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Six Degrees of Separation Taylor V. Donovan 2020-04-20 In the sequel to Six Degrees of Lust, F.B.I. team leader Samuel Shaughnessy and bar manager Machlan O'Bannon are exploring a new phase in their non-relationship. The intention is to take it slowly but power plays are still their favorite activity, and it isn't long before lines begin blurring. After ending their friends with benefits agreement no rules are left in place to guide them, and soon enough the only thing that's clear is that neither man is fighting hard enough to reestablish the boundaries. Their particular situations haven't improved in the three months since their first encounter. Sam is still focused on his immediate family issues, and everything indicates Mac will have to go to war with his own family before he can reclaim his freedom. The last thing they need is additional complications. But when the opening of a night club brings Mac to New York City and a break in the Leviticus investigation leads Sam to Houston, they discover how closely their worlds have been connected from the very beginning. Hiding from the life-altering collision is not an option. Will they take the easier road and go their separate ways, or will they come to terms with their past and take a chance on each other? By Degrees is an ensemble serial with continuing story lines. Six Degrees of Separation is the second installment, and it must be read after Six Degrees of Lust.

Building Lean Supply Chains with the Theory of Constraints Mandyam Srinivasan 2011-11-29 Innovative strategies for building and managing the supply chain using Lean and the Theory of Constraints (TOC) With an emphasis on systems thinking, Building Lean Supply Chains with the Theory of Constraints uniquely integrates TOC with Lean, illustrating how these two philosophies complement and reinforce each other to create the smooth flow of goods and services through the supply chain. The majority of the chapters draw on the tools and techniques of TOC, including throughput accounting, drum-buffer-rope, TOC in distribution and replenishment, the thinking process, and critical chain project management. All of these topics are presented in the context of building and managing a lean supply chain to achieve true bottom line results. Coverage includes: The lean supply chain roadmap Envisioning the lean supply chain: systems thinking Adopting a throughput world perspective Designing products and processes to fulfill customer needs Building a competitive operations strategy Partnering in the lean supply chain Streamlining the value stream Creating flow through the supply chain Managing projects the TOC way: critical chain project management

Strength of the Pack Kendall McKenna 2013-01-01 Lieutenant Lucas Young doesn't know much about shifters. When Sergeant Noah Hammond is assigned to Lucas' platoon, the Marine Corps' True Alpha werewolf challenges the Lieutenant's authority and his self-control. As Lucas learns to dominate and command Noah, he struggles against a strong attraction and deepening emotional bond. During their combat deployment to Afghanistan, Lucas and Noah begin mirroring legendary partnerships. Their bond and their power grow as they survive dangerous combat and ambushes. When one of them is wounded in battle, they both must embrace the strength of their bond before they lose each other forever.

Tracefinder Kaje Harper 2016-06-15 Tracefinder Book One What could an undercover cop and a drug lord's pet psychic have in common? Brian Kerr has spent years hiding behind a facade of mental slowness. His brother and sister got all three of them off the streets and into a cushy life, under the protection of a dangerous criminal. But to keep that safety, Brian has to use his Finding talent to track down the boss's enemies. Although he pretends not to know what he's really doing, each Find takes its toll, and he's trapped in a life he hates, losing touch with his true self. Nick Rugo's job is to protect and serve the people of Minneapolis as an undercover cop. He isn't closeted, but he isn't out at work, and there's a wild, angry side to him that he's managed to keep hidden until now. When he's assigned to bring Brian's boss to justice, he intends to use anything and anyone it takes to do that. Nick initially sees Brian as a pawn to be played in his case, but he keeps getting glimpses of a different man behind the slow, simpleminded mask. As the two men get to know each other, it becomes clear they share secrets, some of which might get them both killed.

Hard Fall James Buchanan 2009-02 He's a Utah Sheriff's Deputy. He's Mormon. He heads up the local Search and Rescue he's gay. So far Joe's managed to keep that one part hidden down deep. Then Kabe, and ex-con and adrenaline

junkie climber, lands in town on parole. When a German tourist falls off the mountain, Joe finds he needs Kabe's help with the case. Accident or murder? As Joe weaves the evidence together the strands of his life fray to breaking. Will Kabe be the guy who tears Joe apart? Or is it that Joe needs to fall hard before he can start living?

Strength of the Wolf Kendall McKenna 2012-09-30 Major Tim Madison has his hands full. A young Alpha werewolf has stormed into his personal life, while Tim struggles to keep military werewolves from safe on the front lines. After a fiery exit from Afghanistan, Tim Madison is promoted to major. Jeremy Wagner is a civilian, just beginning his Transition to True Alpha. As a lone wolf, he has no one to teach him the vital principles of strong leadership. After a volatile chance encounter, Tim and Jeremy form an intimate bond. As Jeremy prepares to someday lead his own pack, Tim struggles with military werewolves being needlessly maimed in combat, as well as specifically targeted by hostile forces. Despite Tim and Jeremy's feelings, werewolf and human politics or family conflict could prevent their mate-bond.

Necessary But Not Sufficient Eliyahu M. Goldratt 2017-10-03 After reading the newspapers and following the sharp oscillations of the stock market, it becomes apparent that hi-tech companies are of a different breed. Never before have the chances of making a fortune been so realistic and never before have large companies been so fragile. What is really going on inside these hi-tech companies? What types of pressures and challenges are they facing? And how do they cope? Computer software providers, especially the ones that specialise in handling the data needs of organizations, are prime examples of these volatile companies. In the nineties we witnessed their growth from small businesses into multi-billion dollar giants. No wonder investors were attracted. In 1998 it was easy for such companies to raise as much money as they wanted. But now, investment funds have dried up. Why? And more importantly, is there a way to reverse the trend? This book gives the answers.

Focus on Me Megan Erickson 2015-07-21 A sexy new romance from the author of Trust the Focus. Colin Hartman can now add college to his list of failures. On the coast-to-coast trek home from California, Colin stops at a gas station in the Nevada desert, and can't help noticing the guy in tight jeans looking like he just stepped off a catwalk. When he realizes Catwalk is stranded, Colin offers a ride. Riley only intended to take a short ride in Colin's Jeep to the Grand Canyon. But one detour leads to another until they finally find themselves tumbling into bed together. However there are shadows in Riley's eyes that hide a troubled past. And when those shadows threaten to bury the man whom Colin has fallen in love with, he vows to get Riley the help he needs. For once in his life, quitting isn't an option...

Love Is a Stranger John Wiltshire 2014-05 Loving a total stranger can be very hard work sometimes. How do you love someone who exists entirely in the shadows? How do you love a man who describes himself as dead? How do you get that ghost to love you back? Ex-SAS soldier Ben Rider falls in love with his enigmatic married boss Sir Nikolas Mikkelsen, but Nikolas is living a lie. A lie so profound that when the shadows are lifted, Ben realises he's in love with a very dangerous stranger. Ben has to choose between Nikolas and safety, but sometimes danger comes in a very seductive package.

Mr Warren's Profession Sebastian Nothwell 2021-02-20 Lindsey Althorp, the only son of a wealthy baronet, has never worked a day in his life. Aubrey Warren was born in a workhouse and hasn't stopped working since. When Lindsey wins a textile mill in a game of cards, he falls at first sight for the assistant clerk, Aubrey. Lindsey is certain that Aubrey is the Achilles to his Patroclus, the David to his Jonathan. Yet Aubrey, unaccustomed to affection, refuses to be a kept man-though he isn't immune to Lindsey's considerable charm. Buoyed by Lindsey's optimism and fuelled by Aubrey's industry, the two men strive to overcome the class gulf between them. But a horrific accident reveals a betrayal that threatens to tear them apart forever.

Way Down Deep Cara McKenna 2017-06 An erotic romance...told entirely through text messages. The words he typed were never meant to be read, yet they found their way to her. Two wounded strangers, prisoners of their own lives, brought together by a wayward text. Without ever hearing each other's voices, a friendship blooms between them. Without ever seeing each other's faces, an attraction grows. Without ever touching, the two become lovers. But when words suddenly aren't enough, will this bond be able to tear down the walls that keep them apart...or was it only ever fantasy?

City Boy A. E. Wasp 2019-10 Book #1 of the Hot Off the Ice hockey gay romance series. When a blown tire leads directly to mind-blowing sex with a white knight named Dakota, pro-hockey player Bryce Lowery discovers he is most definitely gay.

The Grace Walk Experience Steve McVey 2008-03-01 For years, Steve McVey's Grace Walk (more than 200,000 copies sold) has inspired Christians to leave behind a performance and fear-based faith to embrace a faith lived in abundance and grace. Now The Grace Walk Experience workbook helps readers move that message of hope from their heads to their hearts as they explore eight truths that have changed lives worldwide daily, interactive studies that reveal grace as much more than a doctrine ways to quit "doing" for God so that He can live through them illustrations of the wonder and miracle of faith as God intended God's Word, salvation, and evangelism with new perspective This excellent tool for church classes, small group discussion, and individual study will lead believers to understand their identity in Christ, let go of legalism, and make room for the overflowing love, mercy, and purpose of life lived wholly in God's grace.

Showing Him the Ropes Christa Tomlinson 2016-08-17 Chance "The Chancellor" Gerhardt is a mainstay for Frontier Professional Wrestling. He's won multiple championships and has the respect of the locker room. But after ten years at the

top, Chance is looking for a new challenge. The one he gets, mentoring FPW's young rookie, is both unexpected and unwanted. Devin Jacobs is a hot new talent signed by Frontier Professional Wrestling. He's always been a fan of The Chancellor, and not just because of the older man's skill in the ring. He has it bad for the steely eyed veteran wrestler. Unfortunately for Devin, The Chancellor isn't looking to get involved with anyone. Or is he? During long nights traveling and working together, Devin catches more than one secretly admiring glance from The Chancellor... Devin is determined to earn victories and championships in the ring. But he'd also love the opportunity to win Chance's heart. Can the two of them navigate their way through the hyper masculinity and backstage politics of professional wrestling to the most important victory of all? Or will their shot at love be defeated 1-2-3? Christa Tomlinson is a lifelong fan of professional wrestling. When she's not writing, Christa can be found watching her favorite classic matches or traveling to live wrestling events. Second Time Lucky Ethan Day 2017-06 Second chances aren't easy to come by but for Luke Landon and Owen West, sometimes the best things really do come back to you. Luke Landon and Owen West already had a once upon a time. They burned hot back in college yet still managed to lose their way. It's been fifteen years since they drifted apart and while a lot has since changed, they've discovered that some things still feel the same. While one calls it fate, the other dumb luck, second chances aren't easy to come by. Putting the ignorance of youth and life's baggage aside, they just might find that sometimes the best things really do come back to you.

A Matter of Trust A.C. Katt 2020-08-08 The bittersweet tale of Bear and his Boy -- a BDSM Dom and his fledgling Sub -- who live "the life" in west central New Jersey, just north of Trenton. Donald K. Drummond is the Master of all he surveys -- a legend in commercial real estate in New Jersey by day and by night a Master Dom at the gay BDSM club, Indiscreet. What he couldn't find was a boy to call his own. That all changed when a nerd with taped glasses and worn Dockers barged into his office spilling his bottle of 1985 Bourdeau over his priceless Persian carpet. Brian Murphy came with a host of troubles, the least of which was his grasping aunt, his invalid mother, and his rather tenuous position in Donald's mail room. Can a Dom with issues of his own come to train and trust a needy boy from his own mailroom? It's all A Matter of Trust.

Shane & Trey Anyta Sunday 2014-05-28 Shane is a little bit screwed, he's just started college and stuck rooming with that bastard Trey. His sister's boyfriend. His sister's damn fine boyfriend. Uh-oh. This so wasn't going to happen. But try as he might, there's just a little too much to ignore between the two of them...

Tracefinder Kaje Harper 2016-09-29 What do an undercover cop and a drug lord's pet psychic have in common? Brian Kerr uses his Finding talent to hunt enemies for a dangerous criminal. Nick Rugo's job is to stop the drug dealer, and he sees Brian as a pawn to be played. But shared secrets may put them on the same side, if they live long enough.

Disasterology 101 Taylor V. Donovan 2017-10-04 Kevin Morrison had it all. A house he worked hard for, a loving wife, and three beautiful children. But it wasn't until his marriage ended that he realized what the void he'd felt almost all his life meant. Coming out as a gay man at thirty-six is not an easy feat, but he is determined to be true to his heart. Meeting a man who shares his values, and is good with his children would be a bonus, but when the guy arrives in a uniquely wrapped package, and has very specific handling instructions, Kevin needs to decide if he's up for that kind of love. Obsessed with order and symmetry, and a paralyzing fear of germs, Cedric Haughton-Disley has lived with isolation and loneliness as long as he can remember. Desperate to be normal, he makes some much-needed changes in his life. If he can commit to his treatment, he might very well be able to procure some quality of life... even if that's all he can get, as finding love and having a relationship are only possible in Cedric's wildest dreams. But when a chance encounter leaves Cedric wishing for more, he decides to take a leap of faith, and pursue the guy he wants. Together the two men make an unlikely match. Cedric needs organization, and Kevin represents chaos. In order to stay together they both need to compromise, but will they be able to deal with Cedric's issues and the potential disaster, or let it break them apart?

The High King's Golden Tongue Megan Derr 2015 Prince Allen has trained his entire life to follow in the footsteps of his illustrious mother, who has made their kingdom one of the wealthiest and most influential in the empire. For the past few years he has trained to become the new consort of the High King. The only thing no one prepared him for was the stubborn, arrogant High King himself, who declares Allen useless and throws him out of court. High King Sarrica is ruling an empire at war, and that war will grow exponentially worse if his carefully laid plans do not come to fruition. He's overwhelmed and needs help, as much as he hates to admit it, but it must be someone like his late consort: a soldier, someone who understands war, who is not unfamiliar with or afraid of the harsher elements of rule. What he doesn't need is the delicate, pretty little politician foisted on him right as everything goes wrong.

Cops, Cakes, and Coffee Sara York 2019-05-29 Drake Knowles hides the truth from his macho cop buddies. He doesn't plan on stepping one foot outside of the closet, but then he meets Adam Hughes. Everything he believed about himself is challenged. Adam makes him feel amazing, and it's not just the sex. Adam has been out for ages and doesn't want to hide who he is, but dating Drake is different from any relationship he has ever been involved in before. When danger threatens their peace, exposing Drake to the community and to all of his friends, he has to make a choice. Drake doesn't want to be out, but he wants Adam more than he wants to stay safe.

100 (monologues) Eric Bogosian 2014-05-05 This new collection by one of America's premier performers and most innovative and provocative artists includes 100 monologues from his acclaimed plays and solo shows including: Drinking in America; Men Inside; Pounding Nails in the Floor with My Forehead; Sex, Drugs, Rock & Roll and more. Also included are additional pieces from Talk Radio and Notes from Underground.

A Second Harvest Eli Easton 2020-08-12 David Fisher has lived by the rules all his life. Born to a Mennonite family, he obeyed his father and took over the family farm, married, and had two children. Now with both his kids in college and his wife deceased, he runs his farm alone and without joy, counting off the days of a life half-lived. Christie Landon, graphic designer, Manhattanite, and fierce gay party boy, needs a change. Now thirty, he figures it's time to grow up and think about his future. When his best friend overdoses, Christie resolves to take a break from the city. He heads to a small house in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to rest, recoup, and reflect. But life in the country is boring despite glimpses of the hunky silver fox next door. When Christie's creativity latches on to cooking, he decides to approach his widower neighbor with a plan to share meals and grocery expenses. David agrees, and soon the odd couple finds they really enjoy spending time together. Christie challenges the boundaries of David's closed world and brings out feelings he buried long ago. If he can break free of the past, he might find a second chance at happiness.

A Casual Weekend Thing A. J. Thomas 2013 When Christopher, one of deputy Doug's former one-night stands, stays in town for a case, they become suspects in an ongoing investigation.

Conquest S. J. Frost 2009-10 Vocally gifted singer, Jesse Alexander, has dreams of taking his band, Conquest, to the top. Evan Arden was thought of as a musical genius when at the height of his career he vanished from the spotlight. Together, their relationship is just as intense as their music careers. With success pushing down on them, Jesse must decide between his life of music, or his life with Evan.

Heart of the Warrior Donya Lynne 2016-04-30 Severin was made to fight. Conceived as what the vampires call a mixed-blood when his vampire father raped his dreck mother over a century ago, Severin retained the power of iron skin inherent to newborn drecks. Sev keeps this secret closely guarded. If it's discovered that inferior dreck blood flows in his veins, it could destroy his life, which is already complicated enough. Not only has Sev's father made a sudden and unwelcome reappearance, but Sev suspects he's been marked by an assassin seeking blood vengeance. So when he falls for his teammate, Arion, a notorious playboy, that's the last thing Sev needs. Arion is the son of one of King Bain's liaisons. Ari's overbearing parents had his course plotted before he was even born, but what his parents want for him isn't what Arion wants for himself. After finding out his new teammate Severin is gay, Arion develops a fascination for him that goes beyond curiosity. Their racy encounter just a month before was no fluke, and Arion realizes he's been living a lie about his sexuality his entire life, forcing himself to be with females because that's what was expected of him. But what he wants is a male, and not just any male. Arion wants Severin. If Sev and Ari stand a chance at finding happiness with one another, they will have to confront prejudice, plotting, the threat on Sev's life, and even each other. But will it be too little too late?

Rules Are Meant to Be Broken N. J. Nielsen 2012-06-01 The Lines of Marsden were born into existence for a reason: to right the wrongs that had once taken place. Destiny fated that they must destroy the Eldren before evil wins. Michael Marsden wants to die -- for real this time. He wasn't meant to lead the half-life that he does. He chooses to let it go and let death take what it had already claimed. But Christian Risely isn't about to let that happen. He is drawn to Michael and is willing to do anything to ensure that he lives, even if that means keeping him alive against his will.

Foxe Tail Haley Walsh 2010 #1 in the Skyler Foxe Mysteries Gay teacher Skyler Foxe thought teaching English Lit was murder. Wait till he falls into the real thing. Skyler Foxe is a brand new English teacher in his hometown of Redlands, CA. He loves literature, loves his students, loves his friends, especially his best friend Detective Sidney Feldman. But he doesn't love keeping his orientation a secret, afraid of the backlash in this conservative county. But will murder thrust him into unwanted limelight? Who killed his principal's son outside a gay dance club? And what's the connection to James Polk High? Is the macho football coach or his mysterious and gorgeous new assistant coach involved? Can Skyler trust anyone at the high school when there seems to be conspiracies around every corner?

Strength of the Mate Kendall McKenna 2014-06-25 Rampaging werewolves cause the True Alpha to send his Omega, Dawson Rivers, to bring them under control. Can Adam Madison help or hinder Dawson's mission? Adam Madison is in Iraq, driving supply trucks for the Marines, but he still can't outrun his personal ghosts. Outside the wire, insurgents are a relentless threat. Inside, renegade werewolves are a constant danger. Dawson Rivers is on a mission for the True Alpha---bring the rampaging shifters under control. Adam proves to be invaluable to his task. Their intense mutual attraction explodes into a powerful physical, and emotional connection. Their future together is in peril, when Adam's convoy is ambushed. Can they learn to rely on the strength of their bond? Adam staying alive long enough for Dawson to find him depends on it.

Modesty Clifton Fahie Jr 2021-07-16 Prepare to enter a world where a nation so great is finally tested as if jackals and lions collide. Will Valkar be a jackal or a lion?

Boy Shattered Eli Easton 2019-08-13 Popular athlete Brian had everything until a school shooter nearly killed him. He

survived the massacre with the help of a hero—his classmate Landon, who faced death to help others—and who is openly gay. Brian might be alive, but he can't face his fears or move on, especially since the shooters were never caught. He's falling apart, and he can only reach for Landon and hope Landon will take his hand a second time. Landon did what anyone would do when he found Brian dying on the cafeteria floor. He doesn't think of himself as a hero, but he's ready to take a stand against the gun violence tearing apart the lives of young people—people like Brian, who returned to school a shadow of the happy, outgoing quarterback Landon used to admire. Brian still needs him, and as their friendship grows and deepens, wounds might begin to heal. The bond they share could lead a new start for them both. Only the terror that visited Jefferson Waller High School isn't over yet.

Corrupt Idol Dinah Harper 2019-08-20 "I want to be a good man. In every aspect of my life I'm a model citizen except when it comes to you." Once upon a time, he was her everything—protector, best friend, hero. She looked up to him and trusted him with her life. In one selfish move, he ruined everything and broke her in the process. It's been five years and the moment she hoped to avoid is here. She's about to come face to face with her step-brother, Jesse Sampson, corrupt idol and her personal nightmare. She's going to show him how little he affects her. She'll never let him back in. ...But he has other plans. Author's Note: This is a dark, taboo romance novel with triggers and mature themes that may make some readers uncomfortable.

A Life Without You Erica Pike 2012-01 Jesse's like a bar of soap: the tighter Adam holds on, the faster Jesse slips away. Or that's how it feels to Adam. It doesn't help that Jesse has a girlfriend back home and claims to be straight, but there's no way with all the sparks and physical intimacy flying between the two roommates.

Life Lessons Kaje Harper 2011-05 Tony Hart's life has been quiet lately. He has good friends and a rewarding teaching job. Then the murdered body of another teacher falls into the elevator at his feet, and Tony's life gets a little too exciting. Jared MacLean is a homicide detective, a widowed father, and deeply in the closet. But from the moment he meets Tony's blue eyes in that high school hallway, Mac can't help wanting this man in his life. However Mac isn't the only one with his eyes on Tony. As the murderer tries to cover his tracks, Mac has to work fast or lose Tony, permanently.

Social Skills Sara Alva 2013-03-20 Music is the only form of communication Connor Owens controls. No matter how badly he wishes to fit in, friendly banter and casual conversations have never been his thing. College is yet another social universe he has no clue how to navigate—until he meets Jared, a football player with chestnut eyes and a cocky grin that holds the power to shatter his self-imposed prison. Jared's attention opens Connor up to a new realm of emotional and physical intimacy. But as Connor's self-confidence grows, so does his fear that everything will fall apart. Because in this socially stratified world, how long can a relationship between an introverted violinist and a closeted football player really last?

Texas Pride Kindle Alexander 2013-03-11 When mega movie star and two time Academy Award winner, Austin Grainger voluntarily gave up his dazzling film career, his adoring fan base thought he'd lost his mind. For Austin, the seclusion of fifteen hundred acres in the middle of Texas sounds like paradise. No more cameras, paparazzi, or overzealous media to hound him every day and night. Little did the sexiest man alive know when one door closes, another usually opens. And Austin's opened by way of a sexy, hot ranch owner right next door. Kitt Kelly wasn't your average rancher. He's young, well educated and has hidden his sexuality for most of his life. When his long time wet dream materializes as his a new neighbor it threatens everything he holds dear. No way the ranching community would ever accept him if he came out. With every part of his life riding on the edge, can Kitt risk it all for a chance at love or will responsibility to his family heritage cost him his one chance at happiness?

Forensic Investigator Esther McKay 2009-08-03 FORENSIC INVESTIGATOR Geoff Bernasconi had always been passionate about his job as a policeman in rural New South Wales and, from the earliest days of his career, went the extra mile, both for victims of crime and for their families. But one night in 1984, he was called to investigate the scene of an horrific car accident in which an entire family had been wiped out – and which it was impossible for him to forget. Geoff's day-to-day working life became a catalogue of tragedies, some of which involved people close to him, and he found himself spiralling downwards in the grip of post-traumatic stress disorder. When Esther McKay, fellow forensic investigator and author of the best-selling *Crime Scene*, heard that Geoff has been awarded maximum compensation for his suffering, she knew immediately this was a story that needed to be told. This is a harrowing account of what it is like to work on the front-line of crime and tragedy as a forensic investigator. But it is also the inspiring story of someone who has been exposed to sights and experiences many of us can hardly even imagine, yet has emerged from the darkness to begin his journey to recovery.

Six Degrees of Lust Taylor V. Donovan 2020-04-20 New York City FBI team leader Samuel Shaughnessy lives for his immediate family and his job. After a marriage gone wrong, he has stuck to a firm rule when it comes to relationships: he doesn't have them. Sexually active and emotionally unavailable keeps him satisfied, especially now that he is in hot pursuit of a serial killer targeting gay men. Machlan O'Bannon manages a successful sports bar in Houston, and after years of waiting, he's ready to stand up and be the man he always wanted to be: out, proud and drama-free. His politically-aligned family wants to keep him locked in the closet, but Mac just wants to be true to himself and live his own life. One man is as

high strung as the other is laid back. A chance meeting brings them together, and one night of passion ignites a fire neither can fight. Their lives are not only miles apart, but as different as day and night. They don't want to get involved, but they might not be able to keep apart.

The Darker Side of Trey Grey Tara Spears 2013-06-28 No one told Trey Grey that life could be dark and unpredictable. With the death of his father when he was eight, his mother's departure from Earth on a syringe full of heroin, and the brutal abuse of his stepfather, Trey learned these lessons all too well on his own. Now at twenty years of age, he is nearing the completion of his accounting degree and can finally glimpse the end of his life as a prostitute. The only profession he has ever known. Wracked by nightmares of Willie's years of abuse, and controlled by severe obsessive-compulsive disorders as a result, he seems to have a tentative handle on his own life. That is, as long as he keeps a death-grip and no one touches his Camaro, kitten. But even the best laid plans can be torn to gory bits. His savior comes in the unlikely form of a spiky-haired blond named Justin, after a night of drunken debauchery that neither of them seems able to forget. Justin might just need Trey as much as Trey needs him. Trey travels through his fearscapes and begins to find his own forgiveness, but at what cost to the manic-depressive Justin? Will they be able to live through the trauma of each other's lives and find their own version of normal? This is a gritty and raw story about escapism, and how one's life can alter course when you least expect it. Trey looks at his own life with an irony that is both amusing and shocking, yet quickly draws the reader to his corner. Public Press Review Winner of nine hook and opener awards as well as several awards for character development.

Need Carrie Jones 2010-04-05 Zara collects phobias the way other high school girls collect Facebook friends. It's little wonder, since she's had a fairly rough life. Her father left when she was a baby, her stepfather just died and her mother's almost given up - in fact, she's sent her to live with her grandmother in cold and sleepy Maine to 'keep Zara safe'. Zara doesn't think she's in danger; she thinks her mother just can't cope. Zara's wrong. The man she sees everywhere - the tall, creepy guy who points at her from the side of the road - is not a figment of her imagination. He's a pixie. But not the cute, sweet kind with little wings. Maine's got a whole assortment of unbelievable creatures. And they seem to need something - something from Zara . . .