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Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection: that self-organization, selection, and chance are the engines of the biosphere. And we gain insights into biotechnology, the stunning magic of the new frontier of genetic engineering--generating trillions of novel molecules to find new drugs, vaccines, enzymes, biosensors, and more. Indeed, Kauffman shows that ecosystems, economic systems, and even cultural systems may all evolve according to similar general laws, that tissues and terra cotta evolve in similar ways. And finally, there is a profoundly spiritual element to Kauffman's thought. If, as he argues, life were bound to arise, not as an incalculably improbable accident, but as an expected fulfillment of the natural order, then we truly are at home in the universe. Kauffman's earlier volume, *The Origins of Order*, written for specialists, received lavish praise. Stephen Jay Gould called it "a landmark and a classic." And Nobel Laureate Philip Anderson wrote that "there are few people in this world who ever ask the right questions of science, and they are the ones who affect its future most profoundly. Stuart Kauffman is one of these." In *At Home in the Universe*, this visionary thinker takes you along as he explores new insights into the nature of life.

The Smartest Kid in the Universe

In her latest book, *The Universe Has Your Back*, New York Times best-selling author Gabrielle Bernstein teaches readers how to transform their fear into faith in order to live a divinely guided life. Each story and lesson in the book guides readers to release the blocks to what they most long for: happiness, security and clear direction. The lessons help readers relinquish the need to control so they can relax into a sense of certainty and freedom. Readers will learn to stop

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chasing life and truly live. Making the shift from fear to faith will give readers a sense of power in a world that all too often makes them feel utterly powerless. When the tragedies of the world seem overwhelming, this book will help guide them back to their true power. Gabrielle says, "My commitment with this book is to wake up as many people as possible to their connection to faith and joy. In that connection, we can be guided to our true purpose: to be love and spread love. These words can no longer be cute buzz phrases that we merely post on social media. Rather, these words must be our mission. The happiness, safety, and security we long for lies in our commitment to love." When readers follow this path, they 'll begin to feel a swell of energy move through them. They will find strength when they are down, synchronicity and support when they 're lost, safety in the face of uncertainty, and joy when they are otherwise in pain. Follow the secrets revealed in this book to unleash the presence of your power and know always that The Universe Has Your Back.

At Home in the Universe

Need an activity to go with your Sunday school lesson on Noah's Ark? This card game takes a lot of hints from simple card games like 'Go Fish' and 'Old Maid' but makes them fresh, new, and Bible Story Themed! Be the first player to get at least 4 pairs of animals on your ark. Then, you have to play the Olive Branch and Dove before anyone else. Play multiple rounds and keep score. With 20 cute and fun animals to match, this game will be fun whether or not you're at Sunday School.:)

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The Center of the Universe

Mark Weston goes to Colombia SA with his team to Stop Hezbolla & Iranian terrorist from

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using the notorious street gang MS-13 to tie up American forces at home and in Saudi Arabia so they can move against Israel and capture the straights of Hormouth along with East Somalia bases giving them control of oil shipping. Rolling blackouts in the US cause wide spread panic in the States, and computer attacks against the US and China bring both countries to the brink of war. Mark Weston must smash a ring of terrorists in South America the Middle East and a privatized American army who has plans of their own to restore a very disorderly US to the ways of the past. With the help of his international contacts of Spooks and Mercenaries Mark plans a full scale World War against terrorism, and those who use its disorder to launch their own campaign against freedom.

At Home in the Universe

M. Blaine Smith shares his insights and counsel with all who struggle with shyness and fear that it is holding them back socially, in the workplace and even spiritually.

Programming the Universe

Ten essays on nature, ritual, and philosophy “that are so point-blank vital you nearly need to put the book down to settle yourself” (San Francisco Chronicle). Gretel Ehrlich’s world is one of solitude and wonder, pain and beauty, and these elements give life to her stunning prose. Ever since her acclaimed debut, *The Solace of Open Spaces*, she has illuminated the particular

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qualities of nature and the self with graceful precision. In *Islands, the Universe, Home*, Ehrlich expands her explorations, traveling to the remote reaches of the earth and deep into her soul. She tells of a voyage of discovery in northern Japan, where she finds her “bridge to heaven.” She captures a “light moving down a mountain slope.” She sees a ruined city in the face of a fire-scarred mountain. Above all, she recalls what a painter once told her about art when she was twelve years old, as she sat for her portrait: “You have to mix death into everything. Then you have to mix life into that.” In this unforgettable collection, Ehrlich mixes life and death, real and sacred, to offer a stunning vision of our world that is both achingly familiar and miraculously strange. According to National Book Award – winning author Andrea Barrett, these essays are “as spare and beautiful as the landscape from which they’ve grown. . . . Each one is a pilgrimage into the secrets of the heart.”

A Householder's Guide to the Universe: A Calendar of Basics for the Home and Beyond

Consider the complexity of a living cell after 3.8 billion years of evolution. Is it more awesome to suppose that a transcendent God fashioned the cell at a stroke, or to realize that it evolved with no Almighty Hand, but arose on its own in the changing biosphere? In this bold and fresh look at science and religion, complexity theorist Stuart Kauffman argues that the qualities of divinity that we revere--creativity, meaning, purposeful action--are properties of the universe that can be investigated methodically. He offers stunning evidence for this idea in an

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abundance of fields, from cell biology to the philosophy of mind, and uses it to find common ground between belief systems often at odds with one another. A daring and ambitious argument for a new understanding of natural divinity, *Reinventing the Sacred* challenges readers both scientifically and philosophically.

Card Game in a Book - Noah's Ark

Reproduction of the original: *Patty at Home* by Carolyn Wells

The Universe Has Your Back

"The physical earth is clearly under unprecedented siege—heated, toxified, scraped. But almost as if they were antibodies, the finest nature writers of any era have come forward to help in the fight. This anthology collects many of the most important, at their most eloquent. May it ring and echo and do some good!"—Bill McKibben, author of *The End of Nature* "This is a stunning collection of vivid writing about landscapes and the people who inhabit them. The diverse narratives gathered here do more than describe hawks diving and twigs snapping, although the book has its share of moving accounts of the natural world. A concern to live responsibly in nature runs through this evocative anthology like a subterranean stream, and that moral impulse, together with the lively prose, makes this the best collection of nature writing I've seen."—Thomas A. Tweed, editor of *Retelling U.S. Religious History*

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The Last Book in the Universe

The author explores recent scientific breakthroughs in the fields of supergravity, supersymmetry, quantum theory, superstring theory, and p-branes as he searches for the Theory of Everything that lies at the heart of the cosmos.

Blue Hill Blood

From the author of *We Are the Ants* and *The Five Stages of Andrew Brawley* comes the heartbreaking story of a boy who believes the universe is slowly shrinking as things he remembers are being erased from others' memories. Tommy and Ozzie have been best friends since the second grade, and boyfriends since eighth. They spent countless days dreaming of escaping their small town—and then Tommy vanished. More accurately, he ceased to exist, erased from the minds and memories of everyone who knew him. Everyone except Ozzie. Ozzie doesn't know how to navigate life without Tommy, and soon he suspects that something else is going on: that the universe is shrinking. When Ozzie is paired up with new student Calvin on a physics project, he begins to wonder if Calvin could somehow be involved. But the more time they spend together, the harder it is for him to deny the feelings developing between them, even if he still loves Tommy. But Ozzie knows there isn't much time left to find Tommy—that once the door closes, it can't be opened again. And he's determined to keep it open as long as it takes to get his boyfriend back.

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The Gamekeeper at Home

When seventh-grader Jake McQuade mistakes the world's first ingestible knowledge pills for jelly beans, he suddenly knows all about physics and geometry and can speak Swahili (though Spanish would be a lot more useful)--but his sort-of girlfriend Grace thinks they can use his new found brilliance to save their middle school from the new principal, who is conspiring to get it shut down.

At Home in the Universe

The summer that Hattie Owen turns twelve, she meets the childlike Uncle Adam she never knew and becomes friends with a girl who works at the carnival that comes to Hattie's small town. A Newbery Honor Book. Reprint.

Spook

This fast-paced action novel is set in a future where the world has been almost destroyed. Like the award-winning novel *Freak the Mighty*, this is Philbrick at his very best. It's the story of an epileptic teenager nicknamed Spaz, who begins the heroic fight to bring human intelligence back to the planet. In a world where most people are plugged into brain-drain entertainment systems, Spaz is the rare human being who can see life as it really is. When he meets an old

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man called Ryter, he begins to learn about Earth and its past. With Ryter as his companion, Spaz sets off an unlikely quest to save his dying sister -- and in the process, perhaps the world.

One Universe:

An unforgettable journey through the mind and memory of one of the century's great physicists, *At Home in the Universe* will delight, educate, and inspire.

Child of the Universe

From one of our finest and most popular science writers, the best-selling author of *Your Inner Fish*, comes the answer to a scientific mystery story as big as the world itself: How have astronomical events that took place millions of years ago created the unique qualities of the human species? In his last book, Neil Shubin delved into the amazing connections between human anatomy—our hands, our jaws—and the structures in the fish that first took over land 375 million years ago. Now, with his trademark clarity and exuberance, he takes an even more expansive approach to the question of why we are the way we are. Starting once again with fossils, Shubin turns his gaze skyward. He shows how the entirety of the universe's 14-billion-year history can be seen in our bodies. From our very molecular composition (a result of stellar events at the origin of our solar system), he makes clear, through the working of our eyes, how

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the evolution of the cosmos has had profound effects on the development of human life on earth. From the Hardcover edition.

At Home in the Universe

Examines the effort to discover the Higgs boson particle by tracing the development and use of the Large Hadron Collider and how its findings are dramatically shaping scientific understandings while enabling world-changing innovations.

The Universe Within

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Patty at Home

How did life start? Is the evolution of life describable by any physics-like laws? Stuart Kauffman's latest book offers an explanation-beyond what the laws of physics can explain-of the progression from a complex chemical environment to molecular reproduction, metabolism and to early protocells, and further evolution to what we recognize as life. Among the estimated one hundred billion solar systems in the known universe, evolving life is surely abundant. That evolution is a process of "becoming" in each case. Since Newton, we have turned to physics to assess reality. But physics alone cannot tell us where we came from, how we arrived, and why our world has evolved past the point of unicellular organisms to an extremely complex biosphere. Building on concepts from his work as a complex systems researcher at the Santa Fe Institute, Kauffman focuses in particular on the idea of cells constructing themselves and introduces concepts such as "constraint closure." Living systems are defined by the concept of "organization" which has not been focused on in enough in previous works. Cells are autopoietic systems that build themselves: they literally construct their own constraints on the

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release of energy into a few degrees of freedom that constitutes the very thermodynamic work by which they build their own self creating constraints. Living cells are "machines" that construct and assemble their own working parts. The emergence of such systems-the origin of life problem-was probably a spontaneous phase transition to self-reproduction in complex enough prebiotic systems. The resulting protocells were capable of Darwin's heritable variation, hence open-ended evolution by natural selection. Evolution propagates this burgeoning organization. Evolving living creatures, by existing, create new niches into which yet further new creatures can emerge. If life is abundant in the universe, this self-constructing, propagating, exploding diversity takes us beyond physics to biospheres everywhere.

A Short History of Nearly Everything

The Particle at the End of the Universe

Perfect for fans of *The Wonderful Things You Will Be* and *That's Me Loving You*, this picture book by a renowned astrophysicist is a lyrical meditation on the preciousness of one child and the vastness of the universe. Just like the sun gives shine to the moon, you light up the world beyond this room . . . You are grand and marvelous, strong and mysterious. The history of the world is in your fingertips. A lyrical meditation on the preciousness of one child and the vastness of the universe, this gorgeously illustrated picture book shares the immensity of a

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parent's love along with the message that we are all connected to the broader cosmos in important and intimate ways. A perfect bedtime read-aloud, *Child of the Universe* is a book to cherish forever. The author is an astrophysicist who has been fascinated by the universe since he was a child. As a parent, he has developed a new appreciation for the deep connections between billions of years of cosmic evolution and this one tiny human.

At Home in the Universe

One of the world's most beloved and bestselling writers takes his ultimate journey -- into the most intriguing and intractable questions that science seeks to answer. In *A Walk in the Woods*, Bill Bryson trekked the Appalachian Trail -- well, most of it. In *In A Sunburned Country*, he confronted some of the most lethal wildlife Australia has to offer. Now, in his biggest book, he confronts his greatest challenge: to understand -- and, if possible, answer -- the oldest, biggest questions we have posed about the universe and ourselves. Taking as territory everything from the Big Bang to the rise of civilization, Bryson seeks to understand how we got from there being nothing at all to there being us. To that end, he has attached himself to a host of the world's most advanced (and often obsessed) archaeologists, anthropologists, and mathematicians, travelling to their offices, laboratories, and field camps. He has read (or tried to read) their books, pestered them with questions, apprenticed himself to their powerful minds. *A Short History of Nearly Everything* is the record of this quest, and it is a sometimes profound, sometimes funny, and always supremely clear and entertaining adventure in the realms of human knowledge, as only Bill Bryson can render it. Science has never been more involving or

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At Home in the Universe

The Clutter Book

In this luminous memoir, an MIT astrophysicist must reinvent herself in the wake of tragedy and discovers the power of connection on this planet, even as she searches our galaxy for another Earth. Sara Seager has always been in love with the stars: so many lights in the sky, so much possibility. Now a pioneering planetary scientist, she searches for exoplanets—especially that distant, elusive world that sustains life. But with the unexpected death of Seager’s husband, the purpose of her own life becomes hard for her to see. Suddenly, at forty, she is a widow and the single mother of two young boys. For the first time, she feels alone in the universe. As she struggles to navigate her life after loss, Seager takes solace in the alien beauty of exoplanets and the technical challenges of exploration. At the same time, she discovers earthbound connections that feel every bit as wondrous, when strangers and loved ones alike reach out to her across the space of her grief. Among them are the Widows of Concord, a group of women offering advice on everything from home maintenance to dating, and her beloved sons, Max and Alex. Most unexpected of all, there is another kind of one-in-a-billion match, not in the stars but here at home. Probing and

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invigoratingly honest, *The Smallest Lights in the Universe* is its own kind of light in the dark.

Humanity in a Creative Universe

After the accidental death of her father, Nancy Bachrach, joins her sister and brother as they keep a vigil at the bedside of her mother who lies in a coma, as she reflects on her past relationships with her siblings and with her difficult mother.

Being at Home in the Universe

The author examines the concept of self-organization, or as he calls it "order for free," discussing how it occurs more frequently in nature than originally believed

A World Beyond Physics

In an era when go local, organic food, and sustainability are one the tip of everyone's tongues, Harriet Fasenfest's *A Householder's Guide to the Universe* takes up the banner of progressive homemaking and urban farming as a way to confront the political, social, and environmental issues facing our world today. In an era when go local, organic food, and sustainability are on the tip of everyone's tongues, Harriet Fasenfest's *A Householder's Guide to the Universe* takes up the banner of progressive homemaking and urban farming as a way to confront the political,

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At Home on the Earth

Is the universe actually a giant quantum computer? According to Seth Lloyd, the answer is yes. All interactions between particles in the universe, Lloyd explains, convey not only energy but also information – in other words, particles not only collide, they compute. What is the entire universe computing, ultimately? “Its own dynamical evolution,” he says. “As the computation proceeds, reality unfolds.” *Programming the Universe*, a wonderfully accessible book, presents an original and compelling vision of reality, revealing our world in an entirely new light. From the Trade Paperback edition.

Reinventing the Sacred

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Raven Estates

Much of Stuart Kauffman's work in the philosophy of evolutionary biology has centered on the question of what he calls "prestatibility" in evolution: that is, whether or not science can precisely predict the future development of biological features in organisms, using a singular "Final Theory" of evolution. In this book, Kauffman argues that the development of life on earth is not prestatible, because no theory could ever fully account for the limitless variability of evolution. He believes that the biological universe's primary trait is that it is creative, and that acknowledging this creativity will lead to a radically different way in which humans view themselves and all other living beings. It is an argument against Reductive Materialism. Kauffman also asserts that man's Modern preoccupation to explain all things with scientific law has deadened our creative natures. In his words, he aims for the book to be "one that revises our scientific world view of the universe as entirely entailed by law." Instead, he advocates an approach to science that accounts for "unprestatible" creativity, thus allowing humans to fully realize their creative selves. The book will build off the ideas developed in his last two works, *Reinventing the Sacred* and *Investigations*. Incorporating philosophers like Kant and Descartes, as well as the science of Newton and Darwin, *Humanity in a Creative Universe* is Stuart Kauffman's argument for a creative and unpredictable view of modern science.

At the Edge of the Universe

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T. S. Elliot wrote: “At the still point of the turning world. Neither flesh not fleshless; Neither from not towards; at the still point , there the dance is, Except for the point, the still point. There would be no dance, and there is only the dance.” This book talks about the still point in an entirely new way by framing it as our internal home. It also provides a path to “coming home” based on extensive research and personal experience. If you are interested in the dance of spiritual transformation, this is a must read. – Barry Cohen, Ph.D. Dr. Bellingham enlightens the reader by sharing his personal life experiences in an extraordinarily meaningful context. He bridges the divide between eastern and western thought to form one fully human message. He has the rare ability to satisfy and integrate our intellectual curiosity with our search for spiritual fulfillment. – Bill O’Brien, Ph.D. Having known the author for over 40 years, and witnessing many aspects of his spiritual journey, I highly recommend this book for anyone who continues to strive to find his inner self, or to be HOME. My own quest for SERENITY has been enriched by reading this book, and by witnessing Dr. Bellingham’s life-long desire to find inner peace. We can indeed “transform our lives from a mindless drill to a mindful dance” with enough work, desire and by digesting the thoughts expressed in this wonderful accounting of the author’s life and experiences. – Ronald Irwin M.D. This is coming-to-wisdom story with hope for us all. This tale is all personal, with regular bits of carefully crafted ways to grasp the most elusive thoughts of the world’s greatest teachers and soul guides. Read it. Smile at the disarming honesty. And be heartened. For he’s showing how wisdom can flourish more widely than ever in America. -Artie Egendorf, Ph. D. Author of “Healing from the War” and originator of Super Integral Synergy (<http://sismoves.com>) By openly and honestly illuminating his experience and journey over 40 years, Dr. Bellingham shines a bright light on our own unique paths. He knows

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the territory with all its hills and valleys. With this book we, who are researchers, can be assured we are home already. To me, being fully present with a deep sense of love for all things is the key message. We are not separate. – Mary Alice Fox

A Corner of the Universe

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At Home in the Universe

Clutter has a negative effect on your life. You want to live differently, but you haven't been able to make progress. Marcie Lovett, author of The Clutter Book, will motivate you to make the changes you want. Learn to let go of what you don't need and find room for what you value. The direct, accessible writing style and interactive exercises will inspire you to succeed. In this book, Marcie guides you through the process of letting go of the clutter that is keeping you from achieving success. Whether your clutter is caused by things, commitments or thoughts, Marcie encourages you to make the choices to conquer your challenges. If previous attempts at letting go of clutter have not been successful for you, you will benefit from the motivation and wisdom Marcie offers. Written in a straightforward and accessible style, filled with insight and real-life stories, the book enables readers to learn from the experience of others and overcome obstacles to success. You will understand why you keep clutter, save time and money by

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avoiding unnecessary purchases, discover the habits that hold you back, find ways to fight procrastination and create systems that allow you to retrieve and return items. Whether you want to live with less or live with what you have, this is the book for you.

The Universe in a Nutshell

A new window opens onto the cosmos Almost every day we are challenged by new information from the outermost reaches of space. Using straightforward language, One Universe explores the physical principles that govern the workings of our own world so that we can appreciate how they operate in the cosmos around us. Bands of color in a sunlit crystal and the spectrum of starlight in giant telescopes, the arc of a hard-hit baseball and the orbit of the moon, traffic patterns on a freeway and the spiral arms in a galaxy full of stars--they're all tied together in grand and simple ways. We can understand the vast cosmos in which we live by exploring three basic concepts: motion, matter, and energy. With these as a starting point, One Universe shows how the physical principles that operate in our kitchens and backyards are actually down-to-Earth versions of cosmic processes. The book then takes us to the limits of our knowledge, asking the ultimate questions about the origins and existence of life as we know it and where the universe came from--and where it is going. Glorious photographs--many seen for the first time in these pages--and original illustrations expand and enrich our understanding. Evocative and clearly written, One Universe explains complex ideas in ways that every reader can grasp and enjoy. This book captures the grandeur of the heavens while making us feel at home in the cosmos. Above all, it helps us realize that galaxies, stars, planets, and we

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ourselves all belong to One Universe.

Islands, the Universe, Home

5 lectures at The Hague, November 13-18, 1923 (CW 231) What is our relationship to the planets we see in the night sky? Does the cosmos have any affect on our individual lives? Modern science tells us that we are an insignificant accident in a vast, indifferent universe. Rudolf Steiner maintains that we are intimately enmeshed with the whole cosmos, right down to the very structure of our physical bodies. In these talks, Steiner explores our relationship as individuals to the spiritual cosmos--where we will all become cosmonauts one day. The key to being at home in the universe is to comprehend the significance of our individual, physical lives on Earth and what happens when we leave our physical bodies behind. Steiner describes his view of our journey after death and our subsequent return to Earth and a new life. He describes the "planetary" spheres through which we pass and how they affect our future life. He shows us how our character and actions on Earth affects us after we die, and how those experiences in turn shape our next physical life. This is not just more information to add to our already overloaded store of abstract concepts; Steiner gives imaginative exercises that help us explore our suprasensory, spiritual nature. We can begin right now to act more consciously by recognizing the concrete nature of morality and the real consequences of our present lives. The introduction and comprehensive afterword by Paul Mar-gulies explain and contextualize Steiner's text, revealing a message that is more vital and relevant than ever in our frenzied, materialistic times. This book can help us experience more meaning in life and become more

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at home as spiritual citizens of the universe. Read Bobby Matherne's review of this book

Contents: Introduction by Paul Margulies Lecture 1. "A Speck of Dust?" Lecture 2.

"Interweaving Our Destinies" Lecture 3. "Through the Spheres" Lecture 4. "Through Midnight

to Birth" Lecture 5. "Earth and the Mystery of Karma" Afterword by Paul Margulies German

title: Der bersinnliche Mensch, anthroposophisch erfa t. An earlier English edition was titled

Supersensible Man. This edition was thoroughly revised.

Life and Gabriella

-A little girl hates homework so much she squeezes it into a black hole and creates a new universe---

The Celebrity at Home

A family tragedy takes Jael, her mother, and her stepfather to Raven Estates, a small town shut behind iron bars. The more Jael and her family learn about the tragedy, the more mysterious things seem. Jael hopes her new school will bring a reprieve from the grief at home, but she learns very quickly that this is no ordinary school, and her new friends are no ordinary students. Most surprising of all, Jael learns that she comes from a line of powerful beings. When disaster starts to move from Jael's house to several other families in Raven Estates, it is clear that something sinister is happening, and Jael and her friends may be the

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only ones who can stop it. In the same vein as the House of Night and the Beautiful Creatures series, this story will take you into the life of a sixteen-year-old girl who is learning that life is more magical than she could have ever imagined.

The Smallest Lights in the Universe

Henry - My past is gruesome and unforgettable no matter how hard I try to let go. Writing is my escape. My only therapy. When I met my wife, had children, and my career sky-rocketed, I thought I'd never revisit those dark days again. So, the moment Blue Hill, Maine beckons for me, I go willingly in an effort to write the next big story. But when a ghost from my past shows up, all of my carefully rebuilt walls come crumbling down hard and fast. My only way of defense is ripped from my grasp as this distraction bounces into my life. Will I be able to sift through what's fiction to find reality? Eli - I'm a serial killer. A victim of narcissism and the need to satisfy my own urges. I have a thirst to snuff out the lives of those that remind me of her-the woman that ruined me-and I take great pleasure in quenching that thirst. I have no rules. No parameters. I do as I please. New York Times and USA Today bestselling author, Henry McElroy, is my god. His sick, twisted mind constructs the world to which I rule. I would be nothing without him-my dark creator. *** What happens when Henry McElroy's story begins to take a realistic form the moment he sets foot in the sleepy, seaside town in Maine? As soon as he begins sharing excerpts of his book with his fans on social media, including an obsessive one he meets in Blue Hill, bodies begin to stack up in similar fashion to that of which he writes about. Will the blame be placed on the town's newest and most twisted visitor? Or will Henry

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be able to prove his innocence and clear his name before it's too late?

The Human Agenda

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