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Amelia "Runt" Thomas' life revolves around a dangerous game of cat and mouse with the most ruthless criminals in the world. She follows two codes: the code of hackers and her personal code of honor to bring down anyone who thinks they're untouchable. She is on target until one fateful night when the touch of a strange man sends an unexpected shock wave through her. Now, the faint whispers in her head are growing louder and more annoying, distracting her from her mission. Derik "Tag Krell Manok" search for the mysterious woman who changed his life nearly two years before is finally over. As a Prime warrior from another world, he knew the moment he touched Amelia that she was his bond-mate—but she disappeared before he could whisk her away to safety. He is determined not to let that happen again, but he also knows that he needs to proceed with caution because Amelia is unlike any woman he has ever known before. As their connection grows, so does Derik's fear that he will be unable to keep Amelia safe from a man who is just as determined to find her and use her amazing talents for his own devious purposes. Find out what happens when an alien warrior, a determined AI named RITA, and a few other surprising twists come together to save a special woman named Runt! Internationally acclaimed S.E. Smith has been awarded USA Today Bestseller 14 times! Now she's returning with another sci-fi world to get lost in. A paranormal crime thriller with a slow burn romance and your favorite characters from the Cosmos' Gateway Series. Aliens, warships, battles, and a certain alien male were not in the carefully detailed plans Jo had for her life. Manota Ja Kel Coradon is the second son of the ruling House of Kassis. He is known as the dark brother, and he lives up to his reputation. He has fought hard to protect his family and the people of Kassis, at times sacrificing parts of his soul to keep others safe, but even so, Manota was in total control of his life until one slender, feisty alien female crashes through the shields he has placed around his heart. She is fearless and stubborn, absolutely refusing to cower before him, no matter how much he growls, and he is determined to claim her as his own. There is just one little problem — she will not accept his claim unless he returns to Earth for her parents. And Jo's parents won't be the only ones coming back to Kassis — so is her entire circus family! Traitors, pirates, and Mimes are just the beginning of the surprises on this journey. Manota is about to learn that the prophecy foretold centuries ago is true. His mate is just as much a warrior as he is and she comes with backup! Internationally acclaimed S.E. Smith presents a new action-packed story full of romance and adventure. Brimming with her signature humor, vivid scenes, and beloved characters, this book is sure to be another fan favorite! Seeking answers we are not yet ready for— Lieutenant Commander Joshua Manson's career has taken him to many places, just not the one he has always dreamed of going — into space. His sometimes controversial methods during missions have given him a reputation as a rule-bender, so when Josh receives a summons to Washington D.C. after a challenging mission, he worries that soon he won't have a career at all. Once there, though, Josh is offered the chance of a lifetime, command of a mission investigate an unknown object in space. The more he learns, the more determined he is to do this, even if it means a one-way ticket. Cassa de Rola's family has lived for centuries in the quiet valley where they farm. She fervently hopes their valley will stay quiet, but the growing unrest between intergalactic forces makes it unlikely that her family will remain untouched for much longer. When an unusual object falls from the sky and Cassa finds a strange male in the container, she knows that taking him in will endanger the lives of everyone close to her, but she can't leave him defenseless. Both sides of the coming war are determined to discover the origins of the escape

pod that crashed on the de Rola farm and find whoever was inside. The dominoes fall, and when the fight between the Legion and the Gallant Order escalates, a new rebel leader emerges from the stars that will change the galaxy, and Cassa's life, forever. Internationally acclaimed S.E. Smith presents a new action-packed story full of action and adventure. Brimming with her signature humor, vivid scenes, and beloved characters, this book is sure to be another fan favorite! {1. Science Fiction—Space Exploration—Galactic Wars. 2 Action/Adventure. 3. Romance (brief explicit content).} Readers' Crown Finalist! A brash, kick-ass heroine with a hidden vulnerability and an arrogant king forced to be a slave... Riley St. Claire has always followed her own rules. When she discovers her employer's secret, she has to leave town in a hurry or end up buried with the dead guy she found, but when Riley is picked up by a passing trader from another world, she ends up a little farther away than she intended. After the King of Sarafin, Vox d'Rojah, was captured and sold to a mining operation, the last thing he expected to find was his bride mate. Vox isn't sure which would be easier: another war with the Valdier or holding on to the human who will be his Queen. Fighting pirates, traders — and Riley — this will be one heck of an escape! Internationally acclaimed S.E. Smith presents a new action-packed story full of romance and adventure. Brimming with her signature humor, vivid landscapes, and beloved characters, this book is sure to be another fan favorite! Welcome to the World Below, where the keepers command the sky, but the commander of the keepers controls the empire... For centuries, the four kingdoms of the Caspian empire have remained safe and hidden below the ocean, protected from the Surface World—and from that ocean that separates them—by a great barrier maintained by magic. Aven Talavir has spent her entire life learning to be a keeper of that barrier, channeling her powers into maintaining and healing it. But now an impossibly sinister force seeks to shatter it. To stop the looming flood of destruction, Aven picks up her knives and sets off on a quest to find an ancient power that may be able to permanently heal the makeshift sky. Reaching it will mean fighting her way through dangerous politics and deadly magic, all while finding love and friendship in unexpected places— Only to realize that the greatest treachery may not lie in the breaking sky, but in the very hearts of the people around her. The perfect next read for fans of Sarah J. Maas, Tamora Pierce, and Megan Whalen Turner. If you enjoy strong female leads, swoon-worthy romance, feisty mythical creatures, and unique magic systems, then grab the first book of this trilogy today! New York Times and USA TODAY Bestselling author of Science Fiction, Urban Fantasy, and Paranormal Romance brings another action, adventure, and suspense-filled story to transport readers out of this world. Sometimes it takes losing the one thing closest to a warrior's heart to wake the beast that lives inside him— Saber, a wounded Trivator, believes he is no longer a fit warrior, much less strong enough to claim a mate. Scarred, he does everything in his power to push away the delicate human female he has fallen in love with. He knows that she deserves a warrior who can protect her, not one that will need her constant help. Taylor Sampson may be human, but that doesn't make her weak. She and her two older sisters survived living on Earth for four years after their world went crazy. She is all grown up now and has her eye on the one stubborn Trivator that captured her heart seven years before. Taylor has one last requirement in order to complete her schooling. Once she finishes, she plans to show Saber that he is the man she wants, but when the planet she is on erupts into a civil war, she is trapped behind enemy lines. When Saber discovers that Taylor has been left behind, the warrior inside him refuses to think of her as collateral damage in a savage battle for power. Journey to a lawless, alien world and discover what happens when the beast awakens inside a damaged Trivator warrior when the woman he loves is threatened. More books in the Alliance series: Hunter's Claim: The Alliance Book 1 Razor's Traitorous Heart: The Alliance Book 2 Dagger's Hope: The Alliance Book 3 Saber's Challenge: The Alliance Book 4 Destin's Hold: The Alliance Book 5 Related series: Lords of Kassis Magic, New Mexico Science fiction romance; sci-fi romance; paranormal romance; alien romance; fantasy; romance, s.e. smith; se smith; sci-fi series; Urban fantasy; paranormal series. <http://sesmithfl.com> <https://www.facebook.com/se.smith.5> A reference to the many worlds and characters of S.E. Smith. This book refutes three traditional hypotheses which have dominated Old Testament scholarship this century: the claim that there were schools in ancient Israel; that in these schools a professional class of 'wise men' taught; and that their teaching consisted of the moral standards of the civil service. Professor Golka disputes the claim of Old Testament scholarship that biblical proverbs were literary works of art, much influenced by the civilisations of Egypt and Mesopotamia. By comparing biblical proverbs to those of tribal societies of Africa, he concludes that the proverbs of the Hebrew Bible derive from a tribal society - that of the Israel of the period of the Judges. In this ground-breaking work, Friedemann Golka reveals the extent to which the sources and results of

social anthropology can be used in Old Testament scholarship to make significant new findings. Sometimes, survival depends on not being seen. I should know. That's the only way I've survived. Getting accepted into a prestigious university was my chance at freedom; to escape and live without fear and resentment. And with no emotional attachments--or at least that was the plan. Until I see Egan. He's sexy, mysterious, and has muscles in all the right places. He invokes feelings I don't want or understand. The more he shows up, the harder of a time I have remembering why staying away from him was a good idea. But he brings deep, dark secrets that alter my entire world. Monsters exist. Witches cast spells. And animals may be human after all. I either embrace fate and enter a strange new world full of risks like never before or walk away. Maybe, I'm destined for heartache because sometimes, love isn't worth what it costs to fall. He is a monster who discovers he had a heart; She is a woman who wants to remain unknown. Jarmen Dju has no memories of his previous life. They were stolen in the lab that changed him into a monster. Though he was rescued, he knows he will never truly have the life he wants. As a being of half organic material and half cybernetic engineering, Jarmen will always need to hide. Finding a partner is not an option, for who could ever love a monster? Jane Doe awakes aboard an alien spaceship with haunting memories of her former life—a life filled with tragedy that almost killed her. Rescued and protected by her new circus family, she knows she has been given a second chance at life—but chances are fleeting and happiness is nothing more than an illusion where she came from. She thinks it will be the same here until she meets an alien who is more machine than he is man. In the most unlikely of places, Jarmen discovers he has a heart and Jane finds the only man in the galaxy who can take away her nightmares. A single moment in time changes their lives forever and forces Jarmen to make a decision that could change the history of the universe. With the help of some unusual friends, can Jarmen defy time? Or will a cheated death refuse to be denied? A USA Today and NY Times bestselling author, the internationally acclaimed S.E. Smith presents a story with her signature humor and unpredictable twists! Exciting adventure, hot romance, and iconic characters have won her a legion of fans. Over TWO MILLION books sold! The imagery of Hell, the Christian account of the permanent destinations of the human soul after death, has fascinated people over the centuries since the emergence of the Christian faith. These landmark volumes provide the first large-scale investigation of this imagery found across the Byzantine and post-Byzantine world. Particular emphasis is placed on images from churches across Venetian Crete, which are comprehensively collected and published for the first time. Crete was at the centre of artistic production in the late Byzantine world and beyond and its imagery was highly influential on traditions in other regions. The Cretan examples accompany rich comparative material from the wider Mediterranean — Cappadocia, Macedonia, the Peloponnese and Cyprus. The large amount of data presented in this publication highlight Hell's emergence in monumental painting not as a concrete array of images, but as a diversified mirroring of social perceptions of sin. A collection of short fiction features "The Girl Who Was Infatuated with Death," an Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter story, as well as "House of Wizards," "Stealing Souls," and "Those Who Seek Forgiveness," a never-before-published Anita Blake tale. New York Times and USA TODAY Bestselling author of Science Fiction, Urban Fantasy, and Paranormal Romance brings another action, adventure, and suspense-filled story to transport readers out of this world. Twenty-four year old Tory Carson is dying to get out of Magic, New Mexico and explore the world. She has spent her whole life cocooned in the protection of the close-knit community. When she finally gets a chance to go somewhere for three weeks, she would be crazy to say no. Even if her father is screaming it! Simon Drayton is a reclusive billionaire who has reinvented himself over and over again through the centuries. He has temporarily settled his headquarters in the beautiful city of Charleston, South Carolina. He is used to taking what he wants. He has learned that wealth and power are potent motivators for those who are greedy. Confusion reigns when he sets his sights on a beautiful, young female who is oblivious to his power. After centuries of getting what he wants, he is shocked, and just a little bit fascinated, when he discovers that not all things are for sale. Things heat up when the irritating, young "human" woman refuses to play the game by his rules. She isn't impressed with his wealth. She isn't impressed with his looks. In fact, she acts like she isn't impressed by anything he does, even when he flashes his teeth! Find out what happens when a centuries old Werewolf discovers he isn't the only creature who loves to bite. More books in the series: Touch of Frost: Magic, New Mexico Book 1 Taking on Tory: Magic, New Mexico Book 2 Additional series: Cosmos Gateway Lords of Kassis (related series) Dragon Lords of Valdier Dragonlings of Valdier Sarafin Warriors Curizan Warrior More than Human Marastin Dow Warriors Zion Warriors Project Gliese 581g Breaking Free Second Chance Spirit Pass Dust Fairy Tale The Alliance

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<https://www.facebook.com/se.smith.5> New York Times and USA TODAY Bestselling author of Science Fiction, Urban Fantasy, and Paranormal Romance brings another action, adventure, and suspense-filled story to transport readers out of this world. Ristéard Roald is the powerful and deadly ruler of Elpidios, a planet that is slowly dying without the Blood Stones needed to absorb the radiation gradually destroying its stratosphere. He has sworn to do whatever it takes to protect his world and his people, but time is running out. Hope comes from an unexpected source, the Kassis. They have found a way to replicate the Blood Stones needed to save his world, but his first dealings with a traitorous Kassisan has left a deep distrust for the species. Ricki Bailey is used to dealing with diplomats and handling complex situations. After all, as the daughter of the owners of Cirque de Magik, the most spectacular Circus to the Stars, she is used to organizing their trips to foreign countries. Her life changes when her mother and father decide to take the circus to the real stars and to another star system! If she thought learning new laws and customs was going to be a challenge, it was nothing to the sudden interest she was getting from a huge blue male known as the Grand Ruler! Ricki discovers words that she didn't even realize were in her vocabulary, most of them not in the least polite. She decides the best way to deal with the arrogant male is to treat him like she did when encountering difficult Consuls during the circus' travels on Earth; stay cool, calm, and professional and only deal with the facts necessary to complete whatever business transaction was required. Ristéard is stunned when a strange, alien female, foretold in the ancient tablets as being the great Empress who will save his world, appears. He is even more astonished when she refuses his attentions! With the life of his planet at stake, not to mention his own peace of mind and body, he will do whatever is necessary to ensure the female stays by his side. Yet, there are forces working against him and Ricki, powerful forces that do not want him to be successful. Dangers and traitors among his own council threaten not only him, but her. It will take all of Ristéard's resources, and a few unexpected allies, to complete the dangerous journey ahead of them. Can he keep his unwilling Empress safe from those that would destroy her? Better yet, can he save his world when there are those that would destroy it for the treasure of precious Blood Stones hidden somewhere beneath its surface? More books in the Lords of Kassis series: River's Run: Lords of Kassis Book 1 Star's Storm: Lords of Kassis Book 2 Jo's Journey: Lords of Kassis Book 3 Ristéard's Unwilling Empress: Lords of Kassis Book 4 Rescuing Mattie: Lords of Kassis Book 3.1 Related series: Magic, New Mexico The Alliance Science fiction romance; sci-fi romance; paranormal romance; alien romance; fantasy; romance; shifter romance, s.e. smith; se smith; sci-fi series; paranormal series; Urban fantasy. <http://sesmithfl.com> <https://www.facebook.com/se.smith.5> Dagger was sold into a fight ring where he's slowly going insane, clinging to a single hope: Jordan. Hot, sexy, alpha alien male, defiant human warrior—the heat has been turned up to high in this explosive love story! Kali Parks is a shadow in the war between two factions that are fighting to gain control of Chicago. Born and raised on the streets, she stands as a silent sentinel at her brother's side as he battles to gain control. She will do whatever it takes to bring peace to those she has pledged her life to protect, including fighting against the creatures that came to their world almost six years before. Razor, a councilman for the Alliance, has been sent to oversee the remaining Trivator troops on Earth and make sure the transition for the induction of Earth into the Alliance goes smoothly. He is the one the Alliance calls when they have a situation that needs to be resolved once and for all. His reputation for dealing with difficult rebels is renowned. He asks no questions and takes no prisoners. His job is to eliminate all threats to the Alliance. He finds himself torn between duty and something he is unfamiliar with, his heart. When a shadow warrior saves his life and disappears, he discovers his world is no longer as cut and dry as he thought. The more he learns, the more he discovers he is not immune to the warrior's passionate desire to fight to protect her people. Forced by duty to settle the conflict, he must decide between the Alliance and his own desire to claim the unwilling warrior. When the conflict escalates, he does the only thing he can; he makes a pact with one of the factions in exchange for a prize that will surely cause a battle of a different kind — the one for his traitorous heart. Will he be able to claim her before she escapes from him again? Or worse, will she sacrifice her life to protect those she loves before he can? More books in the Alliance series: Hunter's Claim: The Alliance Book 1 Razor's Traitorous Heart: The Alliance Book 2 Dagger's Hope: The Alliance Book 3 Saber's Challenge: The Alliance Book 4 Destin's Hold: The Alliance Book 5 Related series: Lords of Kassis Magic, New Mexico Science fiction romance; sci-fi romance; paranormal romance; alien romance; fantasy; romance, s.e. smith; se

smith; sci-fi series; Urban fantasy; paranormal series. <http://sesmithfl.com> <https://www.facebook.com/se.smith.5> New York Times and USA TODAY Bestselling Author returns with an emotionally charged coming of age story filled with action, adventure, and suspense for readers of all ages. An act of defiance that will either kill her or change her life forever— Sixteen year old Makayla Summerlin enjoyed one thing in her crazy, messed-up existence: hanging with her friends at school. Her life is uprooted when she suddenly finds herself forced to live with the grandfather she barely remembers. One act of defiance will change her life forever when she sets sail in her grandfather's old sailboat after she has trouble adjusting to her new home. On a journey that will challenge everything she has ever believed about herself, Makayla must overcome her fears if she, and a surprising stowaway, are to survive. Breaking Free Series More books in the Breaking Free series: Voyage of the Defiance: Breaking Free Book 1 Capture of the Defiance: Breaking Free Book 2 Additional series: Cosmos— Gateway Lords of Kassis Magic, New Mexico Dragon Lords of Valdier Dragonlings of Valdier Sarafin Warriors Curizan Warrior Marastin Dow Warriors Zion Warriors Project Gliese 581g More than Human Dust Second Chance Spirit Pass Contemporary; suspense; action; adventure; coming of age; fantasy; romance, s.e. smith; se smith; young adult. <http://sesmithfl.com> <https://www.facebook.com/se.smith.5> New York Times and USA TODAY Bestselling author of Science Fiction, Urban Fantasy, and Paranormal Romance brings another action, adventure, and suspense-filled story to transport readers out of this world. Star Strauss has always been a fighter. From the time she was born prematurely to her life on the road as a circus performer. She has never let her small stature keep her from achieving her dreams. She is one of the best aerial performers in the world. Her love of being up high and flying free has helped her overcome the challenges she faces when she is on the ground. Only her circus family, her sister, and her best friend have ever really understood her need for freedom. Her life changes when she finds herself on a distant world where every creature seems to tower over her. Jazin Ja Kel Coradon is the third son of the ruling House of Kassis. He is known not only for his skills as a fierce warrior, but for his knowledge of communication, security, and weapons systems. This knowledge has increased the effectiveness of the Kassis defenses protecting their world from attack from a new group of rebels who threaten their very existence. He will fight until his last breath to protect his people. His life changes when he meets a tiny creature who is unlike anything he has ever seen. She is tiny, delicate, and beautiful. The problem is she is also the strongest, most stubborn female he has ever met. She refuses to do what he tells her, she defies him at every turn, and doesn't seem to understand that all he wants to do is protect her. If he could just get her to stay in the nice safe bubble he has created for her, his life would be so much simpler! Star had enough of people back home trying to put her in a glass box, she wasn't about to let anyone on an alien world try to put her in one! When the man she loves is kidnapped, she will do what she does best. She will use her skills as a performer to rescue him from the men determined to extract the information they need to bring down the Kassis defense system before they kill him. Sometimes being small has its advantages. The enemy never expects a pint-size female to have the strength of a warrior and a stubborn warrior is about to find out he has a partner who can stand tall with him in the face of danger. 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performer can be a warrior when challenged. The biggest challenge is to Torak's mind as he discovers women from other galaxies are more than they seem. Can their love overcome the chasm of a few million light years or will an assassin end it all? Gracie makes a decision that she believes will be her last and manages to turn the tide of the war between Earth and the Alluthans, but instead of dying, she ends up stranded millions of light years away and hundreds of years in the future. This 2nd book in the Second Chances series stands on its own with a vivid, never-before-seen cast of characters, starring another woman who remembers her own death. Destiny can be cruel or kind. Rune August has lived again and again through many different time periods, but has never found tranquility until she walked into St. Agnes Home for Orphans in New York City in 1894. When her new home is endangered, she doesn't hesitate to fight back and win. But that win comes at a terrible price. Refusing to leave the children unprotected, Rune becomes the beloved statue in their center garden, sending out an aura of welcome to children who desperately need to be loved, but eventually the orphanage is renovated, and Rune finds herself packed away and sold. Sergei Vasiliev and his best friend and bodyguard, Dimitri Mihailov, run one of the most powerful computer software development companies in the world. Both men carry deep scars from their life on the streets and from living in the world of the ultra-rich, but at an auction for charity, Sergei makes a purchase for them both because there is something enthralling about the statue of the young woman. Somehow, she touches an unexpected need deep inside him, and he knows Dimitri will feel the same. Neither of them are aware that within is a seething Viking until the statue comes to life and sparks fly! Internationally acclaimed S.E. Smith presents a new action-packed story full of adventure and romance. Brimming with her signature humor, vivid scenes, and beloved characters, this book is sure to be another fan favorite! Main Content: 61,349 words, 187 (6x9) pages Romance (love, explicit sexual content, ménage) | Paranormal (Magic | Contemporary | Fantasy (Urban) Madas's Unexpected Gift Can a small reptile from another world save the Princess he has adopted? Leon, a Chameleon Lightning Lizard, awakens to find that his planet was destroyed by an unidentified force. Trapped in an iron-ore prison hurtling through space, he is lost and alone until an unfamiliar planet's gravitational pull draws him to its surface and he is freed by an enchanting alien who he quickly adopts. When a meteorite falls from the sky, Princess Madas Tralang rushes to claim the prized and potentially valuable space rock for herself. She is startled to discover an unusual creature huddled inside. Touched by the creature's soulful eyes and unique features, she vows to protect the extraordinary reptile. Madas is unaware that she has befriended one of the most ferocious and feared species in the known galaxies. After all, who would ever believe that something so cute could be so deadly? Perhaps, someone should have warned Madas's unwelcome suitor about Leon before he decided to try and claim her! *** Madas's Falling Star Prince Gril Tal Mod is destined to be the next Supreme Leader of the Tearnats if he survives long enough to ascend to the throne. Gril was supposed to be on a routine training exercise, but his flight goes horribly wrong when engine trouble forces him to land his fighter in a remote mountainous region. Once stranded on the ground, Gril discovers the malfunction was no accident and he isn't alone. He can sense someone watching him from the shadows. Princess Madas Tralang's curiosity always seems to get her into trouble. When Madas spies an unusual object streaking across the sky before crashing near her location, she believes it is a good omen. After all, she found her pet, Leon, the last time an object fell from the sky. Her hopes of finding something valuable are dashed when instead she sees a big, and rather ugly, Tearnat warrior. Though there is something about him something magnetic, it's his spaceship that she really wants. It is just what she has been searching for a means to escape the dreary life expected of her! The giant warrior pilot of the spaceship isn't going to give it up easily, however, and Madas soon finds herself locked in a battle of wits and skill with the strange warrior, but they are not the only players on the field. Danger surrounds Madas and Gril both from Madas's clan and from the saboteur who is determined to see Gril dead. Can the Prince of the Tearnats and a small, but deadly alien pet, defeat their foes and save Madas before time runs out, or will Gril's growing love for a curious Princess doom them both? Internationally acclaimed S.E. 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In ancient times, humans and the Others lived together in peace, but a great battle divided them and the shape-shifting species won the war. Ty Bearclaw, a grizzly shifter, is the curator at the Washington State Animal Sanctuary, Research, and Observation Center (WSASROC). A call from a rancher about an unusual animal causing havoc along the borders of the National Forest brings him to the Olympic Mountain National Park. Ty is furious when he discovers that the rancher has placed a trap to capture the creature on government-protected property. His shock soon turns to horror and confusion when he locates the wounded “animal.” Ty finds more than he expects when a human, thought to be extinct, turns up in the trap. What is even more confusing is his bear’s reaction to the female. When word escapes about his discovery, Ty must fight to protect the unusual woman who is more than an oddity – she is his mate! Can Ty keep Ella alive and safe from a shifter obsessed with adding her to his private collection? Not only that, can he protect her when his own government threatens to take her away from him? More books in the More than Human series: Ella and the Beast: More than Human Book 1 Additional series: Cosmos Gateway Lords of Kassis Magic, New Mexico Dragon Lords of Valdier Dragonlings of Valdier Sarafin Warriors Curizan Warrior Marastin Dow Warriors Zion Warriors Project Gliese 581g Breaking Free Second Chance Spirit Pass Dust Fairy Tale Paranormal; action; adventure; fantasy; romance, s.e. smith; se smith; paranormal series; shapeshifters; human extinction. <http://sesmithfl.com> <https://www.facebook.com/se.smith.5> Des extraterrestres, des vaisseaux de guerre, des batailles et un certain mâle extraterrestre ne faisaient pas partie des plans précis que Jo avait projetés pour sa vie. Manota Ja Kel Coradon est le deuxième fils de la maison dirigeante de Kassis. Il est connu comme le frère ténébreux et ne faillit pas à cette réputation. Il s’est battu avec acharnement pour protéger sa famille et le peuple de Kassis, sacrifiant parfois des parts de son âme, mais Manota maîtrise parfaitement sa vie jusqu’à ce qu’une femelle extraterrestre gracieuse et pleine de fougue ne détruise les boucliers qu’il a dressés autour de son cœur. Elle est intrépide, obstinée et refuse absolument de se soumettre à lui, peu importe combien il grogne ! Il est déterminé à la revendiquer comme sienne, mais il y a un petit problème : elle n’acceptera sa revendication que s’il va chercher ses parents sur Terre. Maintenant, il a d’encore plus gros problèmes – des problèmes de toutes sortes, de toutes tailles et de toutes espèces ! Le voyage retour est semé de nombreux dangers, mais les parents de Jo et Star ne sont pas les seuls à rentrer à Kassis ; la famille du cirque, qui s’était rassemblée pour les aider à chercher leurs filles disparues, est aussi du voyage. Des traîtres, des pirates et des mimes ne sont que le début des surprises qui vont ponctuer ce voyage. Manota est sur le point d’apprendre

que la prophétie annoncée voilà des siècles est vraie. Sa compagne est autant une guerrière que lui, et elle a des renforts ! Auteur de renommée internationale, S.E. Smith propose une nouvelle histoire d'action pleine de romance et d'aventure. Débordant de l'humour qui la caractérise, de paysages éclatants et de personnages attachants, il est certain que ce livre deviendra un nouveau favori des fans ! This is the first comparative analysis of the political transitions in South Africa and Palestine since the 1990s. Clarno's study is grounded in impressive ethnographic fieldwork, taking him from South African townships to Palestinian refugee camps, where he talked to a wide array of informants, from local residents to policymakers, political activists, business representatives, and local and international security personnel. The resulting inquiry accounts for the simultaneous development of extreme inequality, racialized poverty, and advanced strategies for securing the powerful and policing the poor in South Africa and Palestine/Israel over the last 20 years. Clarno places these transitions in a global context while arguing that a new form of neoliberal apartheid has emerged in both countries. The width and depth of Clarno's research, combined with wide-ranging first-hand accounts of realities otherwise difficult for researchers to access, make *Neoliberal Apartheid* a path-breaking contribution to the study of social change, political transitions, and security dynamics in highly unequal societies. Take one example of Clarno's major themes, to wit, the issue of security. Both places have generated advanced strategies for securing the powerful and policing the racialized poor. In South Africa, racialized anxieties about black crime shape the growth of private security forces that police poor black South Africans in wealthy neighborhoods. Meanwhile, a discourse of Muslim terrorism informs the coordinated network of security forces involving Israel, the United States, Jordan, and the Palestinian Authority that polices Palestinians in the West Bank. Overall, Clarno's pathbreaking book shows how the shifting relationship between racism, capitalism, colonialism, and empire has generated inequality and insecurity, marginalization and securitization in South Africa, Palestine/Israel, and other parts of the world." In *Articulating the Hijāba*, Mariam Rosser-Owen analyses for the first time the artistic and cultural patronage of the 'Amirid regents of the last Cordoban Umayyad caliph, Hisham II, a period rarely covered in the historiography of al-Andalus. Mattie Abrams has always had a knack for training animals. Touring with the Cirque de Magik, she knows that she has finally found the "home" she so desperately craves. She would do anything to keep her small family of circus friends and her pets, including going where they went. When the owner of the circus announces he is taking the circus to the stars, she never expects it to be quite so far — or so dangerous. Jai t'Dubar never expected to find his mate among the menagerie of humans returning to his world. When a delicate beauty jogs by him, his world changes. His first thought is to chase her down and capture her. His second thought is to keep her forever. When she is taken as a hostage by a group of space pirates who invade the Kassisan Warship, Seeker, he will do everything he can to save her. Can he rescue Mattie from the pirates and traitors who threaten her before she is taken from him? And if he can, will he be able to convince her to open her heart to him and let him show her when he says "forever", he means forever? *Lords of Kassis* Series More books in the *Lords of Kassis* series: *River's Run: Lords of Kassis Book 1* *Star's Storm: Lords of Kassis Book 2* *Jo's Journey: Lords of Kassis Book 3* *Ristead's Unwilling Empress: Lords of Kassis Book 4* *Rescuing Mattie: Lords of Kassis Book 3.1* Related series: *Magic, New Mexico* *The Alliance* Science fiction romance; sci-fi romance; paranormal romance; alien romance; fantasy; romance; shifter romance, s.e. smith; se smith; sci-fi series; paranormal series; Urban fantasy. <http://sesmithfl.com> <https://www.facebook.com/se.smith.5> People are desperate for leaders who are credible — those who possess a moral center and exhibit sound leadership skills. Given our global realities, we need strategic leaders who possess cultural intelligence and theological discernment. The aim of this book is to shape such leaders. Each chapter combines careful research with contributions from leaders around the world. These voices bring much-needed insight to leadership issues when translated and applied in different settings, especially the many urban multi-cultural contexts that exist today. Present and emerging leaders, no matter the culture or field, will find this book invaluable in sustaining their call to godly leadership. Publisher Description Ristead Roald is the powerful and deadly ruler of Elpidios, a planet that is slowly dying without the blood stones needed to absorb the radiation gradually destroying its stratosphere. He has sworn to do whatever it takes to protect his world and his people, but time is running out. Hope comes from an unexpected source, the Kassis. They have found a way to replicate the blood stones needed to save his world, but his first dealings with a traitorous Kassisan has left a deep distrust for the species. Ricki Bailey is used to dealing with diplomats and handling complex situations. After all, as the daughter of the owners of Cirque de Magik, the most spectacular Circus to the Stars, she is used to

organizing their trips to foreign countries. Her life changes when her mother and father decide to take the circus to the real stars... and to another star system! If she thought learning new laws and customs was going to be a challenge, it was nothing to the sudden interest she was getting from a huge blue male known as the Grand Ruler! Ricki discovers words that she didn't even realize were in her vocabulary, most of them not in the least polite. She decides the best way to deal with the arrogant male is to treat him like she did when encountering difficult Consuls during the circus' travels on Earth; stay cool, calm, and professional and only deal with the facts necessary to complete whatever business transaction was required. Rist©lard is stunned when a strange, alien female, foretold in the ancient tablets as being the great Empress who will save his world, appears. He is even more astonished when she refuses his attentions! With the life of his planet at stake, not to mention his own peace of mind and body, he will do whatever is necessary to ensure the female stays by his side. Yet, there are forces working against him and Ricki, powerful forces that do not want him to be successful. Dangers and traitors among his own council threaten not only him, but her. It will take all of Rist©lard's resources, and a few unexpected allies, to complete the dangerous journey ahead of them. Can he keep his unwilling Empress safe from those that would destroy her? Better yet, can he save his world when there are those that would destroy it for the treasure of precious blood stones hidden somewhere beneath its surface? River sneaks aboard a spaceship to rescue her two sisters, and makes a deal with a group of alien prisoners who have no intention of following through with their end of the deal. Allie Whitewater was used to living between two worlds. She embraced both the Native American heritage of her father and the white heritage of her mother. Jacob Tucker enjoys building up the ranch which he and his twin brother, Jonathan, had settled. Sure, there were dangers – rustlers, the harsh environment, Indians – but he wouldn't trade it for anything in the world. He is happy with life in the Montana territory. He never thinks there could be something or someone out there that could make him change his mind. His idea of life, and the world, changes when he leaves his ranch in 1867 to travel to 2013. Can the past handle a modern woman's view that the two cultures are really not that different when it comes to love and family or will it destroy the very thing that makes her the perfect partner for a man of the past – her warrior spirit? Someone or something is stalking Abby Marcheson. Luckily, she has her brother's hunky friend Seth to keep her safe. Abby falls easily into her protected life, with Seth constantly by her side, and when he asks her out on a date, she's eager to accept. But Seth is much more than he seems. A Nephilim, a son of Angels with wings of his own, Seth is bound to spend his life hunting the Shemyaza, evil descendants of Angels. He's kept his wings hidden from Abby in order not to frighten her, but as her stalker becomes bolder, Seth begins to suspect that a Shem has Abby in its sights. As their flirtation escalates into full-blown passion, Seth is torn. Should he reveal his true nature to the beautiful, trusting Abby? Will she accept him, wings and all, or will Abby flee her guardian angel and fall prey to the sinister force that wishes her harm? 87,000 words To save her sister, she must beat a goblin at his own game... Freya knows the sound of goblin bells. She knows to move to the side of the road and let them pass. Never buy any of their wares. And above all else, never make a deal with the monstrous beasts. But when her sister takes a necklace and is kidnapped, Freya knows there is no other choice. She must journey to the realm of the fae where the Goblin King himself has stolen her sister. Once there, she must perform four tasks to save the only family she has left. The Goblin King won't make this easy, however. He always seems one step ahead of her. To defeat him, she'll have to put everything on the line. Even her heart. Fan of Sarah J. Maas and Ursula K. Le Guin will be left guessing at every turn! Scroll up and one click to get tricked by the fae right alongside Freya in this Labyrinth-inspired fantasy today! The world is obsessed with leaders: identifying them, training them, becoming them. Even in the church, this preoccupation is all-too apparent. Jesus, however, is not interested in developing leaders. Rather, he is interested in the formation of servants. In this powerful reflection on leadership and servanthood, Dr. Hwa Yung addresses the overemphasis on leadership development within the church. Challenging a culture of hubris, ambition, and self-seeking, he reminds us that ministry is not a call to position and power but to service and obedience. He draws us back to the example of Christ, who came as a servant of God and of his kingdom, who lived in submission to the Father, and who rooted himself in his identity as the incarnate Son of God. Linking spiritual authority to these three characteristics, Hwa Yung offers examples from both Scripture and church history to demonstrate that it is in fact the faithful practice of servanthood that leads to leadership impact. Charlaine Harris' #1 New York Times bestselling Sookie Stackhouse novels are a cultural phenomenon, spawning a blockbuster TV show and enthralling millions of devoted fans around the world. Here, Harris and co-

editor Toni L.P. Kelner invite a cadre of authors to delve deeper into the shadows of Bon Temps with fifteen short stories set in the world of Sookie Stackhouse ranging from the dramatic to the delightful. Just some of the stories you'll experience within include... Purely platonic police officers Kevin Pryor and Kenya Jones find themselves out of their jurisdiction and out of luck when their pursuit of a blood-poisoned killer vampire leads them into the realm of the undead criminal underworld in Rachel Caine's "Nobody's Business." In Leigh Evans' hilarious "Extreme Makeover Vamp Edition," uber-fashionable reality TV hosts Todd Seabrook and Bev Leveto are recruited by Eric Northman to do the impossible: bestow a whole new look upon a his very old, very unwilling, and very cranky vampiric bride-to-be... Vampire Bubba may not be King of Rock 'n Roll anymore, but he knows enough to know he isn't exactly the brightest bulb on the bayou. Unfortunately, he proves himself all too right when, in the middle of an important rescue mission, he gets sidetracked in Bill Crider's "Don't Be Cruel." At Christmastime, fast-talking half-demon Diantha is tasked by her Uncle Desmond to look into why his favored mortal, Sookie, isn't decking the halls—and soon discovers that someone is trying to make the holidays a big humbug in "The Real Santa Claus" by Leigh Perry. Full of magic, fierce creatures, and insatiable desires, this collection of short stories set in the world of Sookie Stackhouse will have fans clamoring for more.

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