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Blood Before Sunrise A Shaede Assassin Novel *Penguin* "She needed a bargaining chip and this was it. Raif's daughter's life for hers. And he knew damn good and well I was right. Just like he'd assured me the night I'd killed Azriel, this was far from over. His daughter was alive. I knew it. And I was going to find her." For months, Darian and her Shaede guardian, Raif, have searched for the Oracle who attempted to overthrow the Shaede Nation—and kill Darian in the bargain. But now that they've finally found the half-crazed Oracle, they are granted a possibility too painful for Raif to imagine and too enticing for Darian to ignore. Darian is determined to reunite Raif and the daughter he thought was dead, but her mission quickly proves dangerous when her lover, Tyler, is almost killed. And when a brooding and mysterious Fae warrior offers his guidance—at an extraordinary price—Darian finds herself willing to risk everything. As her single-minded hunt turns into an obsession, and she and Tyler grow further apart, Darian finds herself caught between the man she loves like a brother and the man whose love she can't live without.... **Shaedes of Gray A Shaede Assassin Novel** *Penguin* In the shadows of the night, Darian has lived alone for almost a century. Made and abandoned by her former love, Darian is the last of her kind—an immortal Shaede who can slip into darkness as easily as breathing. With no one else to rely on, she has taught herself how to survive, using her unique skills to become a deadly assassin. When Darian's next mark turns out to be Xander Peck, King of the Shaede Nation, her whole worldview is thrown into question. Darian begins to wonder if she's taken on more than her conscience will allow. But a good assassin never leaves a job unfinished... **When Shadows Call A Shaede Assassin Novella (A Penguin Special from New American Library)** *Penguin* An exciting prequel to Amanda Bonilla's Shaede Assassin series. The envy of 1900s society, Darian is the rich, beautiful wife of a prominent Californian doctor—but her life is far from perfect. For years, Darian has suffered at the hand of her cruel husband and yearned for an escape—one that she knows to be all but impossible. But when an enigmatic stranger comes to call, Darian finds herself charmed by his seductive smile and the inexplicable connection she feels. And when he makes her a thrilling—yet frightening—proposition, Darian must decide if she's strong enough to abandon the mortal world she knows and answer the shadow's call... Includes an excerpt from *Shaedes of Gray*, and a preview from *Blood Before Sunrise*, available July 2012. **Crave the Darkness A Shaede Assassin Novel** *Penguin* Nothing comes easy for Darian. Her heightened powers make her indispensable to the Shaede Nation, but dangerous missions have driven her lover, Tyler, to his breaking point. Darian must salvage their bond, but a new assignment to protect Anya—a fellow Shaede and the first of their kind to become pregnant in centuries—stands in the way. It doesn't help that the two Shaedes are longtime rivals and share nothing besides mutual hatred. But when it becomes clear that someone—or something—is bent on destroying the expectant mother and her unborn child, Darian must put her feelings aside and track down Anya's would-be assassin. As she probes into Anya's past, Darian digs up long-buried secrets—and a startling connection between Tyler and the mission that could destroy everything between them.... **Lost to the Gray A Shaede Assassin Novella (A Penguin Special from Signet Eclipse)** *Penguin* Did he do the right thing? No one loves Darian like Tyler does. Not her friends. Not her fellow Shaedes. Not the Shaede king who wants her for himself. Tyler is the only one who sees beyond the swagger and swordplay that make her the most fearsome Shaede assassin in the world—the only one who recognizes her loyal heart and vulnerability. But her evolving powers and compulsion to finish every job no matter the stakes fills him with fear. For he knows it's only a matter of time before he loses her. When that moment nearly comes—and Tyler discovers a trail of deceit that prevented him from protecting Darian—he snaps. He breaks. And he leaves. Now he must learn to live without her, even as they remain bound to one another. And when a friend of Darian's faces an unknown threat, Tyler must find a way to enter the fray without crossing paths with Darian. **Against the Dawn A Shaede Assassin Novel NYLA** A Shaede Assassin Novel (#4) "Full of fascinating characters, high-stakes intrigue, and fast-paced action, it's a truly exhilarating adventure! Do not miss out!"—Romantic Times (top pick, 4 1/2 stars) "Amanda Bonilla knows how to keep you on the edge of your seat...she's a must read." —Amanda Carlson, author of the Jessica McClain urban fantasy series. Six months can feel like a just couple of weeks when you've been away in another realm. Literally. Now that Darian is back in Seattle, she's ready to face the life—and the man—she left behind. But it's not going to be easy when a ghost from her past shows up looking to wreak havoc on Seattle's supernatural crime scene. Darian isn't as careless as she used to be, though. She and Tyler, her sexy Jinn protector, have come a long way in the trust department. And it's a good thing too—because when Ty contracts her to assassinate a wickedly powerful supernatural who goes by the name of Mithras, it will take all her faith in Ty, and herself, to get the job done. While Darian does whatever it takes to get to her mark, Xander, the Shaede King is busy making plans of his own. With Darian's attention divided between Lorik's secrets and her mission she might not be able to stop Xander from doing anything in his power to separate Darian from her sworn protector and in the process, destroy his own kingdom... **Faces of Suicide** Faces of Suicide: Volume 1 is a collection of stories from the heart, written to show the world that they lived and their lives mattered. Some of the stories may inspire those who are reluctant travelers on this same road. The 60 stories were compiled by members of the Parents of Suicides - Friends and Families of

Suicides Internet Community (POS - FFOS). **Comfort in Darkness: A Shaede Assassin Short Story** NYLA A Shaede Assassin short story—takes place after *Shadows at Midnight* Darian is once again adrift. Her safe haven has been destroyed by an unknown foe and her only allies have left Seattle to fight the impending coup of Xander's kingdom. Besides having a new handler - assigned to her by the overbearing Shaede King, Darian is plagued by debilitating headaches and haunted by gaps in her memory that she can't seem to fill. She's a survivor, though. And she'll carry on. Work is work, but when the wily assassin has a scrape with death herself, she discovers that the hunter has become the hunted. Someone wants her dead and is willing to pay a fortune to see it done. She's racing the clock to save her own skin and quickly realizes that the gaps in her memory are the least of her problems... Previously published in the *Geeky Giving* anthology. **Sustainable Development and Renovation in Architecture, Urbanism and Engineering** Springer This book provides an overview of the environmental problems that arise from construction activity, focusing on refurbishment as an alternative to the current crisis in the construction sector, as well as on measures designed to minimize the effects on the environment. Furthermore, it offers professionals insights into alternative eco-efficient solutions using new materials to minimize environmental impacts and offers solutions that they can incorporate into their own designs and buildings. It also demonstrates best practices in the cooperation between various universities in Andalusia in Spain and Latin America and many public and private companies and organizations. This book serves as a valuable reference resource for professionals and researchers and provides an overview on the status of investigations to find solutions to improve sustainable development in terms of materials, systems, facilities, neighborhoods, buildings, and awareness of the society involved. **Shaedes of Gray** NYLA "It is always a pleasure to discover an excellent new author and series, and Bonilla qualifies on both counts. The debut of her Shaede Assassin series features a tough yet compelling heroine. Full of fascinating characters, high stakes intrigue, and fast-paced action, it's a truly exhilarating adventure! Do not miss out!"—Romantic Times (top pick 4-1/2 stars) Darian exists in a realm of darkness. Made and abandoned over a century ago, she is a Shaede, virtually immortal and able to blend with the shadows once the sun sets. An assassin, she spends her nights meting out death for the highest bidder. She's alone in the world, the last of her kind—or so she thinks. When her infatuated employer, Tyler, sends her out on a routine hit, Darian discovers her mark is not only another Shaede, but Alexander Peck, King of the Shaede Nation. Her not-so-chance meeting with Alexander takes her deep into the realm of who—and what—she really is. Only when she puts her life in his hands does the supernatural world unfold around her, revealing that she is not as alone as she once thought. But once she crosses into their dark realm to face the truth, new dangers are uncovered. As her role in awakening an ancient evil is revealed, she must face who she was, who she is, and what she could become... "One of my favorite new series . . . [and] one of my new favorite heroines of 2011."—Heroes and Heartbreakers **Color Struck How Race and Complexion Matter in the "Color-Blind" Era** Springer Skin color and skin tone has historically played a significant role in determining the life chances of African Americans and other people of color. It has also been important to our understanding of race and the processes of racialization. But what does the relationship between skin tone and stratification outcomes mean? Is skin tone correlated with stratification outcomes because people with darker complexions experience more discrimination than those of the same race with lighter complexions? Is skin tone differentiation a process that operates external to communities of color and is then imposed on people of color? Or, is skin tone discrimination an internally driven process that is actively aided and abetted by members of communities of color themselves? *Color Struck* provides answers to these questions. In addition, it addresses issues such as the relationship between skin tone and wealth inequality, anti-black sentiment and whiteness, Twitter culture, marriage outcomes and attitudes, gender, racial identity, civic engagement and politics at predominately White Institutions. *Color Struck* can be used as required reading for courses on race, ethnicity, religious studies, history, political science, education, mass communications, African and African American Studies, social work, and sociology. **William Shakespeare's Star Wars Verily, A New Hope** Quirk Books The New York Times Best Seller Experience the Star Wars saga reimagined as an Elizabethan drama penned by William Shakespeare himself, complete with authentic meter and verse, and theatrical monologues and dialogue by everyone from Darth Vader to R2D2. Return once more to a galaxy far, far away with this sublime retelling of George Lucas's epic Star Wars in the style of the immortal Bard of Avon. The saga of a wise (Jedi) knight and an evil (Sith) lord, of a beautiful princess held captive and a young hero coming of age, Star Wars abounds with all the valor and villainy of Shakespeare's greatest plays. Authentic meter, stage directions, reimagined movie scenes and dialogue, and hidden Easter eggs throughout will entertain and impress fans of Star Wars and Shakespeare alike. Every scene and character from the film appears in the play, along with twenty woodcut-style illustrations that depict an Elizabethan version of the Star Wars galaxy. Zounds! This is the book you're looking for. **Shadows at Midnight** NYLA "Full of fascinating characters, high-stakes intrigue, and fast-paced action, it's a truly exhilarating adventure! Do not miss out!"—Romantic Times (top pick, 4 1/2 stars) on Shaedes of Gray "Amanda Bonilla knows how to keep you on the edge of your seat...she's a must read." -Amanda Carlson, author of the Jessica McClain urban fantasy series. Has Darian's past finally caught up with her? The Rakshasa queen, Padma, has a score to settle—she wants those responsible for her son's death to pay and to pay dearly. Darian, Tyler and Xander are all at risk—and Padma's powers could force them to live the rest of their lives in the madness of the Realm of Illusions... While Darian is taken and is the first to suffer, she's soon rescued by Tyler, the one man to never disappoint. But what Darian doesn't know is that her freedom comes at a steep price—Xander's the King of Shaedes, imprisonment. Darian knows what horrors await in Padma's dungeon. A rescue mission won't be easy and she can't do it alone. Deep in the bowels of Goblin Valley, Darian, Tyler, and her small band of Shaede warriors fight their way through a dark labyrinth. In a realm where illusions rule, with danger at every turn, the odds are stacked against them. Time isn't on their side, every second spent in Padma's custody will be another step Xander takes toward madness. A kingdom can't be ruled without its king and the wolves are at the door, waiting. If Darian can't get to Xander before he succumbs to the illusions, an entire kingdom's future will be at stake... **Women, Culture, and Politics in Latin America** Univ of California Press The result of a collaboration among eight women scholars, this collection examines the history of women's participation in literary, journalistic, educational, and political activity in Latin American history, with special attention to the first half of this century. **International Advances in Writing Research Cultures, Places, Measures** Parlor Press LLC The authors report research that considers writing in all levels of schooling, in science, in the public sphere, and in the workplace, as well as the relationship among these various places of writing. The authors also consider the cultures of writing—among them national cultures, gender cultures,

schooling cultures, scientific cultures, and cultures of the workplace. **Medical and Veterinary Entomology** *Academic Press* *Medical and Veterinary Entomology, Second Edition*, has been fully updated and revised to provide the latest information on developments in entomology relating to public health and veterinary importance. Each chapter is structured with the student in mind, organized by the major headings of Taxonomy, Morphology, Life History, Behavior and Ecology, Public Health and Veterinary Importance, and Prevention and Control. This second edition includes separate chapters devoted to each of the taxonomic groups of insects and arachnids of medical or veterinary concern, including spiders, scorpions, mites, and ticks. Internationally recognized editors Mullen and Durden include extensive coverage of both medical and veterinary entomological importance. This book is designed for teaching and research faculty in medical and veterinary schools that provide a course in vector borne diseases and medical entomology; parasitologists, entomologists, and government scientists responsible for oversight and monitoring of insect vector borne diseases; and medical and veterinary school libraries and libraries at institutions with strong programs in entomology. Follows in the tradition of Herm's *Medical and Veterinary Entomology* The latest information on developments in entomology relating to public health and veterinary importance Two separate indexes for enhanced searchability: Taxonomic and Subject New to this edition: Three new chapters Morphological Adaptations of Parasitic Arthropods Forensic Entomology Molecular Tools in Medical and Veterinary Entomology 1700 word glossary Appendix of Arthropod-Related Viruses of Medical-Veterinary Importance Numerous new full-color images, illustrations and maps throughout **London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games The Official Commemorative Book** *John Wiley & Sons A limited*, leather bound , individually numbered edition of the magnificent official celebration of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. A glorious keepsake of the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, full of unforgettable images, powerful quotes and fascinating statistics. It traces the whole incredible story, from early preparation through the creation of the Olympic Park, the Torch Relay and the innovative Cultural Olympiad. It explores both Games in detail, revealing how record-breaking athletes, spectators, volunteers and locals have all made London 2012 their own. Beautifully designed and featuring the Games' most evocative photography and a foreword by Sebastian Coe KBE, *London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games: The Commemorative Book* captures the magical atmosphere of a once in a lifetime event. Only 2012 have been produced and will only be available for sale until the end of the year. **The Jim Crow Encyclopedia** *Greenwood* This is the essential ready reference to understand American history post Reconstruction. **The Philosophy and Science of Yoga: The Power of Self-Expression 5,000 Years in the Making** *Authorsamya.com* The Philosophy and Science of Yoga captures the greater essence of yoga that spans 5,000 years, initially in oral traditions and eventually in written forms, in fewer than 200 pages. It walks the reader through the origins of yoga, explains its core disciplines and practical applications in the form of exercises, and circles back to the most ancient and influential thought. Filled with authentic personal experiences and extensive research, the book bridges the gaps in knowledge, making it a fascinating and intellectually stimulating read. The author shares her knowledge of Himalayan folklores, yogic history and philosophy, psychology, medical science, and literary analysis to make the subject of spiritual yoga universal for any individual interested in exploring personal transformation through renewed physical, mental, and spiritual health, spiritual enlightenment, and liberation. The book decodes the yogic quest for self-expression. It is a must-read for yoga seekers, yoga and health professionals, and those sincere in their quest for universal knowledge and a meaningful path. The book sheds light on 5,000 years of yogic history and philosophy and the most talked-about topics by practitioners of all levels, yoga beginners and yoga enthusiasts alike: What is the yoga?, ashtanga yoga, hatha yoga, raja yoga, kriya yoga, kundalini yoga, Yoga Sutras of Patanjali, yoga poses (asanas), Sun Salutation, meditation, relaxation, chakras, bijas, mantras, breathing techniques (pranayama), Ayurveda, and other fascinating yogic concepts and practices. **I Roll the Dice Contemporary Macao Poetry The Bedford Handbook** *Macmillan Higher Education* What habits are common among good college writers? Good college writers are curious, engaged, reflective, and responsible. They read critically. They write with purpose. They tune into their audience. They collaborate and seek feedback. They know credible evidence makes them credible researchers. They revise. The Bedford Handbook, based on surveys with more than 1,000 first-year college students, fosters these habits and offers more support than ever before for college reading and writing. New writing guides support students as they compose in an ever-wider variety of genres, including multimodal genres. New reading support encourages students to become active readers. Retooled research advice emphasizes inquiry and helps writers cite even the trickiest digital sources confidently and responsibly. Best of all, the Handbook remains a trusted companion for students because it is accessible, comprehensive, and authoritative. Instructors benefit, too: A substantially revised Instructor's Edition includes Nancy Sommers's personal mentoring—more than 100 new concrete tips for teaching with the handbook. Finally, integrated digital content is easily assignable and helps students practice and apply the handbook's lessons. **Borderlands Comparing Border Security in North America and Europe** *University of Ottawa Press* Border security has been high on public-policy agendas in Europe and North America since the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Centre in New York City and on the headquarters of the American military in Washington DC. Governments are now confronted with managing secure borders, a policy objective that in this era of increased free trade and globalization must compete with intense cross-border flows of people and goods. Border-security policies must enable security personnel to identify, or filter out, dangerous individuals and substances from among the millions of travelers and tons of goods that cross borders daily, particularly in large cross-border urban regions. This book addresses this gap between security needs and an understanding of borders and borderlands. Specifically, the chapters in this volume ask policy-makers to recognize that two fundamental elements define borders and borderlands: first, human activities (the agency and agent power of individual ties and forces spanning a border), and second, the broader social processes that frame individual action, such as market forces, government activities (law, regulations, and policies), and the regional culture and politics of a borderland. Borders emerge as the historically and geographically variable expression of human ties exercised within social structures of varying force and influence, and it is the interplay and interdependence between people's incentives to act and the surrounding structures (i.e. constructed social processes that contain and constrain individual action) that determine the effectiveness of border security policies. This book argues that the nature of borders is to be porous, which is a problem for security policy makers. It shows that when for economic, cultural, or political reasons human activities increase across a border and borderland, governments need to increase cooperation and collaboration with regard to security policies, if only to avoid implementing mismatched security policies.

The Movement-Cure Twelve Years a Slave Prabhat Prakashan "Having been born a freeman, and for more than thirty years enjoyed the blessings of liberty in a free State—and having at the end of that time been kidnapped and sold into Slavery, where I remained, until happily rescued in the month of January, 1853, after a bondage of twelve years—it has been suggested that an account of my life and fortunes would not be uninteresting to the public." -an excerpt **The Grenada Revolution in the Caribbean Present Operation Urgent Memory** Springer The Grenada Revolution in the Caribbean Present: Operation Urgent Memory is the first scholarly book from the humanities on the subject of the Grenada Revolution and the US intervention. It is simultaneously a critique, tribute, and memorial. It argues that in both its making and its fall, the 1979-1983 Revolution was a transnational event that deeply impacted politics and culture across the Caribbean and its diaspora during its life and in the decades since its fall. Drawing together studies of landscape, memorials, literature, music, painting, photographs, film and TV, cartoons, memorabilia traded on e-bay, interviews, everyday life, and government, journalistic, and scholarly accounts, the book assembles and analyzes an archive of divergent memories. In an analysis that is relevant to all micro-states, the book reflects on how Grenada's small size shapes memory, political and poetic practice, and efforts at reconciliation. **An Assessment of SeaWiFS and MODIS Ocean Coverage Warning Miracle** Lulu.com **The William Parker Sessionography Attempting a Complete Historical Arc** This is a fully annotated (and generously illustrated) record of practically every time that elemental jazz double bassist-composer William Parker has ever played a gig or recording session, as a band member or leader, from 1972 clear through to June 2014. A vast microcosm of one profoundly engaged jazz musician which reveals an illuminated macrocosm of jazz itself. **Childbirth Across Cultures Ideas and Practices of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Postpartum** Springer This book will explore the childbirth process through globally diverse perspectives in order to offer a broader context with which to think about birth. We will address multiple rituals and management models surrounding the labor and birth process from communities across the globe. Labor and birth are biocultural events that are managed in countless ways. We are particularly interested in the notion of power. Who controls the pregnancy and the birth? Is it the hospital, the doctor, or the in-laws, and in which cultures does the mother have the control? These decisions, regarding place of birth, position, who receives the baby and even how the mother may or may not behave during the actual delivery, are all part of the different ways that birth is conducted. One chapter of the book will be devoted to midwives and other birth attendants. There will also be chapters on the Evolution of Birth, on Women's Birth Narratives, and on Child Spacing and Breastfeeding. This book will bring together global research conducted by professional anthropologists, midwives and doctors who work closely with the individuals from the cultures they are writing about, offering a unique perspective direct from the cultural group. **One Night More** Zebra Books Savvy, hard-riding, rule-breaking—they'll go anywhere and do anything it takes to protect and serve. But this U. S. Marshal has just met his match—and playing for keeps is one sizzling game. . . Getting saved from disaster by a handsome stranger—Harper Allen has no problem with that. But when he leaves without a word or a clue to his real identity, the newbie reporter writes it off as the best one-night-stand she'll ever have. Until a year later, when Harper comes face to face with the man assigned to hide her from a senator's killer. . . Galen Kelly hasn't forgotten a single sensual minute of his night with Harper . . . or that she betrayed him. With the FBI also on their trail, he's got to pretend he's never met her or risk both their lives. But as danger closes in, Galen may not be able to protect himself from taking the biggest risk of all. . . "I couldn't turn the pages fast enough." —Tracey Garvis Graves" **Pressing Matters 7** Oro Editions Pressing Matters VII is an exciting compilation of design and research performed at PennDesign's Department of Architecture, it features recent student work, news, important symposia and lectures, and is printed on recycled paper with non-toxic inks. The Pressing Matters series has been published annually since 2013. As society faces many challenges, including global warming and environmental change, pollution and waste, transition to new energy and resource economies, the redistribution and reorganization of political and economic power worldwide; globalization of the construction and development industries; population growth, shrinkage and migration; urban intensification and attrition; privatization of public sector activities; and the transformation of cultural identities and social institutions, we seek to bring the expansion of expertise and creativity in architecture to bear on these challenges. To summarize, our goal is to be at the forefront of advanced research & design by creating an advanced research institute that focuses on new design methodologies and future manufacturing through the interlinked intelligence of digital design, scripting, and robotics. We also focus on social awareness and responsibility, and are a think tank for critical exchanges and advanced debates within and across disciplinary boundaries. We are a connective device through inviting experts for ongoing lectures and publications in order to engage a growing international audience and an increasing network of experts. **The Palgrave Handbook of Contemporary Gothic** Springer Nature "Simply put, there is absolutely nothing on the market with the range of ambition of this strikingly eclectic collection of essays. Not only is it impossible to imagine a more comprehensive view of the subject, most readers – even specialists in the subject – will find that there are elements of the Gothic genre here of which they were previously unaware." - Barry Forshaw, Author of British Gothic Cinema and Sex and Film The Palgrave Handbook of Contemporary Gothic is the most comprehensive compendium of analytic essays on the modern Gothic now available, covering the vast and highly significant period from 1918 to 2019. The Gothic sensibility, over 200 years old, embraces its dark past whilst anticipating the future. From demons and monsters to post- apocalyptic fears and ecological fantasies, Gothic is thriving as never before in the arts and in popular culture. This volume is made up of 62 comprehensive chapters with notes and extended bibliographies contributed by scholars from around the world. The chapters are written not only for those engaged in academic research but also to be accessible to students and dedicated followers of the genre. Each chapter is packed with analysis of the Gothic in both theory and practice, as the genre has mutated and spread over the last hundred years. Starting in 1918 with the impact of film on the genre's development, and moving through its many and varied international incarnations, each chapter chronicles the history of the gothic milieu from the movies to gaming platforms and internet memes, television and theatre. The volume also looks at how Gothic intersects with fashion, music and popular culture: a multi-layered, multi-ethnic, even a trans-gendered experience as we move into the twenty first century. **Microbial BioEnergy: Hydrogen Production** Springer The central theme of this book "Microbial BioEnergy: Hydrogen Production" is focused on the biological machinery that microorganisms use to produce hydrogen gas. The book summarizes the achievements over the past decade in the biochemistry, structural and molecular biology, genomics and applied aspects of microbial H₂-production, including microbial fuel cells (MFC), by phototrophs such as purple sulfur and non-sulfur bacteria (Thiocapsa spp., Rhodobacter and

Rhodopseudomonas spp.) microalgae (Chlamydomonas) and cyanobacteria (Anabaena spp.) along with anaerobes and thermophiles such as Caldicellulosiruptor and Thermotoga. This is the first book of this series entirely devoted to microbial bio-hydrogen production and is intended to be a precious source of information for PhD students, researchers and undergraduates from disciplines such as microbiology, biochemistry, biotechnology, photochemistry and chemical engineering, interested in basic and applied sciences. **Strategic Public Relations Leadership** *Routledge* Public relations is operating in an increasingly challenging and complex environment. Pressures from outside the organisation include new accountabilities, empowered stakeholders, increased public cynicism and a new communication landscape. Internally, there are increasing demands to demonstrate a return on investment, alongside a requirement to coach and counsel senior managers exposed to these environmental pressures. This context requires public relations professionals to be able to clearly articulate and demonstrate their own contribution to organisational effectiveness. This textbook provides public relations leaders with a framework to do this, as well as a checklist of essential capabilities which they must acquire and exhibit if they are to operate at the highest levels of any organisation. This short textbook is suitable for aspiring practitioners, MBA and other masters qualifications in public relations - especially for those students who wish to pursue a successful career as a professional PR specialist able to operate strategically at the top of successful organisations. **Edge of Oblivion** "Morgan Montgomery, the Ikati shape-shifter is waiting to die. She has been branded a traitor by her tribe. But Jenna, the newly crowned queen and Morgan's former ally offers Morgan one last chance for redemption. Morgan must infiltrate the Rome headquarters of the Expurgari, the Kkati's ancient enemy and destroy them within a fortnight. Xander Luni, a trained assassin travels with Morgan and soon finds his world threatened by the love he feels for her."--Provided by publisher. **The Bedford Handbook with 2020 APA Update** *Macmillan Higher Education* If you haven't looked at The Bedford Handbook in a while, look again: This edition has everything your students need to become stronger writers--in a briefer book. This reimagined Bedford Handbook takes a fresh "essentials" approach to the familiar coverage of writing, research, style, and grammar that The Bedford Handbook has always had. The result is a handbook that's equal parts approachable and comprehensive. Students will quickly find answers in the book's direct explanations and step-by-step instruction. They'll get the practice and guidance they need with exercises, how-to guides, model papers, and class-tested examples. The advice you trust from Diana Hacker and Nancy Sommers is here. It all comes in a book that's easier to carry, easier to use, and more affordable than ever. **Pressing Matters 8** *Pressing Matters* Pressing Matters is an exciting design and research compilation from PennDesign's Department of Architecture, featuring recent student work, news, important symposia and lectures. Society faces many challenges: global warming and environmental change, pollution and waste, transition to new energy and resource economies, the redistribution and reorganization of political and economic power worldwide; globalization of the construction and development industries, population growth, shrinkage and migration; urban intensification and attrition; privatization of public sector activities; and the transformation of cultural identities and social institutions. 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We are a connective device linking invited experts for ongoing lectures and publications to a growing international audience and an increasing network of experts. **Seeking Higher Ground The Hurricane Katrina Crisis, Race, and Public Policy Reader** *Springer* Hurricane Katrina of August-September 2005, one of the most destructive natural disasters in U.S. history, dramatically illustrated the continuing racial and class inequalities of America. In this powerful reader, Seeking Higher Ground, prominent scholars and writers examine the racial impact of the disaster and the failure of governmental, corporate and private agencies to respond to the plight of the New Orleans black community. Contributing authors include Julianne Malveaux, Melissa Harris-Lacewell, Ronald Walters, Chester Hartman, Gregory D. Squires, Mindy Thompson Fullilove, Alan Stein, and Gene Preuss. This reader is the second volume of the Souls Critical Black Studies Series, edited by Manning Marable, and produced by the institute for Research in African-American Studies of Columbia University. **Hanging in the Balance The Divine Order of the Olympians** *Independently Published* A seemingly normal young woman with a love and passion for the sea, Serena makes a drastic change and moves to Hawaii to follow her dreams of becoming a marine biologist. But she soon discovers that her mother has carried a secret about her all her life that will change everything. Thetis, a sea nymph, goddess of water, daughter of the ancient sea god Nereus was banished from Atlantis and Olympia to live amongst the human realm in fear of a prophecy foretold that she would bear a child from Zeus, a child more powerful than Zeus himself. A child who could flip the tides and overthrow the king of the Gods. Zeus, and all the Olympian gods could not allow this prophecy to take place, and give birth to a figure of cosmic capacity, capable of unsettling the divine order. For thousands of years, it was believed that the prophecy was avoided...until Iris, female messenger of the gods brings forth a message that will change everything! After all, it was foolish to believe that one could escape destiny. **Colters' Promise** *Penguin* ALL-NEW IN AN EXTRAORDINARY ROMANCE. Return to the captivating storytelling of New York Times bestselling author Maya Banks, and her stirring saga of three brothers and one indomitable woman—of wounded hearts, family, and forgiveness... When it came to overcoming the odds of a tragic past, Lily was determined to move on. The three Colter brothers helped her do it. They taught her new ways to love, new dreams to share, and offered her a new life that she never thought possible. Now is a time for celebration, and what better way than with a long-awaited family reunion, a homecoming that will bring together the entire Colter family and a few surprises no one anticipated. But first, there's something from Lily's past she still needs to reconcile—even when all the while she is holding close to her heart a newfound secret that will change her future, forever enrich the Colter legacy, and make every promise come true.