teacher who encourages her spiritual life, Cordelia maddens, fascinates, and ultimately seduces the reader. This is a character never to be forgotten from a writer at the height of his powers.

King of the Mild Frontier

ALA Best Fiction for Young Adults * New York Public Library Books for the Teen Age A riveting, scorching—and hilarious—autobiography by the award-winning author of *Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes* and *Deadline*. From trying to impress a member of the girls' softball team (with disastrous dental results) to enduring the humiliation of his high school athletic club initiation (olives and oysters play unforgettable roles), Chris Crutcher's memoir of the tricky road to adulthood is candid, disarming, laugh-out-loud funny, relevant, and never less than riveting. He vividly describes a temper that was always waiting to trip him up even as it sustained him through some of the most memorable mishaps any child has survived. And how did this guy (he lifted his brother's homework through the entire tenth grade) ever become a writer, not to mention the author of fourteen critically acclaimed books for young people? The frontier may be mild, but the book is not. Fans of Tara Westover's *Educated*, Jack Gantos's *Hole in My Life*, and Walter Dean Myers's *Bad Boy* will laugh, will cry, and will remember. "Funny, bittersweet and brutally honest. Readers will clasp this hard-to-put-down book to their hearts even as they laugh sympathetically."—Publishers Weekly (starred review)

I Need You More Than I Love You and I Love You to Bits

Morris and Betty, two teens living in Stockholm, Sweden, meet and fall in love but the darkness within each of them at times makes it hard to maintain their love affair, especially after Betty compares Morris's behavior to that of his bipolar father.

Profiles in Folly

Using the same engrossing anecdotal format that has proved so popular in *Profiles in Audacity*, Alan Axelrod now turns to the dark side of audacious decision-making: those choices that, in retrospect, were shockingly wrongheaded. Although Axelrod investigates some dumb decisions by stupid people and some evil decisions by evil people, the overwhelming majority of these decisions were made by good, smart people whose poor judgment produced disastrous, often irreversible results. The 35 compelling and often poignant stories, which range from ancient times to today, include: The Trojan Horse; the Children's Crusade; the sailing of the "Titanic," and the false belief that it just couldn't sink; Edward Bernays's 1929 campaign to recruit women smokers; Neville Chamberlain's appeasement of the Nazis; Ken Lay's deception with Enron; and even the choice to create a New Coke and fix what wasn't broke. As with *Profiles in Audacity*, the deftly drawn vignettes will pique interest, satisfy curiosity, give pleasure, and present valuable lessons. And in addition to offering the same insightful analysis of the

decision-making process, "Folly" also includes objective post-mortems that explain what went wrong and why. These are cautionary tales albeit with exquisite twists ranging from acerbic to horrific. "

Turnabout

After secretly receiving injections at the age of 100 that are meant to reverse the aging process, Melly and Anny Beth grow younger until, as teenagers, they try to find a guardian to take care of them as they return to infancy.

Gardens of Water

Turkey, 1999. A devastating earthquake brings Istanbul crumbling to the ground, ripping apart the fragile stability of Sinan's world. His family home becomes a makeshift tent in a camp run by Western missionaries whom he stubbornly distrusts, and he soon finds himself struggling to protect his family's honour and values. As he becomes a helpless witness to his daughter's dangerous infatuation with a young American, Sinan takes a series of drastic decisions with unforeseeable consequences. Cultures clash, political and religious tensions mount, and Sinan's actions spiral into a powerful and heartbreaking conclusion.

Twisted

Not for the faint of heart, "Twisted" presents 17 beautifully crafted thrillers in one spine-tingling volume. Includes an all-new Lincoln Rhyme novel.

Stotan!

Stotan: A cross between a Stoic and a Spartan It's the last swimming season for Walker, Nortie, Lion, and Jeff, and their coach is building their self-discipline in a grueling four-hour-a-day test of stamina designed to bring them to the outer edge of their capabilities. As it turns out, Stotan Week is also the week in which secrets are revealed, and the four friends must draw upon their new strengths for an endurance they never knew they'd need.

Prisoner of the Inquisition

Zarita is used to basking in a pampered lifestyle as the town magistrate's daughter. When Saulo's father is hanged for an assault on Zarita he didn't commit, Saulo swears revenge. But when Zarita's mother dies, and the frightening Inquisition arrives in the area, a curtain of suspicion and brutality comes down on her old life for good.

Notwithstanding

Casting his mind back to the village in southern Surrey where he grew up in the sixties and seventies, but plagued by a novelist's inability to stick to the truth, Louis de Bernieres brings us in "Notwithstanding" stories of a vanished England which will delight readers of his much-loved novels. The English village was a place where an old lady might dress as a man in plus fours and spend her time shooting squirrels with a twelve bore, or keep a vast menagerie in her house. A retired general might give up wearing clothes, a spiritualist might live in a cottage with her sister and the ghost of her husband, and people might think it quite natural to confide in a spider that lives in a potting shed. De Bernieres' characters roam through the book, appearing in each others' stories and painting a picture of an entire community.

Zenith

Sixteen-year-old Mara and her ship of refugees are tracking the North Star, desperate to find a homeland in the melted ice mountains of Greenland. The vast, floating city of Pomperoy is just one of the shocks that are not in their navigation plans. Unwittingly, the refugees bring catastrophe in their wake for Tuck, a gypsea pirate-boy, and also for Ilira - a land whose inhabitants exist in a state of terror at the top of the world. Back in the drowned ruins at the feet of the towering sky city, Fox is beginning his battle with the cruel, corrupt forces that rule the New World. But separated from Mara, his resolve begins to waver . . .

