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### The Queen's Gambit

“ If Hemingway had the passion for pool that he had for bullfighting, his hero might have been Eddie Felson ” (Time). The novel that inspired the classic film starring Paul Newman and Jackie Gleason, The Hustler tells the story of Fast Eddie Felson, a young pool player who hustles suckers in small towns, looking for stake money so he can reach his goal: a marathon match in Chicago against Minnesota Fats. An

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exploration of guts, stamina, and character, and of the difference between winners and losers, this tense, gritty tale is “ a wonderful hymn to the last true era when men of substance played pool with a vengeance ” (Time Out).

### Starting Out

A tale inspired by the life of Henry VIII's sixth wife follows her reluctant marriage to the egotistical and powerful king in spite of her love for Thomas Seymour, a situation that compels her to make careful choices in a treacherous court.

### Queen's Gambit

The national bestselling author of *The Sword*, *The Ring* and *The Chalice* returns the royal court intrigue, the castle secrets, and the crown scandals of her acclaimed trilogy. The throne was her destiny, until Princess Pheresa lost her groom, Mandria ' s heir, to the dark magic that consumed him. Now Pheresa ' s fate is uncertain, even when the great King Verence names her Princess Royal, because the title comes with one condition: She must take Lervan, a man of acceptable birth and rank, as her husband. Reluctantly, she agrees. Then, without warning, the old king dies. And Pheresa succeeds to the throne. But all is not well. Many fear that Pheresa has been weakened by the evil magic. Her enemies are strong. Her husband plots

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against her. And her only ally is the last man she would ever choose—and the one man she should never love.

### Far from Home

John Cox presents a repertoire for Black with the ever-popular Queen's Gambit Declined. He covers the sophisticated Tartakower Variation, the easy-to-learn Lasker Variation and how to play against White's other options."

### The Eight

"THE RULES OF WAR HAD BEEN CHANGED. QUEEN ELEANOR WANTED TO KNOW WHY." Eleanor, the young queen of Aemogen, is confronted with the greatest threat her country has ever faced: surrender Aemogen's sovereignty to the treacherous Imirillian Empire or endure a devastating and impossible war. Now she must decide if she will forfeit her people's liberty or fight. When Wil Traveler, the disenchanted Imirillian soldier, wanders into her country, Eleanor takes the gamble of asking him to train her ill-prepared men for war, despite suspecting he may be a spy. Battling questions of war and conquest, Eleanor fights to protect her people as Wil challenges her way of life, all the while keeping the secrets of his violent past a mystery.

### The Queen's Gambit

"Complex, turbulent, as haunting as a pedal steel solo" —Jonathan Miles, The New York Times Book Review (Editors' Choice) "One of 21 books we can't wait to read in 2020" —Thrillist | A New York Times Book Review summer reading pick | A GQ best book of 2020 | Named one of the 10 best July books by The Washington Post and The Christian Science Monitor | A Kirkus Reviews hottest summer read | A Publishers Weekly summer reads staff pick The incredible true story of America's original—and forgotten—capital of vice Back in the days before Vegas was big, when the Mob was at its peak and neon lights were but a glimmer on the horizon, a little Southern town styled itself as a premier destination for the American leisure class. Hot Springs, Arkansas was home to healing waters, Art Deco splendor, and America ' s original national park—as well as horse racing, nearly a dozen illegal casinos, countless backrooms and brothels, and some of the country ' s most bald-faced criminals. Gangsters, gamblers, and gamines: all once flocked to America ' s forgotten capital of vice, a place where small-town hustlers and bigtime high-rollers could make their fortunes, and hide from the law. The Vapors is the extraordinary story of three individuals—spanning the golden decades of Hot Springs, from the 1930s through the 1960s—and the lavish casino whose spectacular rise and fall would bring them together before blowing them apart. Hazel Hill was still a young girl when legendary mobster Owney Madden rolled into town in his convertible, fresh off a crime spree in New York. He quickly established himself as the gentleman Godfather

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of Hot Springs, cutting barroom deals and buying stakes in the clubs at which Hazel made her living—and drank away her sorrows. Owney 's protégé was Dane Harris, the son of a Cherokee bootlegger who rose through the town 's ranks to become Boss Gambler. It was his idea to build The Vapors, a pleasure palace more spectacular than any the town had ever seen, and an establishment to rival anything on the Vegas Strip or Broadway in sophistication and supercharged glamour. In this riveting work of forgotten history, native Arkansan David Hill plots the trajectory of everything from organized crime to America 's fraught racial past, examining how a town synonymous with white gangsters supported a burgeoning black middle class. He reveals how the louche underbelly of the South was also home to veterans hospitals and baseball 's spring training grounds, giving rise to everyone from Babe Ruth to President Bill Clinton. Infused with the sights and sounds of America 's entertainment heyday—jazz orchestras and auctioneers, slot machines and suited comedians—The Vapors is an arresting glimpse into a bygone era of American vice.

### Terrier

The “fascinating” #1 international bestseller of a quest across centuries by two intrepid women to reunite the pieces of a powerful, ancient chess set (Los Angeles Times Book Review). A fabulous, bejeweled chess set that belonged to Charlemagne has been buried in a Pyrenees abbey for a thousand years. As the bloody French Revolution rages in Paris, the nuns dig it up and scatter its pieces across the globe

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because, when united, the set contains a secret power that could topple civilizations. To keep the set from falling into the wrong hands, two novices, Valentine and Mireille, embark on an adventure that begins in the streets of Paris and leads to Russia, Egypt, Corsica, and into the heart of the Algerian Sahara. Two hundred years later, while on assignment in Algeria, computer expert Catherine Velis finds herself drawn unwillingly into the deadly “ Game ” still swirling around the legendary chess set—a game that will require her to risk her life and match wits with diabolical forces. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Katherine Neville including rare images from her life and travels.

### Queen's Gambit Free 1st Chapter

“ SF writing of a rare quality ” lifts this collection of stories from the renowned author of *The Hustler* and *The Man Who Fell to Earth* (Time Out). The author of the competitive pool thriller *The Hustler* and the groundbreaking sci-fi novel *The Man Who Fell to Earth*, Walter Tevis was also a master of the short story. His work was published in *Playboy*, *Redbook*, *Cosmopolitan*, and many other magazines. This anthology collects some of his best short work. Full of wit, surprise, dark humor, and deep emotion, these stories pack a punch—and are ideal for fans of his longer work or those looking for an introduction to one of America ’ s most iconic sci-fi writers. “ The poetic imprints of a fine writer ’ s trail. ” —The Times (London)

### My Name Is Tani . . . and I Believe in Miracles

Three classic titles from the Everyman Chess Starting Out Series in one volume. Starting Out: Queen's Gambit Accepted by Alexander Raetsky and Maxim Chetverik; Starting Out: Queen's Gambit Declined by Neil McDonald; Starting: Slav Semi Slav by Glenn Flear. The Queen's Gambit Accepted (QGA) is Black's simplest way of dealing with one of White's most fashionable openings, the Queen's Gambit. Black grabs the gambit pawn and thus refuses to succumb to the passive positions so typical of the Queen's Gambit Declined. This direct and uncompromising way of playing gives rise to dynamic positions where both sides have excellent chances to play for the win. It's no surprise that the QGA has attracted many high-class advocates, including Garry Kasparov and Vishy Anand. The Queen's Gambit Declined is an opening of great historical importance and Black's fundamental answer to 1 d4. From the very first move Black obtains a firm foothold in the centre, something that White finds extremely hard to undermine. Indeed, Black often bases his entire strategy around this control. The soundness of the Queen's Gambit Declined has never been in question, and its supporters at the highest level include a long list of Grandmasters headed by Kasparov, Kramnik, Karpov and Short, as well as many World Champions from the past. The very closely linked Slav and Semi-Slav Defences are two of the most popular and combative openings that Black can play against the Queen's Gambit. They have provided the battleground for thousands of exciting encounters between the world's chess elite, including Garry Kasparov, Vishy Anand, Vladimir Kramnik,

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Alexei Shirov and Alexander Morozevich. Players of all levels are attracted to the Slav and the Semi-Slav because they are solid, dependable defences that do, however, promise abundant possibilities for dynamic counterplay.

### The Steps of the Sun

The Queen's Gambit, 1.d4 d5 2.c4, is one of the most popular chess openings. Black has many possible replies leading to a huge range of positions, so White requires expert guidance. Grandmaster Lars Schandorff is the ideal guide to reveal the intricacies of these critical chess openings. Schandorff is a successful tournament player who uses the lines he is recommending in international competition. Schandorff recommends and explains a complete repertoire for White after 1.d4 d5 2.c4. The lines covered include the Queen's Gambit Declined and Accepted, the Slav and Semi-Slav, the Chigorin, Albin, and all minor lines.

### The Queen's Gambit

A new collection of short fiction from the Edgar Award-winning author of *Devil in a Blue Dress* and *Trouble is What I Do*. With his extraordinary fiction and gripping television writing, Walter Mosley has proven himself a master of narrative tension. *The Awkward Black Man* collects seventeen of Mosley's most accomplished short

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stories to showcase the full range of his remarkable talent. Touching, contemplative, and always surprising, these stories introduce an array of imperfect characters—awkward, self-defeating, elf-involved, or just plain odd. In *The Awkward Black Man*, Mosley overturns the stereotypes that corral black male characters and paints subtle, powerful portraits of unique individuals. In "The Good News Is," a man's insecurity about his weight gives way to illness and a loneliness so intense that he'd do anything for a little human comfort. "Pet Fly," previously published in the *New Yorker*, follows a man working as a mailroom clerk—a solitary job for which he is overqualified—and the unforeseen repercussions he endures when he attempts to forge a new connection. And "Almost Alyce" chronicles failed loves, family loss, alcoholism, and a Zen approach to the art of begging that proves surprisingly effective.

### A Knife in the Fog

Reeling from the brutal execution of their elder sister, Jane Grey, Lady Catherine and Lady Mary Grey struggle with insecurities and prejudice while bonding with royal portrait artist, Levina, and navigating the dangers of the court. By the author of *Queen's Gambit*.

### The Gutenberg Elegies

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BEKA COOPER IS a rookie with the Provost's Guard, and she's been assigned to the Lower City. It's a tough beat, but Beka can hear the voices of the dead on the wings of pigeons, and Beka's birds clue her in to two major murderers on the loose. The rest of the Guard is busy investigating the fire opal killer, so it's up to Beka to nab the Shadow Snake. Tamora Pierce begins a new Tortall trilogy introducing Beka Cooper, a young woman who lived 200 years before Pierce's popular Alanna character. Pierce employs first-person narration, bringing readers even closer to a character that they will love for her unusual talents and tough personality.

### The Queen's Gambit

AN INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER The untold stories behind The Office, one of the most iconic television shows of the twenty-first century, told by its creators, writers, and actors When did you last hang out with Jim, Pam, Dwight, Michael, and the rest of Dunder Mifflin? It might have been back in 2013, when the series finale aired . . . or it might have been last night, when you watched three episodes in a row. But either way, long after the show first aired, it ' s more popular than ever, and fans have only one problem—what to watch, or read, next. Fortunately, Rolling Stone writer Andy Greene has that answer. In his brand-new oral history, The Office: The Untold Story of the Greatest Sitcom of the 2000s, Greene will take readers behind the scenes of their favorite moments and characters. Greene gives us the true inside story behind the entire show, from its origins on the BBC through its

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impressive nine-season run in America, with in-depth research and exclusive interviews. Fans will get the inside scoop on key episodes from "The Dundies" to "Threat Level Midnight" and "Goodbye, Michael," including behind-the-scenes details like the battle to keep it on the air when NBC wanted to pull the plug after just six episodes and the failed attempt to bring in James Gandolfini as the new boss after Steve Carell left, spotlighting the incredible, genre-redefining show created by the family-like team, who together took a quirky British import with dicey prospects and turned it into a primetime giant with true historical and cultural significance. Hilarious, heartwarming, and revelatory, *The Office* gives fans and pop culture buffs a front-row seat to the phenomenal sequence of events that launched *The Office* into wild popularity, changing the face of television and how we all see our office lives for decades to come.

### Sisters of Treason

Presents the life and accomplishments of the American chess champion, tracing his struggles with fame and mental illness and offering insight into the sources of his rebellion against his faith and other contradictory aspects about his character.

### Holden's Resurrection

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Grandmaster Damian Lemos presents a repertoire for White in the Queen ' s Gambit, one of the most famous chess openings. The Queen ' s Gambit enjoys a long and illustrious past. It has been played by virtually all the strongest grandmasters in the history of chess, and today it remains a popular choice for players of all levels. White ' s opening moves in the Queen ' s Gambit are built on sound strategic principles, and it can lead to positions rich in both tactical and positional play. It ' s a perfect opening to use in order to develop your chess understanding. It ' s a perfect opening to use in order to develop your chess understanding. There are many defences that Black can employ against the Queen ' s Gambit and it ' s easy to become confused by the countless options for both White and Black. Lemos tackles this problem by providing a concise, easy-to-learn and practical repertoire that is suitable for players of all levels. Using illustrative games, Lemos examines the typical tactics and strategies for both sides, and highlights the key move order issues. This book tells you everything you need to know about playing the Queen ' s Gambit. \* A complete repertoire with 1 d4 d5 2 c4 \* Over 50 games with grandmaster analysis \* Written by a Queen ' s Gambit expert

### Endgame

The Queen ' s Gambit Accepted By: N. M. Ratliff For twelve-year-old Sam, life always seemed incomplete. Everyday thorns such as bullying, neglect, and loneliness were always there to prick his sides—until he meets the inexplicably captivating Elise, an

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alluring girl his age, who seems to illuminate the foggy path of his early teen days. The two develop a friendship which spirals them into a twisted daydream when, suddenly, everything changes. Elise comes with a demonic price, and it's not a question of if Sam is willing to pay it—it's whether he can.

### The Queen's Gambit Accepted

A brilliant and moving novel about celebrity, sexual power, and a daughter's search to understand her mother's hidden truths. Katherine O'Dell is an Irish theater legend. As her daughter, Norah, retraces her mother's celebrated career and bohemian life, she delves into long-kept secrets, both her mother's and her own. Katherine began her career on Ireland's bus-and-truck circuit before making it to London's West End, Broadway, and finally Hollywood. Every moment of her life is a performance, with young Norah standing in the wings. But the mother-daughter romance cannot survive Katherine's past or the world's damage. With age, alcohol, and dimming stardom, Katherine's grip on reality grows fitful. Fueled by a proud and long-simmering rage, she commits a bizarre crime. As Norah's role gradually changes to Katherine's protector, caregiver, and finally legacy-keeper, she revisits her mother's life of fiercely kept secrets; and Norah reveals in turn the secrets of her own sexual and emotional coming-of-age story. Her narrative is shaped by three braided searches—for her father's identity; for her mother's motive in donning a Chanel suit one morning and shooting a TV producer in the foot; and her own search

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for a husband, family, and work she loves. Bringing to life two generations of women with difficult sexual histories, both assaulted and silenced, both finding—or failing to find—their powers of recovery, Actress touches a raw and timely nerve. With virtuosic storytelling and in prose at turns lyrical and knife-sharp, Enright takes readers to the heart of the maddening yet tender love that binds a mother and daughter.

### Declining the Queen's Gambit

"[A] THOUGHTFUL AND HEARTFELT BOOKA literary cri de coeur--a lament for literature and everything implicit in it." --The Washington Post In our zeal to embrace the wonders of the electronic age, are we sacrificing our literary culture? Renowned critic Sven Birkerts believes the answer is an alarming yes. In *The Gutenberg Elegies*, he explores the impact of technology on the experience of reading. Drawing on his own passionate, lifelong love of books, Birkerts examines how literature intimately shapes and nourishes the inner life. What does it mean to "hear" a book on audiotape, decipher its words on a screen, or interact with it on CD-ROM? Are books as we know them dead? At once a celebration of the complex pleasures of reading and a boldly original challenge to the new information technologies, *The Gutenberg Elegies* is an essential volume for anyone who cares about the past and future of books. "[A] wise and humane book.He is telling us, in short, nothing less than what reading means and why it matters." --The Boston Sunday Globe "Warmly elegiacA

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candid and engaging autobiographical account sketches his own almost obsessive trajectory through avid childhood reading. This profoundly reflexive process is skillfully described." --The New York Times Book Review

"ProvocativeCompellingPowerfully conveys why reading matters, why it is both a delight and a necessity." --The Harvard Review

### Playing the Queen's Gambit

A true story of sacrificing everything for family, living with nothing but hope, then sharing generously all they received to discover the greatest riches of all. Tani Adewumi didn't know what Boko Haram was or why they had threatened his family. All he knew was that when his parents told the family was going to America, Tani thought it was the start of a great adventure rather than an escape. In truth, his family's journey to the United States was nothing short of miraculous—and the miracles were just beginning. Tani's father, Kayode, became a dishwasher and Uber driver while Tani's mother, Oluwatoyin, cleaned buildings, while the family lived in a homeless shelter. Eight-year-old Tani jumped into his new life with courage and perseverance—and an unusual mind for chess. After joining the chess club in his public school, Tani practiced his game for hours in the evenings at the shelter. And less than a year after he learned to play, Tani won the New York State chess championship. A young boy with an aptitude for chess? Absolutely. But if you ask Tani Adewumi, he will tell you he believes in miracles and one happened to him and

his family. This story will inspire, delight, and challenge you to believe, too.

### The Queen's Gambit

The “ beautiful ” novel that inspired the film starring David Bowie, from a Nebula Award finalist (The New York Times). The Man Who Fell to Earth tells the story of Thomas Jerome Newton, an alien disguised as a human who comes to Earth on a mission to save his people. Devastated by nuclear war, his home planet, Anthea, is no longer habitable. Newton lands in Kentucky and starts patenting Anthean technology—amassing the fortune he needs to build a spaceship that will bring the last three hundred Anthean survivors to Earth. But instead of the help he seeks, he finds only self-destruction, sinking into alcoholism and abandoning his spaceship, in this poignant story about the human condition by the acclaimed author of *Mockingbird*.

“ Beautiful science fiction . . . The story of an extraterrestrial visitor from another planet is designed mainly to say something about life on this one. ” —The New York Times “ An utterly realistic novel about an alien human on Earth . . . Realistic enough to become a metaphor for something inside us all, some existential loneliness. ” —Norman Spinrad, author of *The Iron Dream* “ Those who know *The Man Who Fell to Earth* only from the film version are missing something. This is one of the finest science fiction novels of its period. ” —J. R. Dunn, author of *This Side of Judgment*

## Gentlemen and Players

In this book Grandmaster Sadler explains the ideas behind the Queen's Gambit Declined, one of Black's most dependable replies to the queen's pawn. He discusses all of the major variations in popular practice, explaining the key plans and ideas and highlighting important recent developments. Written by Grandmaster Matthew Sadler, one of the world's top young players, this book offers a full explanation of both the latest theory and important thematic ideas and covers the ever-popular Queen's Gambit Declined. (6 1/4 x 9 1/4, 176, pages, b&w illustrations)

## Queen's Gambit

Physician Arthur Conan Doyle takes a break from his practice to assist London police in tracking down Jack the Ripper in this debut novel and series starter. September 1888. A twenty-nine-year-old Arthur Conan Doyle practices medicine by day and writes at night. His first Sherlock Holmes story, *A Study in Scarlet*, although gaining critical and popular success, has only netted him twenty-five pounds. Embittered by the experience, he vows never to write another "crime story." Then a messenger arrives with a mysterious summons from former Prime Minister William Gladstone, asking him to come to London immediately. Once there, he is offered one month's employment to assist the Metropolitan Police as a "consultant" in their hunt for the

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serial killer soon to be known as Jack the Ripper. Doyle agrees on the stipulation his old professor of surgery, Professor Joseph Bell--Doyle's inspiration for Sherlock Holmes--agrees to work with him. Bell agrees, and soon the two are joined by Miss Margaret Harkness, an author residing in the East End who knows how to use a Derringer and serves as their guide and companion. Pursuing leads through the dank alleys and courtyards of Whitechapel, they come upon the body of a savagely murdered fifth victim. Soon it becomes clear that the hunters have become the hunted when a knife-wielding figure approaches.

### The Color of Money

When the Quint Confederacy and the Kos Empire went to war—again—Queen Samara wisely kept her Rogue Coalition out of the conflict. But staying neutral in a galactic war doesn't pay the bills, not when both sides refuse to trade with neutral sectors.. With her people on the brink of starvation, Samara hatches a daring plan to snatch the kidnapped Kos Emperor from the Quint mercenaries holding him. The Kos Empire will pay a fortune for their emperor's return, enough to feed the Coalition's citizens while they wait for the return to a begrudging peace. But when her plan goes sideways, Samara finds herself evading Quint mercenaries with the very man she intends to capture. And the more time she spends with Valentin Kos, the more she realizes that he's not the coldly indifferent villain she imagined. Torn between duty and desire, Samara must decide if saving her people is worth giving up the one thing

she ' s always wanted.

### The Awkward Black Man

The future is a grim place in which the declining human population wanders drugged and lulled by electronic bliss. It's a world without art, reading and children, a world that people would rather burn themselves alive than endure. Even Spofforth, the most perfect machine ever created, cannot bear it and seeks only that which he cannot have - to cease to be. But there is hope for the future in the passion and joy that a man and woman discover in love and in books, hope even for Spofforth. A haunting novel, reverberating with anguish but also celebrating love and the magic of a dream.

### Play the Queen's Gambit

For generations, privileged young men have attended St. Oswald's Grammar School for Boys, groomed for success by the likes of Roy Straitley, the eccentric Classics teacher who has been a fixture there for more than thirty years. This year, however, the wind of unwelcome change is blowing, and Straitley is finally, reluctantly, contemplating retirement. As the new term gets under way, a number of incidents befall students and faculty alike, beginning as small annoyances but soon escalating in both number and consequence. St. Oswald's is unraveling, and only Straitley stands in

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the way of its ruin. But he faces a formidable opponent with a bitter grudge and a master strategy that has been meticulously planned to the final, deadly move.

### Mockingbird

Engineering a living chess game consisting of members of the royal court for Ludovico Sforza, the Duke of Milan, Leonardo da Vinci's triumph is marred by the murder of one of the chess "pieces," and he is caught up in court intrigue when he investigates t

### Midnight's Daughter

Orphan Beth Harmon overcomes her fears and shyness by learning to play chess and, over the years, improves her game to become a national champion and to play the world grandmasters. Reprint. 12,500 first printing.

### The Hustler

New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Karen chance has written a paranormal—with bite. Dorina Basarab is a dhampir—half-human, half-vampire. Unlike most dhampirs, though, Dory has managed to maintain her sanity. Now Dory ' s

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vampire father has come to her for help— again. Her Uncle Dracula (yes, the Dracula), cruelest among vampires, has escaped his prison. And her father wants Dory to work with gorgeous master vampire Louis-Cesare to put him back there. Although Dory prefers to work alone, Dracula is the only thing that truly scares her—and when she has to face him, she ' ll take all the help she can get...

### Play the Queen's Gambit

#### A Complete Guide to Queen's Gambit Play

Former Navy SEAL Holden Stanford gave up the only woman he ever loved so she could have the family she wanted. And she ' d found it—with one of his teammates. A betrayal that cut so deep that, years later, it still bled. But his sacrifice was all for naught—the one thing he never wanted for her happened—she lost her husband on the battlefield. Now she's back. In his life, in his space, and opening old wounds. The mere sight of her destroyed him, but seeing her daughter—excruciating. The little girl was a living reminder of everything they lost. The one thing he could never get over. Charleigh Towler understood how one decision could change the trajectory of life. One night, too much alcohol and overwhelming hurt led her to make a bad decision. One she couldn ' t regret because out of that she made her daughter. But it had

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forever altered her path. For years she 'd paid for her perceived mistake until the man she 'd never stopped loving was almost killed and she reevaluated her life. She was done allowing Holden Stanford to hide. Never one to dally, she packed up her life and moved to Maryland to do something she should 've done years ago—fight for the man she loved. Close to getting everything they should 've always had, Charleigh 's life is thrown off its path again—only this time it 's her daughter 's life that hangs in the balance. "Riley Edwards is the queen of suspense! She knows just how to grab a reader and not let go! I recommend every single one of her books!" ~Susan Stoker, NYT Bestselling Author What are readers saying about Gemini Group: "I absolutely love the guys in the Gemini group." Goodreads Review "I can't wait to read the next book in this series." Goodreads Review "And the guys of Gemini Group..love them. The brotherhood and how they included Kennedy is one of their own. They are amazing and can 't wait to read their books. Next is Weston and Silver and by the little taste we got I know it 's going to be awesome. " Island Girl Romance Reads. "Love this author. She 's on my auto-buy list because I know as soon as I start reading the first few sentences that I am going to get sucked right in." Goodreads Review Topics: romantic suspense, contemporary romance, military romance, romantic suspense series, mystery, funny romance, modern romance, small town romance, Navy SEAL romance, smart romance, suspense romance, lighthearted romance, hot romance, riley edwards, riley edwards romance, rebels romance, sexy, heartwarming, heart-warming, family, love, love books, kissing books, emotional journey, contemporary, contemporary romance, romance series, long series, long

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romance series, Navy, navy series, former military, cop, police officer, policeman, cop romance, wealthy hero, sassy, strong heroine, captivating romance, hot, hot romance, Mercenary romance, action and adventure, action romance, veteran, former soldier, soldier, romantic, Navy SEAL, military romance, Emotional, HEA, happily ever after romance Other readers enjoyed books by: Susan Stoker, Caitlyn O'Leary, Maryann Jordan, Dale Mayer, Lynn Raye Harris, Cat Johnson, Alexis Abbott, Meli Raine, Nicole Elliot, Lori Ryan, Meghan March, Kristin Ashley, Kris Michaels, Brittney Sahin, Sharon Hamilton, Cora Selton

### Queen's Gambit Declined

The basis for the hit Netflix series! “ What Walter Tevis did for pool in *The Hustler*, he does for chess in *The Queen ’ s Gambit* ” (Playboy). When eight-year-old Beth Harmon ’ s parents are killed in an automobile accident, she ’ s placed in an orphanage in Mount Sterling, Kentucky. Plain and shy, Beth learns to play chess from the janitor in the basement and discovers she is a prodigy. Though penniless, she is desperate to learn more—and steals a chess magazine and enough money to enter a tournament. Beth also steals some of her foster mother ’ s tranquilizers to which she is becoming addicted. At thirteen, Beth wins the chess tournament. By the age of sixteen she is competing in the US Open Championship and, like Fast Eddie in *The Hustler*, she hates to lose. By eighteen she is the US champion—and Russia awaits . . . Fast-paced and elegantly written, *The Queen ’ s Gambit* is a thriller masquerading as a chess

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novel—one that 's sure to keep you on the edge of your seat. “ The Queen ' s Gambit is sheer entertainment. It is a book I reread every few years—for the pure pleasure and skill of it. ” —Michael Ondaatje, Man Booker Prize – winning author of The English Patient

### The Man Who Fell to Earth

This book is a further addition to Everyman's best-selling Starting Out series, which has been acclaimed for its original approach to tackling chess openings. Neil McDonald goes back to the basics of the Queen's Gambit Declined, introducing the key moves and ideas, and taking care to explain the reasoning behind them ? something that is often neglected or taken for granted in other texts.

### The Fire

Free eBook only exclusive first chapter. For fans of Hilary Mantel, Philippa Gregory and Alison Weir, Elizabeth Fremantle's first novel, Queen's Gambit, is a riveting account of Katherine Parr, the Tudor queen who married four men and outlived three of them - including Henry VIII. Widowed for the second time aged thirty-one, Katherine is obliged to return to court but, suspicious of the aging Henry and those who surround him, she does so with reluctance. Nevertheless when she finds herself

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caught up in a passionate affair with the dashing and seductive Thomas Seymour, she believes she might finally be able to marry for love. But her presence at court has attracted the attentions of another Captivated by her honesty and intelligence, Henry Tudor has his own plans for Katherine and no one is in the position to refuse a proposal from the king. With her charismatic lover dispatched to the continent, Katherine becomes Henry's sixth wife. Passionate about religious reform, and ever aware of the fates of his previous queens, she must draw upon all her instincts and intellect to navigate the treachery of the court. With the Catholic faction once more in the ascendancy, reformers burned for heresy and those around the dying king vying for position in the new regime, her survival seems unlikely - and yet she has still not quite given up on love Rich in atmosphere and period detail, and told through the eyes of Katherine and her young maid Dot, Queen's Gambit is the story of two very different women during a terrifying and turbulent time. If you loved Wolf Hall, The Other Boleyn Girl or the BBC drama series The Tudors, then Elizabeth Fremantle's Queen's Gambit is the book for you. Elizabeth Fremantle holds a first in English and an MA in creative Writing from Birkbeck. As a Fashion Editor she has contributed to various publications including Vogue, Elle, Vanity Fair and the Erotic Review and has had her fiction published in the Mechanic's Institute Review. Queen's Gambit is her first novel.

### Opening Repertoire: The Queen's Gambit

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Everyone knows that the queen is the most dominant piece in chess, but few people know that the game existed for five hundred years without her. It wasn't until chess became a popular pastime for European royals during the Middle Ages that the queen was born and was gradually empowered to become the king's fierce warrior and protector. *Birth of the Chess Queen* examines the five centuries between the chess queen's timid emergence in the early days of the Holy Roman Empire to her elevation during the reign of Isabel of Castile. Marilyn Yalom, inspired by a handful of surviving medieval chess queens, traces their origin and spread from Spain, Italy, and Germany to France, England, Scandinavia, and Russia. In a lively and engaging historical investigation, Yalom draws parallels between the rise of the chess queen and the ascent of female sovereigns in Europe, presenting a layered, fascinating history of medieval courts and internal struggles for power.

### The Queen's Gambit

Katherine Neville 's groundbreaking novel, *The Eight*, dazzled audiences more than twenty years ago and set the literary stage for the epic thriller. A quest for a mystical chess service that once belonged to Charlemagne, it spans two centuries and three continents, and intertwines historic and modern plots, archaeological treasure hunts, esoteric riddles, and puzzles encrypted with clues from the ancient past. Now the electrifying global adventure continues, in Neville 's long anticipated sequel: *THE FIRE* 2003, Colorado: Alexandra Solarin is summoned home to her

family ' s ancestral Rocky Mountain hideaway for her mother ' s birthday. Thirty years ago, her parents, Cat Velis and Alexander Solarin, believed that they had scattered the pieces of the Montglane Service around the world, burying with them the secrets of the power that comes with possessing it. But Alexandra arrives to find that her mother is missing and that a series of strategically placed clues, followed swiftly by the unexpected arrival of a mysterious assortment of houseguests, indicates that something sinister is afoot. When she inadvertently discovers from her aunt, the chess grandmaster Lily Rad, that the most powerful piece of Charlemagne ' s service has suddenly resurfaced and the Game has begun again, Alexandra is swept into a journey that takes her from Colorado to the Russian wilderness and at last into the heart of her own hometown: Washington D.C. 1822, Albania: Thirty years after the French Revolution, when the chess service was unearthed, all of Europe hovers on the brink of the War of Greek Independence. Ali Pasha, the most powerful ruler in the Ottoman Empire, has angered the sultan and is about to be attacked by Turkish forces. Now he sends the only person he can rely upon – his young daughter, Haidee – on a dangerous mission to smuggle a valuable relic out of Albania, through the mountains and over the sea, to the hands of the one man who might be able to save it. Haidee ' s journey from Albania to Morocco to Rome to Greece, and into the very heart of the Game, will result in revelations about the powerful chess set and its history that will lead at last to the spot where the service was first created more than one thousand years before: Baghdad. Blending exquisite prose and captivating history with nonstop suspense, Neville again weaves an unforgettable story of peril, action,

and intrigue. From the Hardcover edition.

### Birth of the Chess Queen

A billionaire heads to the stars in this “delightful” sci-fi novel from the author of *The Man Who Fell to Earth* and *The Hustler* (Newsweek). In a world where America’s power is rapidly being overshadowed by China’s, only one man has the wealth, resources, and courage to seek the mineral resources his country needs to reclaim its greatness. Ben Belson, the richest man in the world, lacks for nothing his wealth can buy—but he is haunted by the memory of a barren and loveless childhood. When he travels to the stars in search of the mineral wealth America needs, he finds more than he bargains for—and gets more than he ever believed was possible. A classic science fiction novel by the author of *The Man Who Fell to Earth* and *The Hustler*, *The Steps of the Sun* is deftly written, richly characterized, and full of surprises.

“Engaging and effortlessly readable.” —Publishers Weekly “Warmly involving ‘soft’ sf.” —Kirkus Reviews

### Actress: A Novel

In *Play the Queen's Gambit* Chris Ward presents the reader with a concise and workable opening repertoire, offering a solution against each of Black's possible

defences.

### The Office

### The Vapors

The Color of Money was adapted for the screen by Martin Scorsese and starred Paul Newman and Tom Cruise It has been twenty years since the epic match-up between Eddie Felson and Minnesota Fats. Having gone from bona fide stardom to playing in exhibition matches for cable television, Eddie decides that he'd like to give the game one more shot. With a failed marriage behind him and a new generation of competitors in his way, Eddie must face his demons and find the will to succeed once more.

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