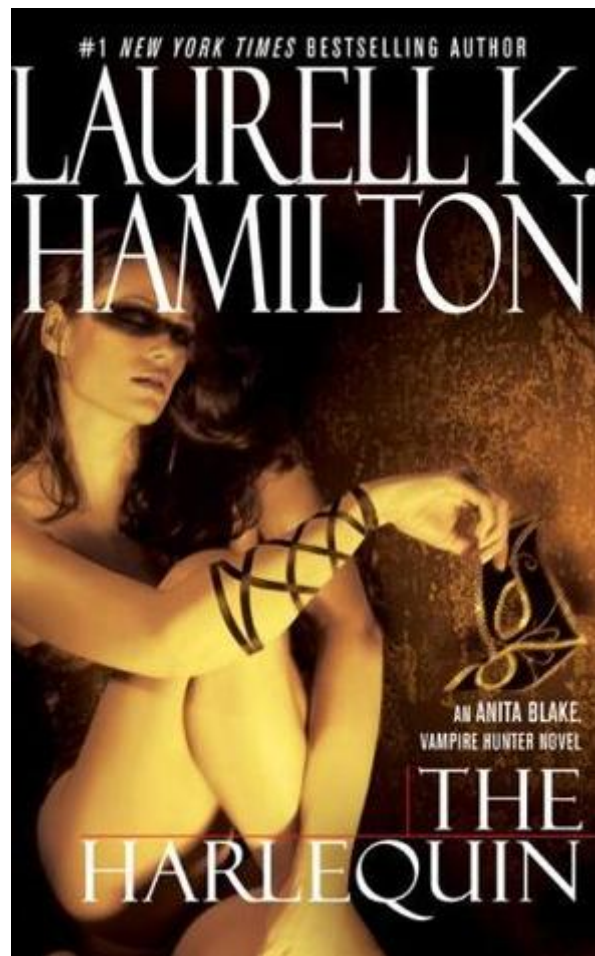


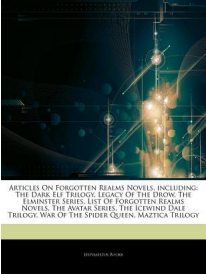
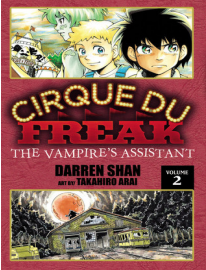
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edward. in this situation, anita knows that she needs to call the one man who has always been there for her... .more

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out of the cage: a good relationship needs three things: respect, communication, and compromise...besides love, of course. vincent dobs marché thought he scented his beloved—his fated one-and-only—at a shifter enforcer challenge months ago. since rogue shifters killed his mother, bonding with one is the last thing he wants to do. he runs from the knowledge, vowing to live hi out of the cage: a good relationship needs three things: respect, communication, and compromise...besides love, of course. vincent dobs marché thought he scented his beloved—his fated one-and-only—at a shifter enforcer challenge months ago. since rogue shifters killed his mother, bonding with one is the last thing he wants to do. he runs from the knowledge, vowing to live his life alone. fate has other plans. slowly, blood from human donors becomes unpalatable to him, until it's easier to go hungry than deal with the taste. when he hits the verge of collapse, his friends step in, forcing him to return to stone ridge and give the shifter a chance. when dobs meets his beloved, franklin drunger for the first time, the big, sexy, wolf shifter's blood calls to him. frankie seems just fine with the idea of dobs drinking from him, so he gives in to his desire and bites the man. reb, frankie's protective older brother, isn't nearly as open-minded and attacks dobs. acting on instinct, frankie defends his mate, shifting to wolf form. dobs panics at the sight of the wolf and insults his beloved. angry and hurt, frankie flees. can dobs learn to accept the gift fate has given him and convince frankie to give him another chance? or is it too late for him to earn the love of the special shifter he's been given? ...more

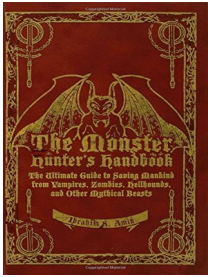
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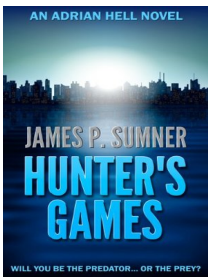
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### THE MONSTER HUNTER'S HANDBOOK: THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO SAVING MANKIND FROM VAMPIRES, ZOMBIES, HELLHOUNDS, AND OTHER MYTHICAL BEASTS

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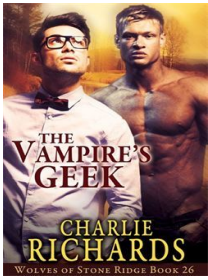
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### HUNTER'S GAMES: AN ADRIAN HELL THRILLER (ADRIAN HELL #2)

who is the predator, and who is the prey? adrian hell, the legendary assassin, has been commissioned to take out a government official who's found himself on the wrong side of the wrong people. the job goes as planned, but before adrian can leave the scene, he's taken into custody by the fbi. enter grace chambers, a no-nonsense fbi agent who asks adrian for his help in brin who is the predator, and who is the prey? adrian hell, the legendary assassin, has been commissioned to take out a government official who's found himself on the wrong side of the wrong people. the job goes as planned, but before adrian can leave the scene, he's taken into custody by the fbi. enter grace chambers, a no-nonsense fbi agent who asks adrian for his help in bringing down a terrorist calling himself the shark, who's responsible for several recent attacks. he reluctantly agrees, but things aren't what they seem, and as the truth behind adrian's involvement is revealed, so too is the full extent of the shark's horrifying plans. in this non-stop, blockbuster thriller, adrian is forced into a deadly game of cat and mouse, going bullet for bullet while the fate of thousands of innocent people hangs in the balance. the result is relentless action, laugh-out-loud humor and some of the most iconic set-pieces ever written, that will leave you slack-jawed and short of breath; gasping for more! interview with james p. sumner q: james, what can readers expect from the adrian hell series? a: the pace of the series is unrelenting, and each book is written like an action movie. the main character is believable – he could quite easily be the guy sitting next to you in the bar. you want him to succeed, even if you don't always like how he goes about things, because you can relate to him. the books are filled with action and humor. guys will want to be adrian hell, and women will want to be with him! q: why the big re-release? what's changed? a: i've been writing for almost two years, and as an author, i'm constantly improving. i've reached a stage now where i believe i can make each book realize its full potential. in the big re-release of march 2015, the books have additional content, re-designed covers and professional editing. that's why i'm keen to make them as available as possible, because even if you've read them before, it's definitely worth re-reading them now. the biggest change is crucible becoming true conviction – a title which i think captures the essence of the story much better than before. there's also close to 10,000 words of additional story content in there. it's free, so check it out! q: who would you compare adrian hell to? a: he's definitely inspired by many different characters, but i don't want to compare him to anyone. he's not the next anybody, he's the first adrian hell, and i hope people find both the character and his stories original and refreshing. q: so, what's next for you? a: 2015 is going to be focused on building the brand and my audience. i expect at least two new releases this year as well. you can visit my website, [www.jamespsumner.com](http://www.jamespsumner.com) for all latest information on adrian hell, and sign up for the mailing list to receive updates on future novels in the series. the complete adrian hell action thriller series true conviction hunter's games one last bullet ...more

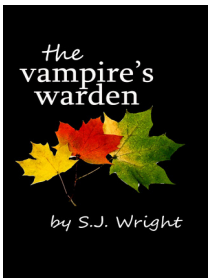
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### THE VAMPIRE'S GEEK (WOLVES OF STONE RIDGE #26)

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### THE VAMPIRE'S WARDEN (UNDEAD IN BROWN COUNTY #1)

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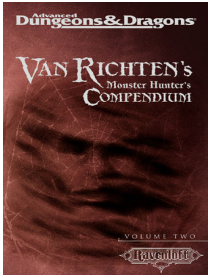
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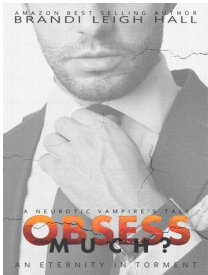
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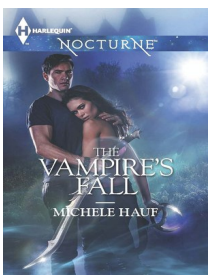
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**OBSESS MUCH? (A NEUROTIC VAMPIRE'S TALE)**

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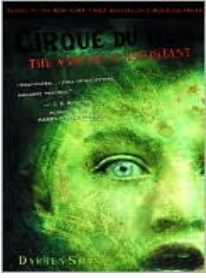


**THE VAMPIRE'S FALL (THE SAINT-PIERRES #8)**

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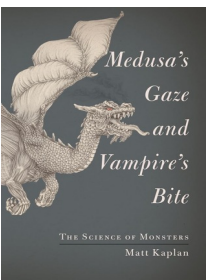
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