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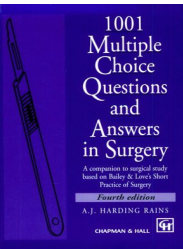
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with an infectious enthusiasm and a generous heart. nancy was the little sister—the tomboy with an outsized sense of justice who wanted to right all wrongs. the sisters shared makeup tips, dating secrets, plans for glamorous fantasy careers. they spent one memorable summer in europe discovering a big world far from peoria. they imagined a long life together—one in which they’d grow old together surrounded by children and grandchildren. suzy’s diagnosis shattered that dream. in 1977, breast cancer was still shrouded in stigma and shame. nobody talked about early detection and mammograms. nobody could even say the words “breast” and “cancer” together in polite company, let alone on television news broadcasts. with nancy at her side, suzy endured the many indignities of cancer treatment, from the grim, soul-killing waiting rooms to the mistakes of well-meaning but misinformed doctors. that’s when suzy began to ask nancy to promise. to promise to end the silence. to promise to raise money for scientific research. to promise to one day cure breast cancer for good. big, shoot-for-the-moon promises that nancy never dreamed she could fulfill. but she promised because this was her beloved sister. i promise, suzy . even if it takes the rest of my life. suzy’s death—both shocking and senseless—created a deep pain in nancy that never fully went away. but she soon found a useful outlet for her grief and outrage. armed only with a shoebox filled with the names of potential donors, nancy put her formidable fund-raising talents to work and quickly discovered a groundswell of grassroots support. she was aided in her mission by the loving tutelage of her husband, restaurant magnate norman brinker, whose dynamic approach to entrepreneurship became nancy’s model for running her foundation. her account of how she and norman met, fell in love, and managed to achieve the elusive “true marriage of equals” is one of the great grown-up love stories among recent memoirs. nancy’s mission to change the way the world talked about and treated breast cancer took on added urgency when she was herself diagnosed with the disease in 1984, a terrifying chapter in her life that she had long feared. unlike her sister, nancy survived and went on to make susan g. komen for the cure into the most influential health charity in the country and arguably the world. a pioneering force in cause-related marketing, sgk turned the pink ribbon into a symbol of hope everywhere. each year, millions of people worldwide take part in sgk race for the cure events. and thanks to the more than \$1.5 billion spent by sgk for cutting-edge research and community programs, a breast cancer diagnosis today is no longer a death sentence. in fact, in the time since suzy’s death, the five-year survival rate for breast cancer has risen from 74 percent to 98 percent. promise me is a deeply moving story of family and sisterhood, the dramatic “30,000-foot view” of the democratization of a disease, and a soaring affirmative to the question: can one person truly make a difference? ...more

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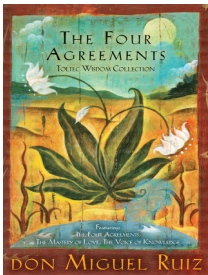
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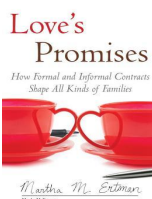
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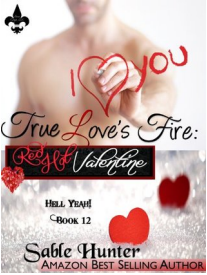
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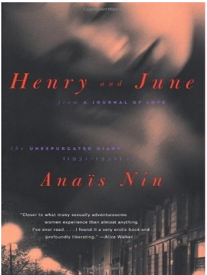
LOVE'S PROMISES: HOW FORMAL AND INFORMAL CONTRACTS SHAPE ALL KINDS OF FAMILIES

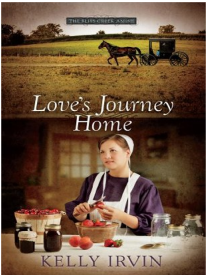
blends memoir and legal cases to show how contracts can create family relationships most people think of love and contracts as strange bedfellows, or even opposites. in love's promises, however, law professor martha ertman shows that far from cold and calculating, contracts shape and sustain families. blending memoir and law, ertman delves into the legal cases, anecdotes, a history of family law to show that love comes in different packages, each shaped by different contracts and mini-contracts she calls "deals." family law should and often does recognize that variety because legal rules, like relationships, aren't one size fits all. the most common form of family—which ertman calls "plan a"—come into being through different kinds of agreements than the more uncommon families that she dubs "plan b." recognizing the contractual core of all families shows that plan b is neither unnatural nor unworthy of legal recognition, just different. after telling her own moving and often irreverent story about becoming part of a plan b family of two moms and a dad raising a child, ertman shows that all kinds of people—straight and gay, married and single, related by adoption or by genetics—use contracts to shape their relationships. as couples navigate marriage, reproductive technologies, adoption, and cohabitation, they encounter contracts. sometimes hidden and other times openly acknowledged, these contracts ensure that the people they think of as "family" are legally recognized as family in the eyes of the law. family exchanges can be substantial, like vows of fidelity, or small, like "i cook and you clean." but regardless of scope, the agreements shape the emotional, social, and financial terrain of family relationships. seeing the instrumental role contracts will help readers better understand how contracts and deals work in their own families as well as those around them. both insightful and paradigm-shifting, love's promises lets readers in on the power of contracts and deals to support love in its many forms and to honor the different ways that our nearest and dearest contribute to our daily lives. ...more

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	<p>HENRY AND JUNE: FROM "A JOURNAL OF LOVE";-- THE UNEXPURGATED DIARY OF ANAÏS NIN (1931-1932)</p> <p>taken from the original, uncensored journals of anaïs nin, henry and june spans a single year in nin's life when she discovers love and torment in one insatiable couple. from late 1931 to the end of 1932, nin falls in love with henry miller's writing and his wife june's striking beauty. when june leaves paris for new york, henry and anaïs begin a fiery affair that liberate taken from the original, uncensored journals of anaïs nin, henry and june spans a single year in nin's life when she discovers love and torment in one insatiable couple. from late 1931 to the end of 1932, nin falls in love with henry miller's writing and his wife june's striking beauty. when june leaves paris for new york, henry and anaïs begin a fiery affair that liberates her sexually and morally, but also undermines her marriage and eventually leads her into psychoanalysis. as she grapples with her own conscience, a single question dominates her thoughts: what will happen when june returns to paris? an intimate account of one woman's sexual awakening, henry and june exposes the pain and pleasure felt by a single person trapped between two loves. ...more</p>	<p>Readable/Downloadable</p>
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	<p>LOVE'S JOURNEY HOME (THE BLISS CREEK AMISH #3)</p> <p>it's been seven years since her husband died, but helen crouch is doing just fine. she's selling her jams and canned goods at the bakery and making a tidy living. but her whole world goes topsy-turvy when a new family moves to town. gabriel gless has brought his children to bliss creek to escape the worldly influences in indiana. helen and gabriel have so much in common?th it's been seven years since her husband died, but helen crouch is doing just fine. she's selling her jams and canned goods at the bakery and making a tidy living. but her whole world goes topsy-turvy when a new family moves to town. gabriel gless has brought his children to bliss creek to escape the worldly influences in indiana. helen and gabriel have so much in common?the loss of their beloved spouses, the experience of raising their families alone, their rock-solid faith?so why can't they seem to speak without arguing? and that's not all that's going on in bliss creek this summer. in the middle of a punishing drought, the community is faced with the decision to uproot their families and establish a new settlement. as families struggle to say goodbye, each one must find the faith to follow the lord's direction. ...more</p>	<p>Readable/Downloadable</p>
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	<p>LOVE'S ALL THAT MAKES SENSE: A MOTHER DAUGHTER MEMOIR</p> <p>sakeenah francis describes her life as a cinderella story in reverse. she grew up in a well-respected, middle-class african american family. she went to college, was homecoming queen, married, began a career and had children. then, schizophrenia struck and she lost everything. she went from homecoming queen to being homeless and institutionalized. sakeenah francis tells he sakeenah francis describes her life as a cinderella story in reverse. she grew up in a well-respected, middle-class african american family. she went to college, was homecoming queen, married, began a career and had children. then, schizophrenia struck and she lost everything. she went from homecoming queen to being homeless and institutionalized. sakeenah francis tells her daughter about her darkest moments of living with schizophrenia in a series of letters that chronicle the first time she heard voices in her head, her hospitalizations, her struggle to parent, and her arduous path to long-term recovery. both shaken and moved by her mother's revealing letters, anika faces the haunting effects her mother's mental illness had on her. after years of keeping the secret about her mother's illness, anika breaks her silence voicing what it was like to grow up with a mother with a severe mental illness. she describes the emotional roller coaster created by her mother's bouts of recovery and how this impacted her well into adulthood. though sakeenah lost many bouts in her early struggles with schizophrenia, she kept striving. through it all, there was love which at times was the only thing that made sense to sakeenah and anika. love gave them the strength and resilience to heal and piece together that which schizophrenia had torn apart in our lives. this sobering story carries a message of hope that will be inspiring to people affected by a severe mental illness and the web of people connected to them. ...more</p>	Readable/Downloadable
	<p>LOVE'S CHERISHED REFRAIN (THE CHLOE CELESTE CHRONICLES #4)</p> <p>the seemingly insurmountable problems in their lives were small compared to the yearnings in their hearts. the joyous sound of wedding bells hides the sorrow that will soon engulf cecee and thad as they begin an exciting new life together. tragedy sends cecee into an ever-darkening depression. days turn into weeks as the grieving bride continues to push thad's love farther the seemingly insurmountable problems in their lives were small compared to the yearnings in their hearts. the joyous sound of wedding bells hides the sorrow that will soon engulf cecee and thad as they begin an exciting new life together. tragedy sends cecee into an ever-darkening depression. days turn into weeks as the grieving bride continues to push thad's love farther from reach. heartbreak turns to hope, however, when the couple sets sail for china with a determination to help the wounded souls and bodies of men and women of that vast country. as another door opens to the east, chloe mae's dream is realized through her daughter's carefully trained hands. the faith and dreams of the two proud women spanning two generations receive a final test of courage in this dramatic conclusion of kay rizzo's chloe celeste chronicles. ...more</p>	Readable/Downloadable
	<p>LOVE'S TENDER PRELUDE (THE CHLOE CELESTE CHRONICLES #1)</p> <p>a magnificent saga of love as chloe celeste, gifted daughter of chloe mae, struggles to forge her own unique destiny during a time of war and imminent change. in a season of new beginnings, chloe celeste embarks on a special journey - one that takes her to the quiet center of the heart and the spirit. caught up in a world of wealth and privilege, the aspiring violinist purs a magnificent saga of love as chloe celeste, gifted daughter of chloe mae, struggles to forge her own unique destiny during a time of war and imminent change. in a season of new beginnings, chloe celeste embarks on a special journey - one that takes her to the quiet center of the heart and the spirit. caught up in a world of wealth and privilege, the aspiring violinist pursues her art with grace and beauty. as her debutante cousing ashley is absorbed in social revelry, chloe celeste cherishes visions of concert halls and fame. but as war grips the country, will her dream be swept away by the winds of strife? a telegram listing her beloved brother as "missing in action" awakens her worst fears and shakes her faith in a loving god. from the extraordinary storyteller kay rizzo comes the first book of the chloe celeste chronicles, capturing the emotions and trials of a young woman and american families caught in the drama of world war i. ...more</p>	Readable/Downloadable

ROYAL WEDDING BELLS: THE PRINCE'S FORBIDDEN LOVE/THE ORDINARY KING



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MAKE A PLAY: "NO LOSERS IN THE GAME OF LOVE"

this anthology collection contains 30 stand alone sports related m/m stories. see below for a brief overview. nothing fires the blood like a little friendly competition. anything from a meeting of the minds to full-body contact, these men are making a play. there are no losers in the game of love. audible by dawn kimberly johnson three years ago, cameraman powell perdue and d this anthology collection contains 30 stand alone sports related m/m stories. see below for a brief overview. nothing fires the blood like a little friendly competition. anything from a meeting of the minds to full-body contact, these men are making a play. there are no losers in the game of love. audible by dawn kimberly johnson three years ago, cameraman powell perdue and quarterback talbot wojevodka called it quits, citing irreconcilable differences. powell wanted to live honestly. while talbot felt he couldn't and still succeed in professional football. one knee surgery and a trade later, talbot finds himself back in town and quarterbacking for the raptors, a struggling expansion team. powell's also back, working as a cameraman for k3pc-tv, following two years in amsterdam and a second failed relationship, when an interview meant as a publicity play throws them into each other's path, they're forced to face a love that never quite died and wounds that never fully healed. for any hope to win, they'll have to change up the game. talbot must brave walking through his closet door and into powell's arms, and powell must risk his heart one more time by standing his ground and giving talbot a second chance. bane of boston by j.p. barnaby the day jonathan "jack" young caught that foul ball was the worst day of his life. instead of seeing his beloved red sox hold the lead, he watched in horror as his mistake cost them the first real shot they'd had at the world series for nearly one hundred years. jack left boston in disgrace and moved to chicago to start over. instead, he finds ryan levine, who shatters the illusion that he could ever escape being the "bane of boston." with decisions about careers and relationships in the balance, one misstep could mean ruin for them both. bully for you by cait ford who could be hunkier than a cowboy? not much, according to martin du bois. he convinces two friends that a visit to the rodeo is every gay man's wet dream, and so the three of them gaily (and i mean gaily) set off to watch cowboy asses in action. a visit to a bar after the event gets martin closer to the action than he ever thought possible, and he meets jesse cumberland, the man who caught his eye in the ring and made his rhinestones sparkle. instant attraction leads to a one-night stand that gets under martin's insouciant skin and causes him to rethink his determination not to get involved emotionally. when jesse invites martin to his ranch, the visit is almost derailed by martin's realization that they lead very different lives. as a flaming city queer, he sees no way to fit with the solid, athletic jesse. it's up to jesse to see if he can change martin's mind. contact sport by anna butler jamie connor is a charming and sexy star college hockey player. he's not the sort of man to be dazzled by someone who speaks in long mathematical formulas and worries about strategic thinking. at least, he wasn't that sort of man until the college dean agrees to a scrimmage match with the nerds of the blaine strategic institute, and matt blaine, son of the founder, captains the other side. in a sport where full body checks are a legitimate play, jamie's taken by surprise at just how much the king of cool wants the king of geeks. darian's angel by sabine cross darian levesque is finally ready to move on after heartbreak when he reluctantly attends an equestrian event and glimpses an angel on horseback. believing the striking young man has a girlfriend and is beyond his reach, darian leaves without a word. three months later, darian sees his angel again, this time at the hospital, where liam grayson is recovering from a tragic riding accident... only to walk away from his attraction to liam once more. it's frustrating enough to make liam's sister, paulette, confront darian and lead him through the obstacles, but will he make the final jump and make liam his? diving in by bru baker being the pool boy makes it easy for max jansen to ogle his long-time crush, water polo player everett caldwell. never mind the fact that max owns the company and is overqualified for the task of monitoring chlorine and cleaning skimmers. he's just happy to watch his unattainable dream play—until one day everett invites him over and suddenly max is his platonic plus-one for everything from movie nights to racy industry parties. then max learns the one-time olympian isn't as straight as everyone assumes, and he isn't sure how long he can hold out before his crush grows much deeper. a fighting chance by laylah hunter luis delgado, a boxer, and davey taylor, an artist, live in a future when earth is home to the destitute and the only chance for a better life is found among the colonies that orbit the once-great planet. davey has the opportunity to make a name for himself with an art sponsorship on the luna minor colony, but he needs to get there first. luis may have the answer, but it means choosing between his career and his future together with davey. flexibility by maja rose jared glass thinks he's got a pretty sweet deal. andrew blackwell is his best friend and roommate, they both live for gymnastics, and jared's on his way to the 2016 olympics. then jared's teammate breaks his leg, and andy is named his replacement ... except no one tells jared, and isn't that something you'd tell your best friend? then again, they're good at bending around the obvious: andy's been in love with jared for years but stays silent; jared denies it could even be possible. surely two friends this close can be more? hard d by elinor gray ben meyers has played ultimate frisbee since his first week at college, and at every tournament he comes face to face with darius o'neill, his favorite rival. this time, though, their good-natured competition goes off the field to the after-party and beyond, when three years of tension finally breaks open on the sheets of darius's dorm-issue twin bed. heart of the race by mary calmes varro dacien spends his life riding toward the next adventure. brian christie, his best friend and touchstone, the one person who's always truly seen him, plays sidekick in these madcap adventures and subsequent trips to the hospital until he can't take it anymore. while brian can see varro, varro has never caught on that he's breaking his best friend's heart. without varro, brian builds himself a life that's all about just getting by, doing his best to ignore the hole in his heart and his life. without brian to balance him, varro pushes harder and takes more risks to reach that ultimate high. his job racing high-octane bikes on suicide-level courses makes it easy to get that rush... until it's no longer enough and varro realizes it's not his race, but who's waiting at the finish line that truly matters. now he just has to convince brian to be there. ice heart by kay ellis jack holloway loves two things: aaron stone and hockey. unfortunately, he refuses to acknowledge the first and lets his temper rule the second. he's turned his life into a list of "can'ts": he can't talk with his parents, can't hold down a job, can't stay out of trouble, and can't let go of his reputation as a tough guy on the ice—even if it might cost him his career. most of all, he can't admit he has fallen in love with another man. if jack doesn't knock that chip off his shoulder, he's going to lose it all. if he can accept himself and aaron and stop hiding, he might be able to finally win something bigger than a timeout in the penalty box. the king's mate by ashavan doyon russell pine goes to the café every morning to enjoy his time chatting with sam tesh, the café owner, a friend made over the past twenty years. so when sam asks a favor, russ reluctantly agrees to play in a chess tournament. but the contest isn't the real challenge: russ finds himself the focus of a secret courtship in words and pictures left for him to discover each morning, leading him to the question: in a café full of young and beautiful minds, who is looking at the graying chessmaster? late-inning home run by stella k. jefferson widower jay parker hasn't seen his high school boyfriend, craig myers, in thirty-five years—not that they ever used the word "boyfriend." when craig turns up at a baseball game where jay's seventeen-year-old son is playing, jay discovers the old attraction is still alive. it feels natural to invite craig home to catch up, but reigniting their flame isn't easy for anyone involved. love's cabers tossed by ari mckay at the coastal carolina highland games, baker martin fletcher receives an unexpected visitor in the form of fergus. ianor mcclannan's escaped sheltie, when fergus accidentally causes martin to sprain his ankle, ianor comes to the rescue, helping martin run his booth at the games. unfortunately, ianor doesn't know a thing about baking, but he manages to avoid both disaster and martin's wrath by attracting patrons with his and fergus's showmanship. martin accepts ianor's invitation to stay in his rv during the fair, getting to know the lawyer-turned-highlander he's watched from afar. martin is captivated by ianor's charm... and the tantalizing view of him in a kilt. entranced by martin's dedication to his work and love for fergus, ianor sets out to woo him with starlight and bagpipe music, because he's discovered opposites can attract and love can be found in the most unexpected circumstances. luck of the dice by pinkie ray parker gavin gage has never been much for sports, but he does love fantasy-based role-playing games. though his social life is quite active, gavin feels like he's botched his roll in the love department. then he receives a mysterious invitation to an exclusive gaming tournament at a comic book convention, and gavin meets a mysterious suitor. between one roll and the next, gavin realizes that when it comes to love, everything is just a game of chance. the magic broom by teegan loy with the winter olympics on the horizon, cody mikkelsen's editor assigns him several stories about athletes in the area with gold medal aspirations. but there's a catch: cody has to try all the sports when he interviews the athletes—and he is so not an athlete. the day before his torment begins, four new guys move into the apartment down the hall, including the handsome shane spicer. cody is immediately desperate to figure out if shane is gay, but both men have busy schedules, leaving little time to socialize. so cody heads back to work and goes to interview the local curling team, where among brooms, laughter, a sore backside, and an unexpected meeting, cody finds he just might get his chance after all. matching vectors by lee cormyn fin and his racing team came to the asteroid belt to maintain their reputation as the best of the best. fin's race starts out easy: his biggest rival is flying like an idiot, and fin is confidently moving toward the win. the only interesting bit is a newbie named sean who plays with his life by cutting too close to every asteroid—and against all logic, he's pulling it off. then fin takes a chance, making a decision that will change his racing and flirting forever. can fin come to terms with his choice and match his vector to sean's, or will pride rule out racing toward a future together? mulligan by nora roth the only thing between jesse yates and the top of the air hockey leaderboard is cameron green. when cameron returns home from college unannounced and knocks the win out of jesse's reach, the last thing jesse plans to do is strike up a friendship with the guy he dislikes on principle. but cameron charms jesse without even seeming to try, and the attraction and friendly rivalry between them soon leads to something more. everything is perfect until the world as jesse knows it comes crashing down when cameron's secrets are revealed. before jesse can find his balance, cameron is gone without a word, leaving jesse alone with anger and grief—hoping against hope for a second chance. out of left field by raine norman concierge jake wentworth rues the day he got involved with mikey, his coworker and cheating ex-lover. already in a foul mood, a rude guest further puts him off his game. jake realizes there is more to billy smith than his first impression when they accidentally meet while jogging the next morning. when they hit it off over coffee and sightseeing, jake worries his battered heart will be in for more pain, but billy is determined to make something more of their relationship. pouring a brick by tray ellis high-energy spence joins a brazilian jiu-jitsu school looking for adventure. will be in already a calm, advanced practitioner of the gentle art when they meet, and he takes the new student under his wing. after training for a tournament, spence realizes that relaxing into the flow works great for channeling his energy at competitions and for life in general, but when it comes to taking a chance on will, pushing the boundaries may be the only way to take their friendship to the next level. press start by briana lawrence lukis singleton's once-popular sports column is fading fast, thanks to the terrible track record of the local football team. in an attempt to save the column, lukis's editor, john, decides he needs to go in a different direction. video games are all the rage these days, so john insists that sending lukis to a huge video-game tournament in los angeles will shake up his current readers and bring in new ones. lukis isn't thrilled about reporting on games with impossible powers or gamers who still live in mom's basement, but then he meets a tempting flaw in the gaming stereotypes of unwashed man-children. aaron sanders is a gorgeous breath of fresh air at the tournament who takes lukis's less-than-stellar view of gamers and turns it on its head, leaving lukis to wonder if it might be worth being aaron's player two. prize package by kyle adams when jason smith wins a contest he doesn't remember entering, he earns a visit with the meatgrinder, aka trent peterson. trent expected a rabid fan; instead, he gets jason, who knows nothing about wrestling, doesn't care about the prizes, and would prefer to skip the official wrestling demo, please. trent should be annoyed, but by the end of the day, trent knows he wants more than one day with jason. now he just has to convince jason that trent is more than his alter ego. protection by john amory jamie is an anomaly in the shooting world: a relative newcomer who became a leading contender overnight. he's representing the united states at the 2012 olympics, and people are drawn to him both for his marksmanship and the past he refuses to divulge. during his downtime in london, jamie visits a gay bar and meets a chipper young man named ben. despite ben's heartfelt offer of success, jamie's mounting nerves over the games and his scars from the past threaten the new relationship before the night even begins. riding the board by cate astwood blake emmerich arrives at practice, already apprehensive over, to meet his new synchronized diving partner. when he sees nick freeman, blake doesn't feel confident about their chances. the day begins with nick pushing blake off the ten meter and ends with their coach cuffing them together to force them to deal with each other like the adults they're supposed to be. synchronized diving is about trust... how can you trust someone you can't stand, no matter how hot you think they are? risking it by posey roberts august farrell doesn't have a clue how to go about finding a boyfriend. he's eighteen, a high school senior, has barely been kissed, and the thought of flirting with a boy terrifies him. what if he gets punched? or worse? it would be easier if he at least knew the rules of the game. then during the state basketball tournament, august meets luke knutson, who flirts with him shamelessly, but is this connection worth it? will august play it safe by sitting on the sidelines or take a chance on luke and the freedom to love he offers? running away from sunshine by gwynn marsson nobody knows why eridant jake nichols left california to move to cold and dark calgary, canada. nobody knows jake hasn't always been a silent loner. nobody in his new home knows he is gay, and nobody needs to know, since doesn't plan to let anyone in... until he meets gabriel montgomery, the carefree hockey player with the big blue eyes who just won't take no for an answer when it comes to opening up and accepting the possibility of love. sage advice by susan laine piper is a ballet dancer who has lost his footing—literally. now his dreams are shot and he's depressed enough that his best friend, sage, lures him into a night of drinking and games. except the game is truth or dare, and they end up doing less drinking and more confessing. hidden secrets spill out and brazen acts draw the two men closer as they discover what really matters: if they're winners or losers in the game of love. a shot at forgiveness by cardeno c. a dozen years, two thousand miles, and a law degree after high school, rafi steiner continues to harbor resentment toward isaac jones, his childhood bully turned nba star. when isaac appears at rafi's favorite restaurant acting like a long-lost friend, rafi bluntly dismisses him. but isaac is tenacious and has his heart set on the grown-up version of the boy he always wanted and never forgot. the way isaac sees it, he and rafi are perfect for each other, if only he could sink the most important shot of his life: his one shot at forgiveness. snookered by s. blaise when paul burmwin invites british tourist neil davis to play a game of pool, paul doesn't suspect there's more to neil's bad playing until neil turns the tables. intrigued by neil's wit and unexpected skill, paul issues a new challenge, and neil suggests the stakes: his hotel room key—and all that it implies—or paul's public humiliation. what neil doesn't realize is that paul is a pool shark at heart, and if neil doesn't spot the trap in their ultimate game, he'll find himself snookered. thunderballs by andrea speed luke diaz signs up for an adult dodgeball league out of morbid curiosity and a love for a crazy movie. after all, sports aren't his thing. then attraction to the team captain, shane kinrade, keeps him from ducking out of trouts, and luke discovers he's actually rather good at hitting where he aims. along with his newfound ability, luke considers the charming team captain to be right up his alley and luckily, shane shares his interest. ...more

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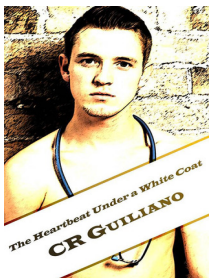




AT LOVE'S BIDDING (OZARK MOUNTAIN ROMANCE #2)

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THE HEARTBEAT UNDER A WHITE COAT (LOVE'S LANDSCAPES)

dear author, this is jordan. he is a physician's assistant (pa) working in the neonatal intensive care unit (nicu) at the children's hospital. jordan is a sweet and caring man. given that he works in the nicu, he is surrounded by women. they are his best friends and they are always trying to set him up on dates. unfortunately, those dates are with women. you see jordan is n dear author, this is jordan. he is a physician's assistant (pa) working in the neonatal intensive care unit (nicu) at the children's hospital. jordan is a sweet and caring man. given that he works in the nicu, he is surrounded by women. they are his best friends and they are always trying to set him up on dates. unfortunately, those dates are with women. you see jordan is not out. he has been hurt in his life. friends have betrayed him. he has been in abusive relationships. yet he longs to have someone special to call his own. one co-worker of jordan's is susan. susan is a lesbian and her gaydar goes off whenever she and jordan work together. susan and her wife michele have a friend that just might fill the lonely place in jordan's life. susan decides to ask jordan if he is open to a date with a man, and he finally feels relieved to come out to someone at work. martin is truly a good guy. he is an advanced practice nurse practitioner (aprn) working as a counselor to physically and emotionally abused children at a free clinic. martin has been divorced from his wife for two years. he has done the bar scene and is over it. he is tired of being alone and just wants to find someone special to share his life. susan and michele are close friends with eva and jake. jake and martin are bff's and work together at the free clinic. the women devise a plan to invite both men to a dinner party. but when susan approaches jordan with the plans, he is nervous and intimidated to meet martin surrounded by martin's friends. this causes jake to explode and say that jordan can't be good enough for martin. how can we get these two nice guys together? cause when they meet the sparks will fly... photo description: jordan is lonely and in the closet thanks to a painful past and prior abusive relationships. here you see him thinking, wishing he had someone to love in his life. despite the chance to meet someone, he is scared. afraid that no one will want him after all that he has suffered. this story was written as a part of the m/m romance group's "love's landscapes" event. group members were asked to write a story prompt ...more

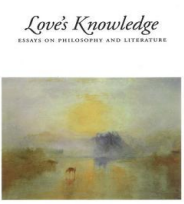
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