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this unique study explores the vampire as host and guest captor and hostage a perfect lover and force of seductive predation from dracula and carmilla to true blood and the originals the figure of the vampire embodies taboos and

desires about hospitality rape and consent the first section welcomes the reader into ominous spaces of home examining the vampire through concepts of hospitality and power the metaphor of threshold and the blurred boundaries between visitation invasion and confinement section two reflects upon the historical development of vampire narratives and the monster as oppressed alienated other section three discusses cultural anxieties of youth im maturity childhood agency abuse and the age of consent the final section addresses vampire as intimate partner mapping boundaries between invitation passion and coercion with its fresh insight into vampire genre this book will appeal to academics students and general public alike

with the rapid and ubiquitous spread of urban light pollution nocturnal darkness has become a rare and neglected experience in response to the steady decline of gloom researchers working across multiple disciplines have sought to understand the dynamic and innovative role nighttime plays in human cultures across time from studies on the ritualistic function of darkened caves in paleolithic times to contemporary policy concerns over the need for nighttime mayors and tourist economies night research has emerged as a prolific line of inquiry capturing the night s distinct qualities however while night studies brings much needed attention to human experiences with darkness little work exists outside the context of cities the result is that explorations of rural darkness such as the media genres and styles that culturally shape the meaning of the rural night have been meager this book provides a critical and comprehensive account of the mediation of rural darkness analyzing a wide range of contemporary media from astrophotography tourist advertisements and social media to editing software online databases and nature documentaries the book focuses on two competing and irreconcilable cultures of rural darkness on the one hand many media genres contribute to a preservation ideology based on the western myth of wilderness relying on the classic urban rural binary this culture of rural darkness imagines the night as a primal and ancient inheritance a distant and remote frontier free from the ills of human technology on the other hand other media genres challenge

this preservationist depiction of rural darkness demonstrating that the rural night does not retreat from modern urban life but is an extension of the urban technological promoting a hybrid intermeshed view of the night this culture of rural darkness dismantles the frontier myth by understanding pristine darkness as a cultural technology that seeks to erase the messy connections between the rural and the urban the book contends that only the latter culture of rural darkness offers a responsible and accurate understanding of the rural night not only does the preservationist view of pristine darkness privilege natural darkness over other sustainable forms of gloom but its endorsement of the frontier myth represents a flight from history a rhetorical strategy that may actually prevent the night s protection

a new definitive biography of the iconic and mysterious singer warhol superstar velvet underground collaborator influential solo artist nico you are beautiful and you are alone is a new biography of nico the mysterious singer best known for her work with the velvet underground and her solo album chelsea girl her life is tangled in myth much of it of her own invention rock and roll cultural historian jennifer bickerdike delivers a definitive book that unravels the story while making a convincing case for nico s enduring importance over the course of her career nico was an ever evolving myth art film house actress highly coveted fashion model dietrich of punk femme fatale chelsea girl garbo of goth the last bohemian heroin junkie lester bangs described her as a true enigma at age 27 nico became andy warhol s newest superstar featuring in his one commercial break out hit film chelsea girls and garnering the position of chanteuse for the velvet underground it wasn t nico s musical chops which got her the gig it was her striking beauty her seeming otherworldly and unattainable presence was further amplified by her reputation for dating rock stars brian jones bob dylan jim morrison among others she became famous for being nico yet nico s talent and her contribution to rock culture are often overlooked she spent most of her career as a solo artist on the road determined to make music seemingly against all the odds enduring empty concert halls abusive fans and the

often perilous reality of being an ageing artist and drug addict she created mesmerizing and unique projects that inspired a generation of artists including henry rollins morrissey siousxie sioux and the banshees and iggy pop drawing on the archives at the andy warhol museum and at nico s record labels various private collections and rarely seen footage and featuring exclusive new interviews from those who knew her best including iggy pop and danny fields and those inspired by her legacy you are beautiful and you are alone reveals the complicated often compromised self destructive and always head strong woman behind the one dimensional myths

maximum pc is the magazine that every computer fanatic pc gamer or content creator must read each and every issue is packed with punishing product reviews insightful and innovative how to stories and the illuminating technical articles that enthusiasts crave

the first major work of art history to focus on women artists and their engagement with the spirit world by the author of the mirror and the palette it s not so long ago that a woman s expressed interest in other realms would have ruined her reputation or even killed her and yet spiritualism in various incarnations has influenced numerous men including lauded modernist artists such as wassily kandinsky piet mondrian kazimir malevich and paul klee without repercussion the fact that so many radical female artists of their generation and earlier also drank deeply from the same spiritual well has been sorely neglected for too long in the other side we explore the lives and work of a group of extraordinary women from the twelfth century mystic composer and artist hildegard of bingen to the nineteenth century english spiritualist georgiana houghton whose paintings swirl like a cosmic jackson pollock the early twentieth century swedish artist hilma af klint who painted with the help of her spirit guides and whose recent exhibition at new york s guggenheim broke all attendance records to the desert transcendentalist agnes pelton who painted her visions beneath the vast skies of california we also learn about the swiss healer emma kunz who

used geometric drawings to treat her patients and the british surrealist and occultist ithell colquhoun whose estate of more than 5 000 works recently entered the tate gallery collection while the individual work of these artists is unique the women loosely shared the same goal to communicate with and learn from other dimensions weaving in and out of these myriad lives while sharing her own memories of otherworldly experiences jennifer higgie discusses the solace of ritual the gender exclusions of art history the contemporary relevance of myth the boom in alternative ways of understanding the world and the impact of spiritualism on feminism and contemporary art a radical reappraisal of a marginalized group of artists the other side is an intoxicating blend of memoir biography and art history

i was captured that s just the beginning of my tale i ve survived purgatory abuse and near death in that abandoned farmhouse i nearly lost everything but jacob saved me we were trapped in this hell together giving each other the strength to hold on i fell into darkness with my captor s son until i left him behind she was perfect my alana brilliant and full of pain she understood my darkness and fueled the fire when she left i waited patiently to find her and in her honor i killed men who took away from innocents then i found her she s deadly now a killer too and perfectly mine it was beautiful to behold but she belongs in a cage my cage she Il love me again or i Il expose her dirty secrets for the world to see while going down in flames with her in darkness it s most definitely till death do us part warning this book is full of triggers it s wicked dark with created evil falling in love people die they are hurt horribly the bad guys get away and there is no apology for it hardcore trigger within these pages

captivating dark impossible to put down goodreads review dangerous billionaire saves my mother s life now he needs a favor one debt one secret one night i have a secret and i II do everything in my power to keep it that way i ve been watching her for a long time i ve been following her she s lost a brother i lost a best friend but no one could

ever know she s in pain and so am i she deserves so much better than me i am rotten to the core and if i take this any further i will pull her into my darkness but i can t stay away i can t stop what happens when she starts to uncover my lies what happens if love isn t enough from bestselling author charlotte byrd comes an intense forbidden mafia romance about debts lies and secrets and the extent to which people go for love i m not supposed to know his name and he s not supposed to know mine but we break that rule that s not the only one he gives me chills and makes my body ache he makes my pain go away he s just a distraction but i can t get enough of him what i don t know yet is that he will help save my mother s life what i don t know yet is that i ll owe him a debt what i don t know yet is that he is a man of many secrets secrets dark enough to break us both dark intentions is the first novel in the dark intentions series it is a dark romance romantic suspense about debt lies wealth crime and family bonds there is no cheating captivating dark impossible to put down goodreads review must read its a dark and intense book i love it cant wait for the next book charlotte byrd you are amazing and i m so happy i discovered your books goodreads review on the edge of my seat the rush of words making one s heartbeat faster with every word holding on to the edge wanting to see the out come these words will make you hold your breath and wish you could keep reading amazing goodreads review the story was well developed and well written i loved the characters and the way their stories unfolded with the underlying drama i had trouble putting the book down and i read it in a single sitting i look forward to reading more by this author goodreads review from bestselling author charlotte byrd comes an intense romance about debts lies and secrets and the extent to which people go for love i m not supposed to know his name and he s not supposed to know mine but we break that rule that s not the only one he gives me chills and makes my body ache he makes my pain go away he s just a distraction but i can t get enough of him what i don t know yet is that he will help save my mother s life what i don t know yet is that i ll owe him a debt what i don t know yet is that he is a man of many secrets secrets dark enough to break us both dark intentions is the first novel in the dark intentions series it is a dark romance romantic suspense about debt lies wealth crime and family bonds there is no cheating

finally the complete black room saga all in one volume praise for in the darkness that s where i ll know you in the darkness that s where i ll know you is shaped with an exquisite precision that culminates in a climax that leaves the reader exhausted from the dizzying thrill of emotions if you missed this book in its original serialized format now you ve been given another chance to read one of the best books in the sci fi horror genres or any genre as a matter of fact that i ve had the pleasure of reading in recent memory ain t it cool news comthe complete story there are hangovers there are bad hangovers and then there s waking up inside someone else s head thirty something bartender charlie wilkes is faced with this exact dilemma when he wakes to find finds himself trapped inside the black room a space consisting of impenetrable darkness and a huge ethereal screen floating in its centre it is through this screen that he sees the world of his female host minnie how did he get there what has happened to his life and how can he exist inside the mind of a troubled fragile but beautiful woman with secrets of her own uncertain whether he s even real or if he is just a figment of his host s imagination charlie must enlist minnie s help if he is to find a way out of the black room a place where even the light of the screen goes out every time minnie closes her eyes in the darkness that s where i ll know you tells the complete story of the black room parts one to four all in one book and contains all of the adventures of charlie and minnie all the answers are revealed in a story guaranteed to keep the reader on the edge of their seat

an award winning internationally bestselling author makes her american debut with this taut riveting domestic drama with the compulsive intensity of the good girl the pocket wife and the stranger about a long lost brother convicted of a horrifying crime and a sister s fight to clear his name a single mother and lawyer iris has a colorful caseload a young son with behavior issues and a judgmental mother she also has a brother shocking news she uncovers by accident why did her mother lie to her for her entire life why did she hide the existence of ray boelens from her curious about this sibling she has never known iris begins to search for long buried truths what she discovers surprises and horrifies her her older brother is autistic and in prison for brutally murdering his neighbor and her daughter visiting ray she meets a man who looks heartbreakingly like her own son a man who is devoted to his tropical fish and who loves baking bread a man whose naiveté unnerves her there is no question that ray is odd and obsessive unable to communicate like the rest of us but is he really a killer told in the alternative voices of ray and iris girl in the dark is a compulsive page turning thriller about lies murder and the tenacity of a family determined to stay together even as they are pulled apart at the most vulnerable seams

forced to choose between two forbidden loves rose desperately wants to escape her abusive father and the dark spirits who haunt her but before she can get away her daughter is kidnapped and the spirits force her three hundred years into the past now trapped in the midst of the salem witch trials rose is left with only one way out facing certain death to banish the dark spirits that plague the town before they destroy civilization and trap her in this alternate life even if she completes the task in time to return to georgia and save her daughter there s still one problem she s falling in love with a man who can t return with her fans of the crucible who like dark paranormal fantasy peculiar supernatural creatures and unusual troubled characters will love the next installment in rebecca hamilton s bestselling series scroll up and one click to continue this highly addictive series today

there s a lot of horrible things to be afraid of i want to stop something i want to save someone i want to know i did some good have a use i want to say to myself just once bam good witch gwenna luna is seventeen and on the run and she dreams of strange things a child eating giant who lives in the woods ghosts haunting a laboratory a valley of the undead a magical book and jack the ripper s escape from hell why did gwenna luna seek out the help of a jaded psychiatrist to unravel these dreams and is it wise to listen to a girl who just may be a witch

blurbif you re looking for a love story this isn t it but maybe if you re brave enough to stick around we II see what happens addisonjust when i thought things were finally going right for once in my life the worst happened one fateful night brought the devil to my door and life as i knew it changed once again the only question is will i break free this time or have i finally found the person who would break me instead colebeing the head of the mancini family means that i have to rule with an iron fist it also means protecting my family and nothing matters more to me except for my brother when my brother goes missing i II make sure i raise hell just to bring him home when i found him again it wasn t the way i wanted and somebody is about to pay i ve got a name and it s only a matter of time before i come for you tick tock little lamb your time is running outtrigger warning this book is extremely dark with explicit language that some readers may find triggering due to the violent nature sexual themes and graphic depictions of some scenes it is recommended for readers aged 18 who are not sensitive to such material some of the triggering themes included but not limited to are rape torture mental and physical abuse and drug abuse

christy barnett is sleeping when her aging german shepherd molly growls into the darkness outside her bedroom she wakes to a dim glow provided by her kindle s screen thankful that she had fallen asleep while reading again the power has gone out the world outside her window is eerily dark and silent and molly is wary of something that waits in the hallway hiding in the shadows a dark cloud has fallen over the city of aberdeen md the population disappears in an instant for the handful of survivors those lucky enough to have a light source not connected to the power grid it s more than terrifying they re left alone walking through a nightmare and that is a fate that could be worse than death itself the darkness is alive and it is the reason we fear the night

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