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## The Hardbody Chronicles

Jason Carrington is a millionaire hotelier. He's a man that's never had to take no for an answer, who gets what he wants, when he wants it, no questions asked. Until he meets Celise Markam. In the midst of searching for the person responsible for sabotaging his hotel, in walks the first woman to tame Jason's burning need. Celise Markam may be a spoiled and pampered heiress on the surface, but beneath that media created facade lies a passion desperate to break free. Her

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surge to independence comes when she breaks her engagement and moves to Monterey, California to venture into the restaurant business. She has a plan for her future, one she's not willing to let anyone--fiancé or relative--change. Her life is her own and she's ready to do whatever is necessary to make her dreams come true. Then she spends the night with Jason Carrington and everything Celise thought she knew about love disintegrates in the flames of their desire. Inexplicably drawn to each other, Celise and Jason ignite a fire bound to burn until someone gets hurt.

### Matter and Desire

Noelle Radliffe can communicate with ghosts. They haunt her nights and show her dreams of things that haven't yet occurred. When she has a vision of a dead lion and sees the name of a man, she searches the city to find him and warn him only to become sidetracked by an addiction she can't fight. Enter Nicholas Pemberton. Although charming and charismatic, he hides a secret, one that is deadly as well as mysterious. He's a shape shifter and the urge to change into a lion is a battle he constantly wages with himself, second to the obsession he feels for his recent acquaintance, Noelle. As the two fight their mutual attraction to each other, Nicholas attempts to elude the local authorities who are intent on linking recent murders to his name. Noelle continues to seek peace from her visions and to understand her purpose. But the connection between them is too strong to ignore. As passion ignites, so does the danger. Lives are threatened and destinies collide, but will love be enough to save their souls?

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## Times IV

What started out as a regular job assignment quickly escalated into something more for Oliver Philip when he met twin Shire horse shapeshifters, Bayard and Marshall Stoddard. Hired to perform a safety audit on Horsfall Ranch, he never expected his life to be turned upside down, but he's game for anything. Happily throwing himself into a relationship with both Bayard and Marshall, Oliver quickly discovers a world of intense pleasure, laughter and comfort. Unfortunately, storm clouds are gathering on the horizon and Oliver must find the strength inside himself to fight for the two men he can't live without.

## An Airship Named Desire

The King and his noblemen pursued a life of unbridled lust with those that submitted to their power by choice or for the unfortunate, in the dungeons below the castle where bondage insured their submission. Nothing is forbidden for the privileged, not even the unspeakable taboos of society. "King's Dungeon" is set in the 11th century where men dominate and woman had no choice but to submit to any and all demands a man could conceive. King Rulf, after conquering his enemies, returns to take his rightful place on the throne with a wife to bear him many heirs. But there is always time to find his pleasures in the bedrooms of any woman he desires or to satisfy his jaded lust in the dungeons.

## Mating in Captivity

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Airships, sky-pirates, smugglers and soldiers An Airship Named Desire is an action-filled steampunk adventure. Ever since their last botched smuggling job, First Mate Bea and the crew of her airship can barely afford fuel, let alone a barrel of grog. So, when a gentleman from Old Germany offers them a fortune to steal a locked box from a British merchant airship, they jump at the opportunity. Somehow, though, their employer forgot to mention the box's military escort, and the Morlock mercenaries who would kill to get their hands on it. Oh, and that if made public, the contents could engulf Europe in another devastating war. Stealing the box was the easy part. Now, with a target on their back, and some of the toughest characters in the sky after them, they have to find a way to survive. If the crew of the Desire don't polish their pistols and prepare for a hell of a fight, they'll end up worse than grounded. After all, everyone from the Brits to the Morlocks will kill for the contents of that box, and no one survives an airship crash.

## Nocturnal Desires: Erotic Tales for the Sensual Soul

### The King's Dungeon

In this critique of the fields of feminist theory, queer theory, and critical race theory, Sharon Holland describes how, despite decades of theoretical and political work focused on race, we are continually affected by everyday experiences of racism and attached to old patterns of racist thought.

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## Unraveled Souls

\*\*\*This is a well-written 52,000 word erotic contemporary novel\*\*\* Angela Saldery has traveled the world looking for a deeper meaning to her life. She embarks on a sailing vacation with her family to Santa Lucia, an island that is reputedly owned by a reclusive Spanish nobleman. Santa Lucia beckons to her with its mysterious, unexplored and uncharted terrain. En route to the island, she finds herself unwillingly attracted to Tom, a lusty young man, who desires both her sister and her. He is searching for his father, Luis, the Spanish nobleman that owns Santa Lucia. When Angela subsequently meets Luis, her passions are torn between the two men until she finally determines her heart 's desire.

## Candy Concussion

Not your normal Friday night in the computer room. Not a normal night anywhere. Terry is the archetypal old-school Unix admin, nurturing servers with care and precision while avoiding the latest trendy garbage. KDE and Gnome on a server? Nope, if you need a GUI use FVWM. The latest trend Terry refuses? One adopted almost everywhere? Systemd, the replacement init. So Systemd comes for Terry. Wearing skin-tight leather pants. No, not a normal night in the computer room at all...

## Siren

Twenty poets and eighteen authors come together

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under the editorial dominion of syndicated sex and lifestyle blogger and columnist Rebecca Ammon to bring you a divine taste of debauchery. With work from established erotica writers to literary storytellers, Lyrotica is a masterful mosaic of lyrical and sensual short stories and poems. Inspired by the classic masters of literary erotica, Lyrotica is brings you captivating depictions of love, lust, and pleasure that will keep you enthralled. More than just a collection of titillating stories, Lyrotica is thought-provoking literature about the transformational power of human sexuality. Within these pages, you'll find tales of empowerment and revelation told through the ancient language of lust and desire.

### Matter and Desire

#### Let There Be Blood

One of the world ' s most respected voices on erotic intelligence, Esther Perel offers a bold, provocative new take on intimacy and sex. *Mating in Captivity* invites us to explore the paradoxical union of domesticity and sexual desire, and explains what it takes to bring lust home. Drawing on more than twenty years of experience as a couples therapist, Perel examines the complexities of sustaining desire. Through case studies and lively discussion, Perel demonstrates how more exciting, playful, and even poetic sex is possible in long-term relationships. Wise, witty, and as revelatory as it is straightforward, *Mating in Captivity* is a sensational book that will transform the

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way you live and love.

## Lyrotica ~ An Anthology of Erotic Poetry and Prose

\*\*\*\*\* Warning: This book contains some disturbing situations, dubious consent, strong language, and violence.\*\*\*\*\* Becca Campbell is a mother, friend, and widow to a war hero (may he rot in hell). She just wants to raise her daughter right and keep her bed-and-breakfast afloat in this economy. Her traumatic past leaves her with no desire for a relationship—until Grayson James walks through her door. He 's not the type of man you can easily say “ no ” to. Becca can ' t quite understand the pull she feels toward him. But then his controlling nature starts to push her away—and into Ray McNeil ' s comforting arms. Which is right where Ray has always wanted her. Who will Becca choose? Will she finally give in to her feelings for Ray, or continue the tumultuous relationship with Grayson? Only one thing is certain—either choice will mean saying goodbye to caution.

## Fighting Desire

Celebrate sex in ways most of us will never experience. From the surrealistic awakening of womanhood (Wendy), to an outer-space adventure (intergalactic Rendezvous), to an obsessed scientist (Ms. Frankenstein), and more, every story radiates with steamy, explicit passion.

## Ripper's Redemption

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For more than ten years, former graduate student David Jones has been living hand-to-mouth in a basement apartment in the slums of New York, working in secret on his brilliant invention, the Pitchpipe. The Pitchpipe, when complete, will give him the ability to reconfigure the consciousness of any person - allowing unlimited control of their minds. The Pitchpipe brings David into a world of dominance and submission he didn't even know existed, and into conflict with a haughty dominatrix who finds his sudden appearance and absolute mastery of beautiful slave girls - who'll do literally anything he wishes - an unacceptable challenge. Though he treasures his lovely "instruments" and meets every setback with intelligence and humor, the conflict soon escalates out of control. The end of David's risky journey through strange seas of thought and the dark underside of New York's nightlife is far from certain. To save himself and what he's accomplished from the vicious mistress, he will have to become the Maestro.

### Wagner and the Erotic Impulse

Nineteen-year-old gymnast Wren Montgomery was America's golden girl, but then it all came crashing down. As far as the media is concerned, it was a devastating ankle injury which began her downward spiral, but in her heart Wren knows better. The truth is that things started going wrong the day her beloved coach Jonathan Reilly not only rejected her romantic advances, but actually spanked her bare bottom as if she were a silly little girl when she tried to hide her heartbreak behind an angry outburst. Now at twenty-

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two, after one poor decision after another Wren has become the "bad girl" of the gymnastics world. Desperate to break out of her slump and with nowhere else to turn, she decides to accept help from the best coach she ever had the same man who spurned and then spanked her years ago. Jonathan watched Wren's fall from grace, and he fell with her. He still blames himself for leaving the team-and more importantly, leaving her-and now that he has the chance to help his little rebel get back on track, he isn't going to let it slip through his fingers. This time he'll be there for her no matter what, both when she needs a loving embrace and when she needs a firm hand applied to her bare bottom. Most important of all, if she still wants him to be more than just her coach, this time he won't let anything keep him from claiming what is his.

Publisher's Note: Wren's Redemption is an erotic romance novel that includes spankings, sexual scenes, elements of BDSM, and more. If such material offends you, please don't buy this book.

### Wren's Redemption

Book one in the Erogenous Zones Series Two men have walked in to Monica Evans' life, and it isn't ever going to be the same. Owen Clifford and his lover, Alec Stroud, are investigating fraud at Monica's place of work, a luxurious London hotel. From the moment they meet, the chemistry between the three of them is off the scale. But Monica has a secret, and it isn't anything to do with fraud. Like her sisters, Monica is a psychic. In Monica's case the gift is psychometry-when she touches objects or people she can experience their

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sexual history. Can she ever truly share that with a lover, let alone two bisexual lovers? Something about Owen and Alec captures her though, literally. Willingly bound and seduced, Monica opens up to them, physically, emotionally, and psychically. Owen and Alec have been looking for their third, and they believe Monica might be the one to complete their lives. But Monica's secret isn't the only barrier these two have to break down in order to win their woman. Fraud, duplicity, and mysterious threats add to their complications. For Owen and Alec, the challenges are stacking up and the race is on.

### Liquid Longing

In a world where every desire can easily be fulfilled, life is a luxurious escapade of excess and indulgence. Follow the exploits of eight gay men, who become four infamous couples, as their lives humorously intersect and tragically intertwine against the backdrop of the international gay party scene. These four couples scheme, maneuver, and struggle their way through a star-studded world virtually unknown to those on the outside. The *HardBody Chronicles* captures the zeitgeist of that moment and unveils the glamour and absurdity that enveloped it. From Miami's stunning White Party to the inferno of naked flesh at the Black Party, from the 24-hour clubs of Ibiza to the joyous Morning Party on Fire Island, it was a time to celebrate life.

### Deceived

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Is Jack the Ripper alive today? Jessie is happy leading a hedonist lifestyle, with plenty of women to enjoy in or out of her bed. When Jessie's friend asks for help in finding her missing lover, Jessie is reluctant, however as increasing numbers of women go missing in the East End of London, she is forced into action. Jessie barely starts her investigation when she realises that she is being watched by a mysterious figure. With the help of her friends, and a ghostly visitation from her Aunt, Jessie learns that there is a connection with these recent disappearances, and the unsolved mystery of Jack the Ripper. Jessie meets beautiful Rachel, who also wants to solve the mystery. However this new woman carries secrets of a mysterious Sisterhood who may be responsible for these disappearances. Both Jessie and Rachel find themselves hunted by members of this secret society, who want them silenced at any cost. Jessie has to trust her instincts in order to stop the bigger evil who threatens the lives of anyone who gets in their way. Jessie receives help from unexpected sources, including a bounty-hunter, a horny librarian, a sex-starved police officer, and an army of prostitutes. These women enable Jessie to face the Sisterhood, and in doing so, she is also able to reveal the secret identity of the notorious Jack the Ripper!

### Biopoetics

Disclaimer: This book is intended for Adult Audiences only. It contains sexually explicit scenes and graphic language. All characters represented as eighteen years or older. This story is a kinky twist on the classic theme of Beauty and the Beast, except that it doesn't

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resemble anything sweet or innocent. There is a guy who is turned into a beast and a girl who will be his salvation. Prologue Moving with stealth just inside the edges of the dense woods, the Beast stalks his prey. His hungry predatory eyes never leaving her, waiting silently for her to wander steadily closer to where he crouches unseen. Restlessness stirs the air just as the Beast strikes. Snatching the unsuspecting quarry clear off the ground with a blur of movement, abducting her to his secret layer deep in the dark forbidding forest. Barely winded from his mad dash through the woods, he sets her down to move the boulder blocking the entrance of the cave. The instant she feels the ground beneath her, she bolts. But her freedom is short lived. The Beast pounces easily recapturing her. Primal urges heightened, he is scarcely inside the concealing darkness of the dank cavern before he forces her down to the floor of the den. Indifferent to the shrill, terrified sounds echoing through the cave, the Beast effortlessly subdues her. His massive shaft bucking in anticipation. He is excited, yet ashamed of what he has become. But he doesn't dwell on his desperate actions as the burning need to rut takes over **WARNING: If You Have Delicate Sensibilities Please Stop, Don't Go Any Further** This story is not for the faint of heart, the overly sensitive or the easily shocked. word count: 52,568

### Savaged by Systemd

Meaning, feeling and expression – the experience of inwardness – matter most in human existence. The perspective of biopoetics shows that this experience is shared by all organisms. Being alive means to exist

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through relations that have existential concern, and to express these dimensions through the body and its gestures. All life takes place within one poetic space which is shared between all beings and which is accessible through subjective sensual experience. We take part in this through our empirical subjectivity, which arises from the experiences and needs of living beings, and which makes them open to access and sharing in a poetic objectivity. Biopoetics breaks free from the causal-mechanic paradigm which made biology unable to account for mind and meaning. Biology becomes a science of expression, connection and subjectivity which can understand all organisms including humans as feeling agents in a shared ecology of meaningful relations, embedded in a symbolical and material metabolism of the biosphere.

### Erogenous Zones

This book is for you if you have ever wondered about BDSM practices and sexual servitude. The Slave Factory was ranked in the Amazon Hot 100 List of New Releases for erotica - See why! The Slave Factory is Volume One of The Slave Factory Trilogy. Volume Two: The Slave Factory: Exposed! is on sale now, Volume Three: The Slave Factory: Total Power Exchange will be released by mid-September 2013. "I think I know what you are referring to," said James, after Tonya had asked him if he had ever heard of The Slave Factory. "If you mentioned Per il piacere del Maestro to a hundred thousand different people around the world, you would be hard pressed to find one person who would know what you're talking about,"

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declared James. This is how The Slave Factory begins. It is the story of Tonya's journey of self-discovery as she and an eclectic group of fellow students undergo six-months of focused and brutal reshaping, guided by the Masters and Mistresses of the arts of sex, bondage, discipline, and submission and the love to serve within the walls of a place known only as The Academy. Each student spent years under the watchful eye of the secret company that traced its origins to ancient history and beyond. Only the best were selected from the final review of candidates, only the best of those were selected to be trained and sold as slaves to the wealthy and the powerful. The Slave Factory trains the students in all aspects of BDSM, Sex, and Social Acceptability. Question: Would you sell yourself into a year of sexual and submissive servitude for a few million dollars? What limits would you impose (if any) on what your Master demands from you? The Slave Factory is over 300 pages of sex, bondage, and maybe a little romance tossed in here and there. One reader stated "It was a good read. Well told and fast paced. Once I got started on it I was a 100 pages into it before I realized it." Caution: This story contains scenes involving explicit sexual contact and numerous depictions of BDSM activities. Recommended for Adults eighteen or over.

### Enlivenment

SPECIAL EXTENDED EDITION \*Includes Bonus Material\*Wunder isn't your average girl in fact—she isn't even an average human. In a world ravaged by Zombies, she was born amidst the chaos. She may have

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a normal life now...well as normal as a freak of nature could have. Part zombie while her job is to hunt bloodthirsty creatures to protect the innocent. It's the dreams that haunt her and they aren't nightmares. Wunder dreams of a man, a man made just for her. Is he real, can he be the one she's yearned for?Wunder's life has been far from perfect so far, secretly being part Zombie in a world devastated by the plague of the walking dead. Still, she knew there was something special awaiting her, someone out there who could change everything and she did find him. Pete is everything she dreamed of and more as she discovers passion and fulfillment for the first time in her life.Pete has his own secrets to tell. His world is a lonely one as he wrestles with the reality of being part zombie. His hatred for the creatures that killed his parents drives him to patrol the streets and wipe them all out. His life would be stark, but for the dreams he's been having; of a woman, so sensuous, so sexy. These alluring visions have become erotic and consuming. He feels as if he made her up to keep from going crazy. Is this life of hunting the walking dead, all there is? Or is she out there waiting—just for him?Now—with the reunion; Wunder's life turns into a journey of discoveries. Secrets from the past come full circle and her world is changed forever. In the coming chaos, can she keep her new found happiness and the man of her dreams?

### The Erotic Adventures of Rosie Peaks

Though his image is tarnished today by unrepentant anti-Semitism, Richard Wagner (1813–1883) was better known in the nineteenth century for his

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provocative musical eroticism. In this illuminating study of the composer and his works, Laurence Dreyfus shows how Wagner ' s obsession with sexuality prefigured the composition of operas such as Tannh ä user, Die Walk ü re, Tristan und Isolde, and Parsifal.

### The Erotic Life of Racism

THE SUGAR SYNDROME In The Sugar Syndrome author Roberts takes us to the seductive world of Sugaring. A place that promises that if, “ I ' m rich and you ' re hot ” , a mutually beneficial trade may be made. But things are never quite that simple, as many young Sugar Babies seek not only to enter into mutually beneficial Arrangements, some have even more extreme desires. And then there are the dangerous predators who lurk unseen. An up to the minute erotic thriller set in the age of the internet. A story of desire, obsession, madness, and forbidden passions. The story moves from the Movie Studio ' s of Hollywood to the lavish Swingers clubs of Paris, and then unfolds in modern day NYC where we find Jack Steele a broken man, a shadow of the former Academy award winning screen writer he once was. Jack develops an attraction for a 17 year old Sugar Baby named Caroline who tells him she has certain sexual fetishes she needs to act out. With the help of his Hollywood studio big shot friend Tod he starts a new screenplay that he thinks will put him back on top again. He learns the world ' s top selling story genre is now Female Kink Erotica and the audience has an insatiable appetite for more. He decides to tackle the genre for his next screen project.

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Tod informs Steele about a popular online dating site called “ Sugar Sugar ” , a site that matches very young girls with wealthy older men in “ Arrangements ” . Going on the site he discovers that the site and its members appear to a goldmine for relevant material for his new project. One of the “ Sugar Babies ” he finds online is a very young and beautiful aspiring model, Caroline. She tells him she is 18 and a virgin, whose life has been obsessively guarded by her over protective mother. Caroline harbours some very dark fantasies that she says she needs to act out. At the same time a series of murders is taking place in the 5 Boroughs of NYC, 4 girls in 4 months have been murdered in a grisly fashion. Will Caroline be number 5 ? The one common link for all the dead girls is that they have all been listed as Sugar Babies seeking an “ Arrangement ” on the Sugar Sugar site. The NYC Homicide Police have a massive manhunt underway to try decipher the mysterious clue and track down the serial killer before another Sugar Baby is found murdered. As Steele continues his interactions on the Sugar Sugar site he starts becoming more and more consumed by the Sugar Babies, and specifically Caroline and her interests in BDSM. Steele becomes drawn into Caroline ’ s dark S&M fantasies which have a dramatic and shocking ending.

### The Sugar Syndrome

Nine sizzling erotic short stories by various authors, with bits of erotic poetry sprinkled in between to spice things up even further. Explicit adult content combined with compelling storylines makes this the ideal bedside

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book for couples to enjoy together. Makes a wonderful gift for your spouse or lover. This anthology is also a charity fundraiser. For each copy sold, a portion of royalties will be donated to Multiple Sclerosis research in support of a beloved fellow writer who was recently diagnosed with MS. This book is not about vampires or werewolves, so if that

### Maestro

From Annabeth Leong's penetrating view of the sensual, the sacred, and the profane comes an anthology of erotic tales of wonder. Passion flows, mercurial, through these eleven tales of sex, death, and rebirth. Curiosity mingles with shame, anger revels in worship, exploring desire of all types. Here are dead gods, undead starlets, and immortal creatures hungry for connection-a collection of love letters to human nature, with no easy answers among them. Instead you will find intimate legends and infinite possibility. For every dark soul pining for something beyond their grasp, there is a moment of ecstasy to tantalize the heart and mind. The stories here do not represent the safe, sane, and consensual, and no awareness of risk can prepare you for the ultimate sacrifice. Come, immerse yourself in Liquid Longing.

### Making it Personal

Slip into something comfy and get in your favorite spot as you read through the Apologues of Erotica. These six erotic shorts are bound to have you squirming in your seat and may make you giggle and blush. Nothing

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is taboo, be it the mamie that you want to be your very own or even eves dropping on your neighbors after hours. This is the first erotic collection presented by North 2 South Press and includes six sexy shorts followed by a few seductive poetic forms. TABLE OF CONTENTS: Dialect on the Concept of Fairness by James Park Page 1 Mamie Mine by Janet Garber Page 20 Internet Love Sonnet by M. Earl Smith Page 25 Chastity Jade by Renee Rain Page 42 At Your Service by D.B. Warrior Page 81 Apartment F by Renee Rain Page 94 Remember by Kyle Flak Page 99 Liars and Triflers and Beers! Oh, Shit! by Aaron Goldenberg Page 100 Club Girl by Renee Rain Page 102 Face of an Angel by Renee Rain Page 103 Room 225 by Renee Rain Page 104 Contributing Authors Biographies Page 106

### Sailing for Santa Lucia

Author's Warning: This novel is intended for mature readers 18 and over because of its explicit content. It contains erotic situations, M/F BDSM, M/M sex, graphic scenes of torture and rape. If you are under 18 or are uncomfortable with any or all of these situations depicted in this book, please do not purchase. Aaron Brooks is the star of the highly successful TV show, Let There Be Blood. He attends glamorous parties, wears the finest clothes, and can have any woman he wants. Aaron Brooks has the world at his fingertips. Every night, he is tormented by the same reoccurring nightmare. Every day he tries to forget by immersing himself into his work and celebrity obligations. When he is reunited with his estranged best friend, his life

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settles into comfortable normalcy. Aaron's torture subsides. Then his cast mates start being murdered around him. The nightmares aren't over. They're just beginning.

### Horsfall

Nautilus Award Gold Medal Winner, *Ecology & Environment In Matter and Desire*, internationally renowned biologist and philosopher Andreas Weber rewrites ecology as a tender practice of forging relationships, of yearning for connections, and of expressing these desires through our bodies. Being alive is an erotic process—constantly transforming the self through contact with others, desiring ever more life. In clever and surprising ways, Weber recognizes that love—the impulse to establish connections, to intermingle, to weave our existence poetically together with that of other beings—is a foundational principle of reality. The fact that we disregard this principle lies at the core of a global crisis of meaning that plays out in the avalanche of species loss and in our belief that the world is a dead mechanism controlled through economic efficiency. Although rooted in scientific observation, *Matter and Desire* becomes a tender philosophy for the Anthropocene, a “poetic materialism,” that closes the gap between mind and matter. Ultimately, Weber discovers, in order to save life on Earth—and our own meaningful existence as human beings—we must learn to love.

### Jimmy's Erotic Adventure in Time and Space Continuum (Episode 1)

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Bergeron grounds his study on an examination of the tradition of letter writing during the Renaissance and draws a connection between homosexual desire and letter writing during that historical period.

### Wanting You

The former Sorcerers, Clerics and Warriors had left for retirement after centuries of protecting the Realm, allowing for the next generation to take up the mantle of responsibility for the safety of the Realm from the dark gods. As retirees, they vowed to leave the Towers to their own devices, never realizing the true cost of that vow. Lulled into complacency through centuries of peace, the Isle of Wisdom has gone from being the powerful Towers of protectors to an impotent band of novice magic wielders. The leaders of the Towers have inadvertently used the centuries of peace to remove all but the most basic of knowledge from the Isle of Wisdom. Now the newest leaders of the Isle of Wisdom are faced with a change in magic and whispers of threats from the Tenebrosity Realm. Undertaking a quest to the far side of the Realm they search for an old Sorcerer who had warned against the pacifism that had become rampant in the Isle of Wisdom. Will they be able to find the old man before it is too late?

### Wunder

In *Matter and Desire*, internationally renowned biologist and philosopher Andreas Weber rewrites ecology as a tender practice of forging relationships, of yearning for connections, and of expressing these desires through

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### Biology of Wonder

A new understanding of the Anthropocene that is based on mutual transformation with nature rather than control over nature. We have been told that we are living in the Anthropocene, a geological era shaped by humans rather than by nature. In *Enlivenment*, German philosopher Andreas Weber presents an alternative understanding of our relationship with nature, arguing not that humans control nature but that humans and nature exist in a commons of mutual transformation. There is no nature – human dualism, he contends, because the fundamental dimension of existence is shared in what he calls "aliveness." All subjectivity is

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intersubjectivity. Self is self-through-other. Seeing all beings in a common household of matter, desire, and imagination, an economy of metabolic and economic transformation, is “enlivenment.” This perspective allows us to move beyond Enlightenment-style thinking that strips material reality of any subjectivity. To take this step, Weber argues, we need to supplant the concept of techné with the concept of poiesis as the element that brings forth reality. In a world not divided into things and ideas, culture and nature, reality arises from the creation of relationships and continuous fertile transformations; any thinking in terms of relationships comes about as a poetics. The self is always a function of the whole; the whole is equally a function of the individual. Only this integrated freedom allows humanity to reconcile with the natural world. This first English edition of *Enlivenment* has been expanded and updated from the German edition.

### Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows

Through the desert, to see the land art, then onto the 'most secret cabin' for the silent ten-day meditation retreat. His muse moves from an external muse to a character in the story; she moves him out of his comfort zone, which suggests he may have to start life all over again, *c'est la vie*.

### Apologues of Erotica

Reese Witherspoon's Book Club Pick A lively, sexy, and thought-provoking East-meets-West story about community, friendship, and women's lives at all ages—a

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spicy and alluring mix of Together Tea and Calendar Girls. Every woman has a secret life . . . Nikki lives in cosmopolitan West London, where she tends bar at the local pub. The daughter of Indian immigrants, she ' s spent most of her twenty-odd years distancing herself from the traditional Sikh community of her childhood, preferring a more independent (that is, Western) life. When her father ' s death leaves the family financially strapped, Nikki, a law school dropout, impulsively takes a job teaching a "creative writing" course at the community center in the beating heart of London ' s close-knit Punjabi community. Because of a miscommunication, the proper Sikh widows who show up are expecting to learn basic English literacy, not the art of short-story writing. When one of the widows finds a book of sexy stories in English and shares it with the class, Nikki realizes that beneath their white dupattas, her students have a wealth of fantasies and memories. Eager to liberate these modest women, she teaches them how to express their untold stories, unleashing creativity of the most unexpected—and exciting—kind. As more women are drawn to the class, Nikki warns her students to keep their work secret from the Brotherhood, a group of highly conservative young men who have appointed themselves the community ' s "moral police." But when the widows ' gossip offers shocking insights into the death of a young wife—a modern woman like Nikki—and some of the class erotica is shared among friends, it sparks a scandal that threatens them all.

### The Slave Factory

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Jimmy the time-traveler, while trying to solve a time-riddle his late father left for him, gets accidentally flung back in time, to the year 1871, the days of the Wild West, landing squarely in the middle of a valley of death. He stumbles into a pack of gun-toting rustlers, who capture him. To Jimmy's luck though, the youngest of the rustlers, Kit Fisher, is not like the rest of his folks.

### Goodbye Caution

Thinking she finally has her chance at happiness, Sarah Price quits her less than stellar job. With her brother in better health, she doesn't need the extra money to help her parents with his medical bills. After a fleeting crush on business owner Braydon O'Donnell, she turns to him for employment. Finding herself falling for her new boss Brent, seems too good to be true. Is she in getting too deep, too fast? Brent Jacobs never thought he would fall hard for a stripper. After learning her reasons for turning to undressing for money, he can't help respecting her for her selflessness. One night he loses it all when someone he thought was in his past and wishing to hell she'd stay there shows up at his door. Can they overcome this obstacle? Or will Brent have to fight to put away his desire for Sarah?

### How He Became the Beast

Follow Rosie Peaks on her first three adventures in her erotic shifter encounters. Start in Louisiana where there's more than meets the eye and when she's rescued by a swamp shifter, her life will never be the

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same. But, who would ever believe her tale? Next, Rosie travels to Hopkinsville, Kentucky where she'll be covering their famous alien festival. Will the little green men prove to be nothing more than a folktale or will these otherworldly beings rock her world in this steamy alien shifter menage? Last, Rosie is cornered into covering the Sleepy Hollow Festival in her town of DuFour, Indiana. Once she starts digging into the history of Ichabod Crane, she finds herself wanting to free his ghostly spirit and his lost love from their pasts. But will fiddling with their past lives shatter her heart?

### King James and Letters of Homoerotic Desire

Continuing the Open-Ended Novel began with WHAAM!, followed by Exiles, Siren moves the dramatis personae through the years 1974, 1975 and 1976. The arrow of time moves forward, pop culture styles metamorphose, political transformations occur, requiring adjustments from the dramatis personae who are swept along in the slipstream. Set against the flow of time is Quantum Physics and a Zen ethos which create tensions for the dramatis personae, especially visible through all facets of the Pop Culture centered within the novel. Ultimately there is no resolution, only forward momentum, the dramatis personae unable to shape how the subsequent years, 1977, 1978 and 1979 will unfold.

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