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The Flava Series - Zane 2012-12-04

Zane, the New York Times bestselling queen of erotica, delivers a taste of passion and sensuality in these three story collections. Chocolate Flava Based on the Featured Erotica section of Zane's website, Chocolate Flava gathers twenty-five sizzling tales from some of the most talented—and dedicated—writers of erotica working today. This is a his-and-her collection. There are stories specifically written with female readers in mind, and others written expressly for men. Among the contributors are names already familiar to readers of erotica, such as Reginald Harris, Robert Edison Sandiford, Jonathan Luckett and, of course, Zane. What they all have in common is that they are great at what they do, and have been handpicked by Zane—an editor who knows a hot story when she sees it. Caramel Flava 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 Zane—as well as emerging voices, such as Pat Tucker, James W. Lewis, and Nikki Sinclair. Honey Flava Honey Flava features an erotic feast of short stories with enough Asian flava to ignite fireworks. With an African American and Asian mix of sexy characters, Zane picks the most clever and bold male and female writers to deliver a collection like no other. Stories like Geisha Girl and Pins and Needles give tea and acupuncture a whole new meaning, and the word "Master" is a term of endearment in The Meaning of Zhuren. In tantalizing portraits of some of the hottest—and sweetest—scenes you'll ever want to experience, Honey Flava will take you to a sensual paradise of no return.

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance - Robert M. PIRSIG 1991

Gamedev - Wlad Marhulets 2020-06-29

If you know nothing about game development, you're basically me before I started working on my first game DARQ. This book assumes no knowledge of game development on the reader's part. As a first-time developer with no prior experience in coding, modeling, texturing, animation, game design, etc., I managed to launch DARQ to both commercial success and critical acclaim. With zero dollars spent on marketing, it was featured in major media outlets, such as IGN, Kotaku, PC Gamer, GameSpot, Forbes, and hundreds of others. Ultimately, DARQ became #42 Most Shared PC Video Game of 2019, according to Metacritic, with the average user rating of 9 out of 10. In my book, I'm sharing with you exactly how I did it. The book guides you through a step-by-step process of making a game: from downloading a game engine to releasing your first commercial title. The book features advice from 15 industry professionals, including Mark Kern (team lead of World of Warcraft), Quentin De Beukelaer (game designer of Assassin's Creed IV: Black Flag, Assassin's Creed Unity, Ghost Recon Breakpoint), Bjorn Jacobsen (sound designer of Cyberpunk 2077, Divinity: Fallen Heroes, Hitman), Austin Wintory (Grammy-nominated composer of Journey, ABZÛ, Assassin's Creed: Syndicate), and others. The foreword is written by my mentor John Corigliano, Oscar, Pulitzer Prize, and 5-time Grammy Award-winning composer.

Stan Hochman Unfiltered - Gloria Hochman 2019-12-13

The late Philadelphia Daily News sportswriter Stan Hochman was known for his many zingers, such as "Harry Litwack, the stoic Temple coach, stalks the sidelines like a blind man at a nudist colony." As a reporter, he was more interested in how athletes felt, what their values were, how they lived their lives, or

what made them tick than he was about how many runs they scored or punches they landed. In Stan Hochman Unfiltered, his wife Gloria collects nearly 100 of his best columns from the Daily News about baseball, horse racing, boxing, football, hockey, and basketball (both college and pro), as well as food, films, and even Liz Taylor. Each section is introduced by a friend or colleague, including Garry Maddox, Bernie Parent, Larry Merchant, and Ray Didinger, among others. Hochman penned a candid, cantankerous column about whether Pete Rose belongs in the Baseball Hall of Fame; wrote a graphic account of the Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier fight of the century; and skewered Norman "Bottom Line" Braman, the one-time owner of the Eagles. He also wrote human-interest stories, including features about the importance of kids with special needs playing sports. In addition to being a beloved writer, Hochman was also known for his stint on WIP's radio as the Grand Imperial Poobah, where he would settle callers' most pressing debates. Hochman long earned the respect and admiration of his subjects, peers, and readers throughout his career, and Stan Hochman Unfiltered is a testament to his enduring legacy.

Under Currents - Nora Roberts 2019-07-09

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 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.

Where the Crawdads Sing (Movie Tie-In) - Delia Owens 2022-06-28

NOW A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE The #1 New York Times bestselling worldwide sensation with more than 15 million copies sold, "a painfully beautiful first novel that is at once a murder mystery, a coming-of-age narrative and a celebration of nature" (The New York Times Book Review). For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens. Where the Crawdads Sing is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Delia Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

Superwoman's Child - J. L. Woodson 2006-06-27

Struggling with an absent father, school bullies, and his position as the only male in a house full of mercurial women, twelve-year-old Sean Morris wonders if he will be able to handle the challenges of adolescence without a male role model. By the author of The Things I Could Tell You! Original.

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Jet - 2004-10-04

The weekly source of African American political and entertainment news.

DeCoys, Inc. - Shonda Cheekes 2013-01-29

Never mix business with pleasure. Deeva McCoy's life seems to go from bad to worse when she's fired from her less-than-satisfying job. While consoling herself at home, she gets sucked into the daytime drama of a popular talk show where sexy decoys set up unsuspecting men on live television. Deeva gets an entrepreneurial brainstorm—women would pay her to find out if their men are cheaters—and *DeCoys, Inc.*, is born. One Monday morning, however, her world shatters yet again when a client requests an investigation of Tristan Savage, with whom Deeva happens to have just spent the most incredible weekend of her life. Unable to fight her attraction to Tristan, Deeva breaks one of her primary rules of business and continues the relationship. But when her lover discovers who she really is, the life and career she's worked so hard to build could all go up in flames. . . .

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. -

Summary of George Collins & Andrew Adleman's Breaking the Cycle - Everest Media,

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Please note: This is a companion version & not the original book. Sample Book Insights: #1 Think about your own behavior. Is there someone who might discover what you're up to and say, This is your last chance. Could there be a problem with the law, such as being arrested with a prostitute. #2 The difference between addiction and compulsion is simply language. We all have an addiction to certain beliefs, and we all have a compulsion to do something. If you're reading this book, you're probably a sex addict. #3 If your home was weighed down with alcohol, drugs, fighting, divorce, changing environments, porn, overparenting, lack of parenting, or abandonment, then these situations most likely led to an imbalance in your life. You probably developed coping strategies to deal with your fear, shame, pain, self-doubt, and anger. #4 Anyone who has suffered as a child can become a sex addict. For some, the coping mechanism is eating. For others, it is sex addiction.

High-Intensity Training the Mike Mentzer Way - Mike Mentzer 2003-01-03

A PAPERBACK ORIGINAL High-intensity bodybuilding advice from the first man to win a perfect score in the Mr. Universe competition This one-of-a-kind book profiles the high-intensity training (HIT) techniques pioneered by the late Mike Mentzer, the legendary bodybuilder, leading trainer, and renowned bodybuilding consultant. His highly effective, proven approach enables bodybuilders to get results--and win competitions--by doing shorter, less frequent workouts each week. Extremely time-efficient, HIT sessions

require roughly 40 minutes per week of training--as compared with the lengthy workout sessions many bodybuilders would expect to put in daily. In addition to sharing Mentzer's workout and training techniques, featured here is fascinating biographical information and striking photos of the world-class bodybuilder--taken by noted professional bodybuilding photographers--that will inspire and instruct serious bodybuilders and weight lifters everywhere.

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In the Midst of It All - Shonda Cheekes 2007-02-05

Shonda Cheeke's hip and provocative follow-up to the critically acclaimed *Another Man's Wife* welcomes readers back into the world of Yani and Alex Chance and the ever popular Asia Fenton as they strive to stay strong in the face of tough choices, unexpected complications, and the sweet joys and bitter lows of love. Asia Fenton is finally on the road to her happily ever after. Her new relationship with the handsome Detective Johnny Johnson is everything the good doctor ordered after a failed attempt to reconcile with her former fiancé, who had a pregnant girlfriend he forgot to tell her about. When the sounds of the wedding bells become overwhelming, her new neighbor and former fiancé step in to change the tempo of the dance. Yani and Alex Chance have weathered one test of their love, but there's more in store. The second family of Yani's estranged husband, Jarrin, turns up in the New York city, in hopes of making family connection. Through her reluctance, Yani decides to make an effort for the children's sake. When tragedy strikes, Yani and Alex are faced with a heartfelt decision which causes a wedge to be drawn between them. As Asia struggles with the inevitable choice she must make, and Yani and Alex work to straighten out the growing conflict threatening their happiness, the devastation of September 11th rocks New York City -- and strikes close to home in a way no one could have expected. *In the Midst of It All* is a gripping, moving novel that invokes every emotion as Shonda Cheeke's compelling characters deal with the task of recovering, rebuilding, and moving into the future with hope and love.

Sex Chronicles - Zane 2008-08-05

New York Times bestselling author Zane presents a tantalizing short story collection, which is now the basis of the Cinemax series *Zane's Sex Chronicles*, calls for a sexual revolution and brings forth our favorite characters—Patience James, Maricruz, Lyric, Eboni, and Ana Marie—as they balance common day-to-day issues, a slew of hot sex, and the fine men in the big city. Anyone who thinks that men are by nature more sexual than women or that African American women are especially inhibited hasn't read Zane. Here, she presents an erotic read in three parts: *Wild*, *Wilder*, and *Off Da Damn Hook*. 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.

Medicalized Masculinities - Dana Rosenfeld 2009-09-04

The first book to examine the male body in relation to the sociology of health and gender.

The Pain Management Workbook - Rachel Zoffness 2020-12-01

Change your brain, change your pain with this powerful, evidence-based workbook. If you're struggling with chronic pain, you're not alone: more than one hundred million Americans currently live with chronic pain. Yet, despite its prevalence, chronic pain is not well understood. Fortunately, research has emerged showing the effectiveness of a treatment model for pain management grounded in biology, psychology, and social functioning. In this groundbreaking workbook, you'll find a comprehensive outline of this effective biopsychosocial approach, as well as scientifically supported interventions rooted in cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT), mindfulness, and neuroscience to help you take control of your pain—and your life! You'll learn strategies for creating a pain plan for home and work, reducing reliance on medications, and breaking the pain cycle. Also included are tips for improving sleep, nutrition for pain, methods for resuming valued activities, and more. If you're ready to take your life back from pain, this workbook has everything you need to get started.

The 4-Hour Body - Timothy Ferriss 2010-12-14

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The game-changing author of *Tribe of Mentors* teaches you how to

reach your peak physical potential with minimum effort. "A practical crash course in how to reinvent yourself."—Kevin Kelly, *Wired* Is it possible to reach your genetic potential in 6 months? Sleep 2 hours per day and perform better than on 8 hours? Lose more fat than a marathoner by bingeing? Indeed, and much more. The 4-Hour Body is the result of an obsessive quest, spanning more than a decade, to hack the human body using data science. It contains the collective wisdom of hundreds of elite athletes, dozens of MDs, and thousands of hours of jaw-dropping personal experimentation. From Olympic training centers to black-market laboratories, from Silicon Valley to South Africa, Tim Ferriss fixated on one life-changing question: For all things physical, what are the tiniest changes that produce the biggest results? Thousands of tests later, this book contains the answers for both men and women. It's the wisdom Tim used to gain 34 pounds of muscle in 28 days, without steroids, and in four hours of total gym time. From the gym to the bedroom, it's all here, and it all works. You will learn (in less than 30 minutes each):

- How to lose those last 5-10 pounds (or 100+ pounds) with odd combinations of food and safe chemical cocktails
- How to prevent fat gain while bingeing over the weekend or the holidays
- How to sleep 2 hours per day and feel fully rested
- How to produce 15-minute female orgasms
- How to triple testosterone and double sperm count
- How to go from running 5 kilometers to 50 kilometers in 12 weeks
- How to reverse "permanent" injuries
- How to pay for a beach vacation with one hospital visit

And that's just the tip of the iceberg. There are more than 50 topics covered, all with real-world experiments, many including more than 200 test subjects. You don't need better genetics or more exercise. You need immediate results that compel you to continue. That's exactly what *The 4-Hour Body* delivers.

The Glass Castle - Jeannette Walls 2007-01-02

A triumphant tale of a young woman and her difficult childhood, *The Glass Castle* is a remarkable memoir of resilience, redemption, and a revelatory look into a family at once deeply dysfunctional and wonderfully vibrant. Jeannette Walls was the second of four children raised by anti-institutional parents in a household of extremes.

Black Pain - Terrie M. Williams 2009-01-06

A successful woman entrepreneur addresses the taboo of depression that pervades 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.

Come Get Some - Nane Quartay 2012-05-29

The friendship of four urban outcasts shatters after one's violent death, but they must face a shared secret past and the consequences of their actions when reunited as adults years later.

The Zane Collection #3 - Zane 2012-07-17

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. 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.

Breaking the Cycle - George Collins 2011-10-01

Anyone who has struggled with sex addiction knows that living with constant 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 Perpetual Consequences of Fear and Violence - Chris Maser 2004

Arguing that current conflicts in the war on terrorism are doing tremendous damage to future generations, this timely analysis draws on the work of non-violent leaders like Gandhi to provide alternatives to responding to increased levels of fear and anxiety with violence. Seizing on the surprising example of Northwest salmon as a paradigm, contemporary clashes like the War on Terror are dissected with an eye toward the political ecosystems they endanger. Also included is a meditation on what citizens can do to change their own political ecosystems by considering the long-term political and ecological effects of the even the smallest decisions.

Breaking the Cycle - Zane 2005-03-29

An anthology on the aspects of domestic abuse includes the title story, in which a girl's plan to escape her father's brutality leads to her mother's confession about her own experiences; "The Lonely Echoes of My Youth," in which a girl encourages fights among her peers; and "The Grindstone," in which a boy witnesses a victim's violent retaliation. Original.

Superwoman's Child - J. L. Woodson 2011-03-08

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.

Better Than This - Cathy Zane 2018-08-28

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?

Ebony - 2005-03

EBONY is the flagship magazine of Johnson Publishing. Founded in 1945 by John H. Johnson, it still maintains the highest global circulation of any African American-focused magazine.

Jet - 2004-10-04

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Dear Life - Alice Munro 2012-10-13

With her peerless ability to give us the essence of a life in often brief but spacious and timeless stories, Alice Munro illumines the moment a life is shaped -- the moment a dream, or sex, or perhaps a simple twist of fate turns a person out of his or her accustomed path and into another way of being. Suffused with Munro's clarity of vision and her unparalleled gift for storytelling, these stories (set in the world Munro has made her own: the countryside and towns around Lake Huron) about departures and beginnings, accidents, dangers, and homecomings both virtual and real, paint a vivid and lasting portrait of how strange, dangerous, and extraordinary the ordinary life can be.

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Silent Cry - Dywane D. Birch 2012-10-02

In the sequel to *Beneath the Bruises*, this searing novel explores the effects of secondhand domestic violence on children. *Silent Cry* is the story of K'wan Taylor, the now fourteen-year-old son of Syreeta and Randall Taylor from *Beneath the Bruises*, who withstood his father's sporadic outbursts and berating tirades by wishing, praying, and hoping his father would disappear. Feeling helpless and hopeless, K'wan spent most of his young life burdened with the pressure of believing he had to protect his mother from his father's abuse, but not knowing how. K'wan makes his way to a residential treatment facility for adolescent males, where he begins, slowly, to heal his wounds. It is in his silence that he shares insights and relives painful memories of growing up in a home of violence, revealing his anger toward his father that spiraled into a deep hatred and consumed most of his thoughts. *Silent Cry* is a compelling, thoughtful look at how children, particularly boys, are shaped by domestic violence.

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Cloud Atlas - David Mitchell 2010-07-16

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 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
The Zane Collection #1 - Zane 2012-07-03

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 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.

Push Comes to Shove - Maud Lavin 2012-09-21

The new celebration of women's aggression in contemporary culture, from *Kill Bill* and *Prime Suspect* to the artists group *Toxic Titties*. In the past, more often than not, aggressive women have been rebuked, told to keep a lid on, turn the other cheek, get over it. Repression more than aggression was seen as woman's domain. But recently there's been a noticeable cultural shift. With growing frequency, women's aggression is now celebrated in contemporary culture—in movies and TV, online ventures, and art. In *Push Comes to Shove*, Maud Lavin examines these new images of aggressive women and how they affect women's lives. Aggression, says Lavin, need not entail causing harm to another; we can think of it as the use of force to create change—fruitful, destructive, or both. And over the past twenty years, contemporary culture has shown women seizing this power. Lavin chooses provocative examples to explore the complexity of aggression, including the surfer girls in *Blue Crush*, Helen Mirren as Jane Tennison in *Prime Suspect*, the homicidal women in *Kill Bill*, and artist Marlene McCarty's mural-sized *Murder Girls*. Women need aggression and need to use it consciously, Lavin writes. With *Push Comes to Shove*, she explores the crucial questions of how to manifest aggression, how to represent it, and how to keep open a cultural space for it.
Pretties - Scott Westerfeld 2008-11-11

The second installment of Scott Westerfeld's New York Times bestselling and award-winning *Uglies* series—a global phenomenon that started the dystopian trend. Tally has finally become pretty. Now her looks are beyond perfect, her clothes are awesome, her boyfriend is totally hot, and she's completely popular. It's everything she's ever wanted. But beneath all the fun—the nonstop parties, the high-tech luxury, the total freedom—is a nagging sense that something's wrong. Something important. Then a message from Tally's ugly past arrives. Reading it, Tally remembers what's wrong with pretty life, and the

fun stops cold. Now she has to choose between fighting to forget what she knows and fighting for her life—because the authorities don't intend to let anyone with this information survive.

Breaking the Cycle - Zane 2009-11-24

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 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.

The Eye of the World - Robert Jordan 1990-01-15

Relates a tale of the bestial Trollocs, the witch Moiraine, and three boys, one of whom is fated to become the Dragon--the World's only hope and the sure means of its destruction